CONTINUITY

1. DEFINITION

A function $f(x)$ is said to be continuous at x = a; where a ∈ domain of $f(x)$, if

$$\lim_{x \to a^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \to a^+} f(x) = f(a)$$

i.e., LHL = RHL = value of a function at x = a

or $\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = f(a)$

1.1 Reasons of discontinuity

If $f(x)$ is not continuous at x = a, we say that $f(x)$ is discontinuous at x = a.

There are following possibilities of discontinuity :

1. $\lim_{x \to a^-} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \to a^+} f(x)$ exist but they are not equal.

2. $\lim_{x \to a^-} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \to a^+} f(x)$ exists and are equal but not equal to $f(a)$.

3. $f(a)$ is not defined.

4.   At least one of the limits does not exist. Geometrically, the graph of the function will exhibit a break at the point of discontinuity.
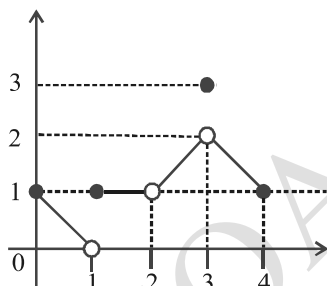

The graph as shown is discontinuous at x = 1, 2 and 3.

2. PROPERTIES OF CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be continuous functions at x = a. Then,

1. $cf(x)$ is continuous at x = a, where c is any constant.

2. $f(x) \pm g(x)$ is continuous at x = a.

3. $f(x) \cdot g(x)$ is continuous at x = a.

4. $f(x)/g(x)$ is continuous at x = a, provided $g(a) \neq 0$.-

5.   If $f(x)$ is continuous on [a, b] such that $f(a)$ and $f(b)$ are of opposite signs, then there exists at least one solution of equation $f(x) = 0$ in the open interval (a, b).

3. THE INTERMEDIATE VALUE THEOREM

Suppose $f(x)$ is continuous on an interval I, and a and b are any two points of I. Then if y_0 is a number between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$, their exits a number c between a and b such that $f(c) = y_0$.
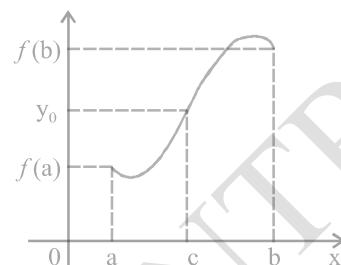
The Function f, being continuous on (a,b) takes on every value between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$

Note...!

That a function f which is continuous in [a, b] possesses the following properties :

(i)   If $f(a)$ and $f(b)$ possess opposite signs, then there exists at least one solution of the equation $f(x) = 0$ in the open interval (a, b).

(ii)   If K is any real number between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$, then there exists at least one solution of the equation $f(x) = K$ in the open interval (a, b).

4. CONTINUITY IN AN INTERVAL

(a)   A function f is said to be continuous in (a, b) if f is continuous at each and every point ∈ (a, b).

(b)   A function f is said to be continuous in a closed interval [a, b] if :

(1) f is continuous in the open interval (a, b) and

(2) f is right continuous at 'a' i.e. $\lim_{x \to a^+}$ $f(x) = f(a) =$ a finite quantity.

(3) f is left continuous at 'b'; i.e. $\lim_{x \to b^-}$ $f(x) = f(b) =$ a finite quantity.

5. A LIST OF CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

	Function f (x)	Interval in which f (x) is continuous
1.	constant c	$(-\infty, \infty)$
2.	x^n, n is an integer ≥ 0	$(-\infty, \infty)$
3.	x^{-n}, n is a positive integer	$(-\infty, \infty) - \{0\}$
4.	$|x-a|$	$(-\infty, \infty)$
5.	$P(x) = a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + ... + a_n$	$(-\infty, \infty)$
6.	$\dfrac{p(x)}{q(x)}$, where p (x) and q (x) are polynomial in x	$(-\infty, \infty) - \{x ; q(x)=0\}$
7.	sin x	$(-\infty, \infty)$
8.	cos x	$(-\infty, \infty)$
9.	tan x	$(-\infty, \infty) - \left\{(2n+1)\dfrac{\pi}{2} : n \in I\right\}$
10.	cot x	$(-\infty, \infty) - \{n\pi : n \in I\}$
11.	sec x	$(-\infty, \infty) - \{(2n+1)\pi/2 : n \in I\}$
12.	cosec x	$(-\infty, \infty) - \{n\pi : n \in I\}$
13.	e^x	$(-\infty, \infty)$
14.	$\log_e x$	$(0, \infty)$

6. TYPES OF DISCONTINUITIES

Type-1 : (Removable type of discontinuities)

In case, $\underset{x \to c}{\text{Limit}} f(x)$ exists but is not equal to $f(c)$ then the function is said to have a **removable discontnuity or discontinuity of the first kind.** In this case, we can redefine the function such that $\underset{x \to c}{\text{Limit}} f(x) = f(c)$ and make it continuous at $x = c$. Removable type of discontinuity can be further classified as :
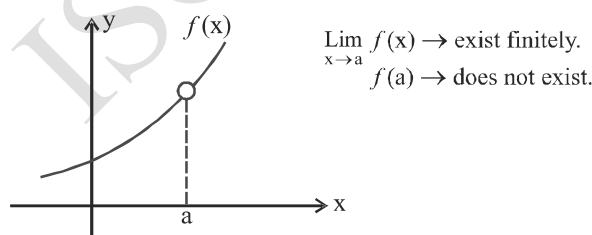
(a)   Missing Point Discontinuity :

Where $\underset{x \to a}{\text{Limit}} f(x)$ exists finitely but $f(a)$ is not defined.

E.g. $f(x) = \dfrac{(1-x)(9-x^2)}{(1-x)}$ has a missing point discontinuity at x = 1, and

$f(x) = \dfrac{\sin x}{x}$ has a missing point discontinuity at x = 0.

$\underset{x \to a}{\text{Lim}} f(x) \to$ exist finitely.
$f(a) \to$ does not exist.

missing point discontinuity at x = a

(b)   Isolated Point Discontinuity :

Where $\underset{x \to a}{\text{Limit}} f(x)$ exists & $f(a)$ also exists but;

$\underset{x \to a}{\text{Limit}} \neq f(a)$.

E.g. $f(x) = \dfrac{x^2 - 16}{x - 4}$, $x \neq 4$ and $f(4) = 9$ has an isolated point discontinuity at x = 4.

Similarly $f(x) = [x] + [-x] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \text{if } x \in I \\ -1 & \text{if } x \notin I \end{bmatrix}$ has an isolated point discontinuity at all $x \in I$.


$\underset{x \to a}{\text{Lim}} f(x) \to$ exists finitely
$f(a) \to$ exists.
But, $\underset{x \to a}{\text{Lim}} f(x) \neq f(a)$
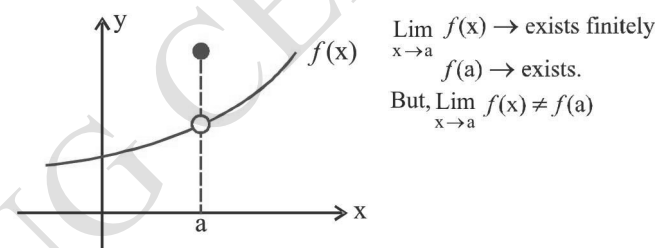
Isolated point discontinuity at x = a

Type-2 : (Non-Removable type of discontinuities)

In case, $\underset{x \to a}{\text{Limit}} f(x)$ does not exist, then it is not possible to make the function continuous by redefining it. Such discontinuities are known as **non-removable discontinuity or discontinuity of the 2nd kind.** Non-removable type of discontinuity can be further classified as :

$\underset{x \to a}{\text{Lim}} f(x) \to$ does not exist.
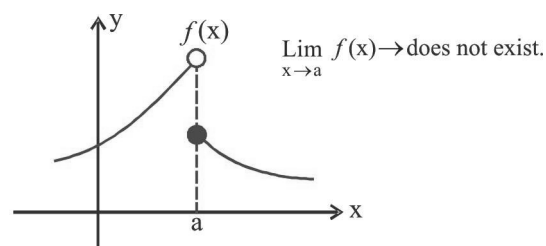
non-removable discontinuity at x = a

(a) **Finite Discontinuity :**

E.g., $f(x) = x - [x]$ at all integral x; $f(x) = \tan^{-1} \dfrac{1}{x}$ at x = 0 and

$f(x) = \dfrac{1}{1 + 2^{\frac{1}{x}}}$ at x = 0 (note that $f(0^+) = 0$; $f(0^-) = 1$)
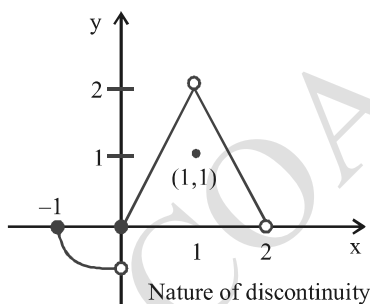
(b) **Infinite Discontiunity :**

E.g., $f(x) = \dfrac{1}{x-4}$ or $g(x) = \dfrac{1}{(x-4)^2}$ at x = 4 ; $f(x) = 2^{\tan x}$

at $x = \dfrac{\pi}{2}$ and $f(x) = \dfrac{\cos x}{x}$ at x = 0.

(c) **Oscillatory Discontinuity :**

E.g., $f(x) = \sin \dfrac{1}{x}$ at x = 0.

In all these cases the value of $f(a)$ of the function at x = a (point of discontiunity) may or may not exist but $\underset{x \to a}{\text{Limit}}$ does not exist.

Nature of discontinuity

From the adjacent graph note that

– f is continuous at x = –1

– f has isolated discontinuity at x = 1

– f has missing point discontinuity at x = 2

– f has non-removable (finite type) discontinity at the origin.

Note...

(a) In case of dis-continuity of the second kind the non-negative difference between the value of the RHL at x = a and LHL at x = a is called the **jump of discontinuity.** A function having a finite number of jumps in a given interval I is called a piece wise continuous or sectionally continuous function in this interval.

(b) All Polynomials, Trigonometrical functions, exponential and Logarithmic functions are continuous in their domains.

(c) If $f(x)$ is continuous and $g(x)$ is discontinuous at x = a then the product function $\phi(x) = f(x) . g(x)$ is not necessarily be discontinuous at x = a. e.g.

$$f(x) = x \text{ and } g(x) = \begin{cases} \sin \dfrac{\pi}{x} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

(d) If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ both are discontinuous at x = a then the product function $\phi(x) = f(x) . g(x)$ is not necessarily be discontinuous at x = a . e.g.

$$f(x) = -g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \geq 0 \\ -1 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

(e) Point functions are to be treated as discontinuous eg. $f(x) = \sqrt{1-x} + \sqrt{x-1}$ is not continuous at x = 1.

(f) A continuous function whose domain is closed must have a range also in closed interval.

(g) If f is continuous at x = a and g is continuous at x = $f(a)$ then the composite $g[f(x)]$ is continous at

x = a E.g $f(x) = \dfrac{x \sin x}{x^2 + 2}$ and $g(x) = |x|$ are continuous at x

= 0, hence the composite $(gof)(x) = \left| \dfrac{x \sin x}{x^2 + 2} \right|$ will also be

continuous at x = 0.
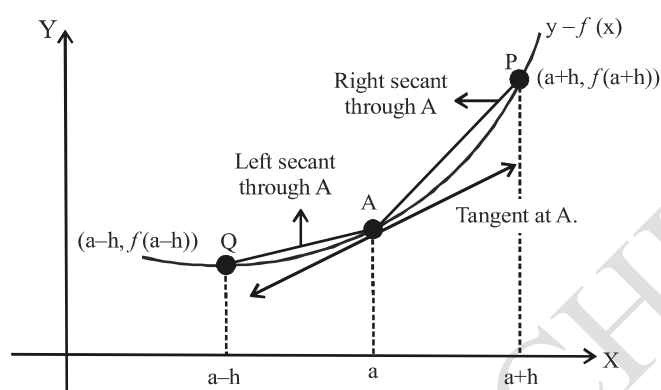
DIFFERENTIABILITY

1. DEFINITION

Let $f(x)$ be a real valued function defined on an open interval (a, b) where $c \in (a, b)$. Then $f(x)$ is said to be differentiable or derivable at $x = c$,

iff, $\lim\limits_{x \to c} \dfrac{f(x) - f(c)}{(x - c)}$ exists finitely.

This limit is called the derivative or differentiable coefficient of the function $f(x)$ at $x = c$, and is denoted by

$f'(c)$ or $\dfrac{d}{dx}\left(f(x)\right)_{x = c}$.

- Slope of Right hand secant $= \dfrac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$ as

  $h \to 0$, $P \to A$ and secant $(AP) \to$ tangent at A

$\Rightarrow$ Right hand derivative $= \lim\limits_{h \to 0}\left(\dfrac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}\right)$

$=$ Slope of tangent at A (when approached from right) $f'(a^+)$.

- Slope of Left hand secant $= \dfrac{f(a-h) - f(a)}{-h}$ as h

  $\to 0$, $Q \to A$ and secant $AQ \to$ tangent at A

$\Rightarrow$ Left hand derivative $= \lim\limits_{h \to 0}\left(\dfrac{f(a-h) - f(a)}{-h}\right)$

$=$ Slope of tangent at A (when approached from left) $f'(a^-)$. Thus, $f(x)$ is differentiable at $x = c$.

$\Leftrightarrow \quad \lim\limits_{\to c} \dfrac{f(\ ) - f(c)}{(\ - c)}$ exists finitely

$\Leftrightarrow \quad \lim\limits_{\to c^-} \dfrac{f(\ ) - f(c)}{(\ - c)} = \lim\limits_{\to c^+} \dfrac{f(\ ) - f(c)}{(\ - c)}$

$\Leftrightarrow \quad \lim\limits_{h \to 0} \dfrac{f(c-h) - f(c)}{-h} = \lim\limits_{h \to 0} \dfrac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h}$

Hence, $\lim\limits_{x \to c^-} \dfrac{f(x) - f(c)}{(x - c)} = \lim\limits_{h \to 0} \dfrac{f(c-h) - f(c)}{-h}$ is

called the **left hand derivative** of $f(x)$ at $x = c$ and is denoted by $f'(c^-)$ or $Lf'(c)$.

While, $\lim\limits_{x \to c^+} \dfrac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = \lim\limits_{h \to 0} \dfrac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h}$ is

called the **right hand derivative** of $f(x)$ at $x = c$ and is denoted by $f'(c^+)$ or $Rf'(c)$.

If $f'(c^-) \neq f'(c^+)$, we say that $f(x)$ is not differentiable at $x = c$.

2. DIFFERENTIABILITY IN A SET

1. A function $f(x)$ defined on an open interval (a, b) is said to be differentiable or derivable in open interval (a, b), if it is differentiable at each point of (a, b).

2. A function $f(x)$ defined on closed interval $[a, b]$ is said to be differentiable or derivable. "If f is derivable in the open interval (a, b) and also the end points a and b, then f is said to be derivable in the closed interval $[a, b]$".

i.e., $\lim\limits_{\to a^+} \dfrac{f(\ ) - f(a)}{\ - a}$ and $\lim\limits_{\to b^-} \dfrac{f(\ ) - f(b)}{\ - b}$, both exist.

A function f is said to be a differentiable function if it is differentiable at every point of its domain.

Note...

1. If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are derivable at x = a then the functions $f(x) + g(x), f(x) - g(x), f(x) \cdot g(x)$ will also be derivable at x = a and if $g(a) \neq 0$ then the function $f(x)/g(x)$ will also be derivable at x = a.

2. If $f(x)$ is differentiable at x = a and $g(x)$ is not differentiable at x = a, then the product function $F(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$ can still be differentiable at x = a. E.g. $f(x) = x$ and $g(x) = |x|$.

3. If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ both are not differentiable at x = a then the product function; $F(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$ can still be differentiable at x = a. E.g., $f(x) = |x|$ and $g(x) = |x|$.

4. If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ both are not differentiable at x = a then the sum function $F(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ may be a differentiable function. E.g., $f(x) = |x|$ and $g(x) = -|x|$.

5. If $f(x)$ is derivable at x = a

   $\Rightarrow$ $f'(x)$ is continuous at x = a.

   e.g. $f(x) = \begin{cases} {}^2\sin\dfrac{1}{} & \text{if } \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } = 0 \end{cases}$

3. RELATION B/W CONTINUITY & DIFFERENNINBILINY

In the previous section we have discussed that if a function is differentiable at a point, then it should be continuous at that point and a discontinuous function cannot be differentiable. This fact is proved in the following theorem.

Theorem : If a function is differentiable at a point, it is necessarily continuous at that point. But the converse is not necessarily true,

or $f(x)$ is differentiable at x = c

$\Rightarrow$ $f(x)$ is continuous at x = c.

Note...

Converse : The converse of the above theorem is not necessarily true i.e., a function may be continuous at a point but may not be differentiable at that point.

E.g., The function $f(x) = |x|$ is continuous at x = 0 but it is not differentiable at x = 0, as shown in the figure.
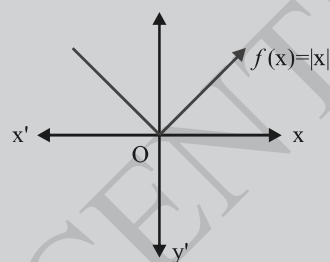
The figure shows that sharp edge at x = 0 hence, function is not differentiable but continuous at x = 0.

Note...!

(a) Let $f'^{+}(a) = p$ & $f'^{-}(a) = q$ where p & q are finite then :

   (i) p = q $\Rightarrow f$ is derivable at x = a

                     $\Rightarrow f$ is continuous at x = a.

   (ii) p ≠ q $\Rightarrow f$ is not derivable at x = a.

It is very important to note that f may be still continuous at x = a.

In short, for a function f :

Differentiable $\Rightarrow$ **Continuous;**

Not Differentiable $\not\Rightarrow$ **Not Continuous**

                    (i.e., function may be continuous)

But,

Not Continuous $\Rightarrow$ **Not Differentiable.**

(b) **If a function f is not differentiable but is continuous at x = a it geometrically implies a sharp corner at x = a.**

Theorem 2 : Let f and g be real functions such that fog is defined if g is continuous at x = a and f is continuous at g (a), show that fog is continuous at x = a.

DIFFERENTIATION

1. DEFINITION

(a) Let us consider a function $y = f(x)$ defined in a certain interval. It has a definite value for each value of the independent variable x in this interval.

Now, the ratio of the increment of the function to the increment in the independent variable,

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

Now, as $\Delta x \to 0$, $\Delta y \to 0$ and $\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \to$ finite quantity, then

derivative $f(x)$ exists and is denoted by y' or $f'(x)$ or $\frac{dy}{dx}$

Thus, $f'(x) = \lim_{x \to 0} \left(\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \right) = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$

(if it exits)

for the limit to exist,

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x - h) - f(x)}{-h}$$

(Right Hand derivative)   (Left Hand derivative)

(b) The derivative of a given function f at a point x = a of its domain is defined as :

$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h}$, provided the limit exists & is

denoted by $f'(a)$.

Note that alternatively, we can define

$f'(a) = \lim_{x \to a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$, provided the limit exists.

This method is called first principle of finding the derivative of f(x).

2. DERIVATIVE OF STANDARD FUNCTION

(i) $\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = n \cdot x^{n-1} \, ; \, x \in R, \, n \in R, \, x > 0$

(ii) $\frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x$

(iii) $\frac{d}{dx}(a^x) = a^x \cdot \ln a \, (a > 0)$

(iv) $\frac{d}{dx}(\ln|x|) = \frac{1}{x}$

(v) $\frac{d}{dx}(\log_a |x|) = \frac{1}{x} \log_a e$

(vi) $\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x$

(vii) $\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = -\sin x$

(viii) $\frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) = \sec^2 x$

(ix) $\frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) = \sec x \cdot \tan x$

(x) $\frac{d}{dx}(\csc x) = -\csc x \cdot \cot x$

(xi) $\frac{d}{dx}(\cot x) = -\csc^2 x$

(xii) $\frac{d}{dx}(\text{constant}) = 0$

(xiii) $\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}, \qquad -1 < x < 1$

(xiv) $\frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1} x) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}, \qquad -1 < x < 1$

(xv) $\dfrac{d}{dx}\left(\tan^{-1}x\right)=\dfrac{1}{1+x^2}$, $x \in R$

(xvi) $\dfrac{d}{dx}\left(\cot^{-1}x\right)=\dfrac{-1}{1+x^2}$, $x \in R$

(xvii) $\dfrac{d}{dx}\left(\sec^{-1}x\right)=\dfrac{1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}}$, $|x| > 1$

(xviii) $\dfrac{d}{dx}\left(\text{cosec}^{-1}x\right)=\dfrac{-1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}}$, $|x| > 1$

(xix) **Results :**

If the inverse functions f & g are defined by

$y = f(x)$ & $x = g(y)$. Then $g(f(x)) = x$.

$\Rightarrow$ $g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x) = 1$.

This result can also be written as, if $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ exists & $\dfrac{dy}{dx} \neq 0$, then

$$\dfrac{dx}{dy} = 1 \bigg/ \left(\dfrac{dy}{dx}\right) \ \text{or} \ \dfrac{dy}{dx} \cdot \dfrac{dx}{dy} = 1 \ \text{or} \ \dfrac{dy}{dx} = 1 \bigg/ \left(\dfrac{dx}{dy}\right)\left[\dfrac{dx}{dy} \neq 0\right]$$

3. THEOREMS ON DERIVATIVES

If u and v are derivable functions of x, then,

(i) Term by term differentiation : $\dfrac{d}{dx}(u \pm v) = \dfrac{du}{dx} \pm \dfrac{dv}{dx}$

(ii) Multiplication by a constant $\dfrac{d}{dx}(K\,u) = K\dfrac{du}{dx}$, where K is any constant

(iii) **"Product Rule"** $\dfrac{d}{dx}(u.v) = u\dfrac{dv}{dx} + v\dfrac{du}{dx}$ known as

In general,

(a) If $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, ..., u_n$ are the functions of x, then

$$\dfrac{d}{dx}\left(u_1 . u_2 . u_3 . u_4 ..... u_n\right)$$

$$=\left(\dfrac{du_1}{dx}\right)\left(u_2\,u_3\,u_4\,...\,u_n\right)+\left(\dfrac{du_2}{dx}\right)\left(u_1\,u_3\,u_4\,...\,u_n\right)$$

$$+\left(\dfrac{du_3}{dx}\right)\left(u_1\,u_2\,u_4\,...\,u_n\right)+\left(\dfrac{du_4}{dx}\right)\left(u_1\,u_2\,u_3\,u_5\,...\,u_n\right)$$

$$+ ... +\left(\dfrac{du_n}{dx}\right)\left(u_1\,u_2\,u_3\,...\,u_{n-1}\right)$$

(iv) **"Quotient Rule"** $\dfrac{d}{dx}\left(\dfrac{u}{v}\right)=\dfrac{v\left(\dfrac{du}{dx}\right)-u\left(\dfrac{dv}{dx}\right)}{v^2}$ where $v \neq 0$

known as

(b) **Chain Rule :** If $y = f(u), u = g(w), w = h(x)$

then $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{dy}{du} \cdot \dfrac{du}{dw} \cdot \dfrac{dw}{dx}$

or $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = f'(u) \cdot g'(\ ) \cdot h'(x)$

Note...

In general if $y = f(u)$ then $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = f'(u) \cdot \dfrac{du}{dx}$.

4. METHODS OF DIFFERENTIATION

4.1 Derivative by using Trigonometrical Substitution

Using trigonometrical transformations before differentiation shorten the work considerably. Some important results are given below :

(i) $\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x = \dfrac{2\tan x}{1+\tan^2 x}$

(ii) $\cos 2x = 2\cos^2 x - 1 = 1 - 2\sin^2 x = \dfrac{1-\tan^2 x}{1+\tan^2 x}$

(iii) $\tan 2x = \dfrac{2\tan x}{1-\tan^2 x}$, $\tan^2 x = \dfrac{1-\cos 2x}{1+\cos 2x}$

(iv) $\sin 3x = 3\sin x - 4\sin^3 x$

(v) $\cos 3x = 4\cos^3 x - 3\cos x$

(vi) $\tan 3x = \dfrac{3\tan x - \tan^3 x}{1-3\tan^2 x}$

(vii) $\tan\left(\dfrac{\pi}{4}+x\right)=\dfrac{1+\tan x}{1-\tan x}$

(viii) $\tan\left(\dfrac{\pi}{4} - x\right) = \dfrac{1 - \tan x}{1 + \tan x}$

(ix) $\sqrt{(1 \pm \sin x)} = \left|\cos\dfrac{x}{2} \pm \sin\dfrac{x}{2}\right|$

(x) $\tan^{-1}x \pm \tan^{-1}y = \tan^{-1}\left(\dfrac{x \pm y}{1 \mp xy}\right)$

(xi) $\sin^{-1}x \pm \sin^{-1}y = \sin^{-1}\left\{x\sqrt{1 - y^2} \pm y\sqrt{1 - x^2}\right\}$

(xii) $\cos^{-1}x \pm \cos^{-1}y = \cos^{-1}\left\{xy \mp \sqrt{1 - x^2}\,\sqrt{1 - y^2}\right\}$

(xiii) $\sin^{-1}x + \cos^{-1}x = \tan^{-1}x + \cot^{-1}x = \sec^{-1}x + \mathrm{cosec}^{-1}x = \pi/2$

(xiv) $\sin^{-1}x = \mathrm{cosec}^{-1}(1/x)$; $\cos^{-1}x = \sec^{-1}(1/x)$; $\tan^{-1}x = \cot^{-1}(1/x)$

Note..!

Some standard substitutions :

Expressions	Substitutions
$\sqrt{(a^2 - x^2)}$	$x = a\sin\theta$ or $a\cos\theta$
$\sqrt{(a^2 + x^2)}$	$x = a\tan\theta$ or $a\cot\theta$
$\sqrt{(x^2 - a^2)}$	$x = a\sec\theta$ or $a\,\mathrm{cosec}\,\theta$
$\sqrt{\left(\dfrac{a+x}{a-x}\right)}$ or $\sqrt{\left(\dfrac{a-x}{a+x}\right)}$	$x = a\cos\theta$ or $a\cos 2\theta$
$\sqrt{(a-x)(x-b)}$ or	$x = a\cos^2\theta + b\sin^2\theta$
$\sqrt{\left(\dfrac{a-x}{x-b}\right)}$ or $\sqrt{\left(\dfrac{x-}{a-x}\right)}$	
$\sqrt{(x-a)(x-b)}$ or	$x = a\sec^2\theta - b\tan^2\theta$
$\sqrt{\left(\dfrac{x-a}{x-b}\right)}$ or $\sqrt{\left(\dfrac{x-}{x-a}\right)}$	
$\sqrt{(2ax - x^2)}$	$x = a(1 - \cos\theta)$

4.2 Logarithmic Differentiation

To find the derivative of :

If $y = \left\{f_1(x)\right\}^{f_2(x)}$ or $y = f_1(x).f_2(x).f_3(x)...$

or $\quad y = \dfrac{f_1(x).f_2(x).f_3(x)...}{g_1(x).g_2(x).g_3(x)...}$

then it is convenient to take the logarithm of the function first and then differentiate. This is called derivative of the logarithmic function.

Important Notes (Alternate methods)

1. If $y = \left\{f(x)\right\}^{g(x)} = e^{g(x)\ln f(x)}$ ((variable)$^{\text{variable}}$) $\{\because x = e^{\ln x}\}$

$\therefore \dfrac{dy}{dx} = e^{g(x)\ln f(x)}.\left\{g(x).\dfrac{d}{dx}\ln f(x) + \ln f(x).\dfrac{d}{dx}g(x)\right\}$

$= \left\{f(x)\right\}^{g(x)}.\left\{g(x).\dfrac{f'(x)}{f(x)} + \ln f(x).g'(x)\right\}$

2. If $y = \{f(x)\}^{g(x)}$

$\therefore \dfrac{dy}{dx} = $ Derivative of y treating $f(x)$ as constant + Derivative of y treating $g(x)$ as constant

$= \left\{f(x)\right\}^{g(x)}.\ln f(x).\dfrac{d}{dx}g(x) + g(x)\left\{f(x)\right\}^{g(x)-1}.\dfrac{d}{dx}f(x)$

$= \left\{f(x)\right\}^{g(x)}.\ln f(x).g'(x) + g(x).\left\{f(x)\right\}^{g(x)-1}.f'(x)$

4.3 Implict Differentiation : $\phi(x, y) = 0$

(i) In order to find dy/dx in the case of implicit function, we differentiate each term w.r.t. x, regarding y as a function of x & then collect terms in dy/dx together on one side to finally find dy/dx.

(ii) In answers of dy/dx in the case of implicit function, both x & y are present.

Alternate Method : If $f(x, y) = 0$

then $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = -\dfrac{\left(\dfrac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)}{\left(\dfrac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)} = -\dfrac{\text{diff. of f w.r.t. x treating y as constant}}{\text{diff. of f w.r.t. y treating x as constant}}$

4.4 Parametric Differentiation

If $y = f(t)$ & $x = g(t)$ where t is a Parameter, then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} \qquad \ldots(1)$$

Note...

1. $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{dy}{dt} \cdot \dfrac{dt}{dx}$

2. $\dfrac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \dfrac{d}{dx}\left(\dfrac{dy}{dx}\right) = \dfrac{d}{dt}\left(\dfrac{dy}{dx}\right) \cdot \dfrac{dt}{dx} \quad \left(\because \dfrac{dy}{dx} \text{ in terms of } t\right)$

   $= \dfrac{d}{dt}\left(\dfrac{f'(t)}{g'(t)}\right) \cdot \dfrac{1}{f'(t)} \quad \{\text{From}(1)\}$

   $= \dfrac{f''(t)g'(t) - g''(t)f'(t)}{\{f'(t)\}}$

4.5 Derivative of a Function w.r.t. another Function

Let $y = f(x)$; $z = g(x)$ then $\dfrac{dy}{dz} = \dfrac{dy/dx}{dz/dx} = \dfrac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$

4.6 Derivative of Infinite Series

If taking out one or more than one terms from an infinite series, it remains unchanged. Such that

(A) If $y = \sqrt{f(x) + \sqrt{f(x) + \sqrt{f(x) + \ldots \ldots \infty}}}$

then $y = \sqrt{f(x) + y} \Rightarrow (y^2 - y) = f(x)$

Differentiating both sides w.r.t. x, we get $(2y - 1)\dfrac{dy}{dx} = f'(x)$

(B) If $y = \{f(x)\}^{\{f(x)\}^{\{f(x)\}^{\ldots \ldots \infty}}}$ then $y = \{f(x)\}^y \Rightarrow y = e^{y \ln f(x)}$

Differentiating both sides w.r.t. x, we get

$\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{y\{f(x)\}^{y-1} \cdot f'(x)}{1 - \{f(x)\}^y \cdot \ln f(x)} = \dfrac{y^2 f'(x)}{f(x)\{1 - y \ln f(x)\}}$

5. DERIVATIVE OF ORDER TWO & THREE

Let a function $y = f(x)$ be defined on an open interval (a, b). It's derivative, if it exists on (a, b), is a certain function $f'(x)$ [or (dy/dx) or y'] & is called the first derivative of y w.r.t. x. If it happens that the first derivative has a derivative on (a, b) then this derivative is called the second derivative of y w.r.t. x & is denoted by $f''(x)$ or (d^2y/dx^2) or y''.

Similarly, the 3rd order derivative of y w.r.t. x, if it exists, is

defined by $\dfrac{d^3y}{dx^3} = \dfrac{d}{dx}\left(\dfrac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)$ it is also denoted by $f'''(x)$ or y'''.

Some Standard Results :

(i) $\dfrac{d^n}{dx^n}(ax + b)^m = \dfrac{m!}{(m-n)!} \cdot a^n \cdot (ax+b)^{m-n}$, $m \geq n$.

(ii) $\dfrac{d^n}{dx^n}x^n = n!$

(iii) $\dfrac{d^n}{dx^n}(e^{mx}) = m^n \cdot e^{mx}$, $m \in R$

(iv) $\dfrac{d^n}{dx^n}(\sin(ax+b)) = a^n \sin\left(ax + b + \dfrac{n\pi}{2}\right)$, $n \in N$

(v) $\dfrac{d^n}{dx^n}(\cos(ax+b)) = a^n \cos\left(ax + b + \dfrac{n\pi}{2}\right)$, $n \in N$

(vi) $\dfrac{d^n}{dx^n}\{e^{ax}\sin(bx+c)\} = r^n \cdot e^{ax} \cdot \sin(bx + c + n\phi)$, $n \in N$

where $r = \sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)}$, $\phi = \tan^{-1}(b/a)$.

(vii) $\dfrac{d^n}{dx^n}\{e^{ax} \cdot \cos(bx+c)\} = r^n \cdot e^{ax} \cdot \cos(bx + c + n\phi)$, $n \in N$

where $r = \sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)}$, $\phi = \tan^{-1}(b/a)$.

6. DIFFERENTIATION OF DETERMINANTS

If $F(X) = \begin{vmatrix} f(x) & g(x) & h(x) \\ \ell(x) & m(x) & n(x) \\ u(x) & v(x) & w(x) \end{vmatrix}$,

where $f, g, h, \ell, m, n, u, v, w$ are differentiable function of x then

$$F'(x) = \begin{vmatrix} f'(x) & g'(x) & h'(x) \\ \ell(x) & m(x) & n(x) \\ u(x) & v(x) & w(x) \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} f(x) & g(x) & h(x) \\ \ell'(x) & m'(x) & n'(x) \\ u(x) & v(x) & w(x) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$+ \begin{vmatrix} f(x) & g(x) & h(x) \\ \ell(x) & m(x) & n(x) \\ u'(x) & v'(x) & w'(x) \end{vmatrix}$$
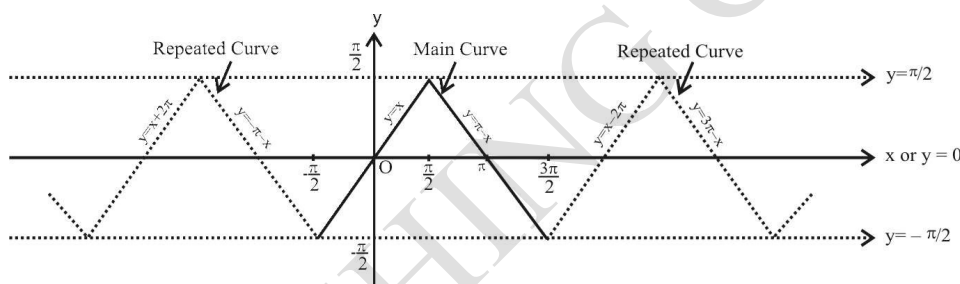
7. L' HOSPITAL'S RULE

If $f(x)$ & $g(x)$ are functions of x such that :

(i) $\lim\limits_{x \to a} f(x) = 0 = \lim\limits_{x \to a} g(x)$ or $\lim\limits_{x \to a} f(x) = \infty = \lim\limits_{x \to a} g(x)$ and

(ii) Both $f(x)$ & $g(x)$ are continuous at x = a and

(iii) Both $f(x)$ & $g(x)$ are differentiable at x = a and

(iv) Both $f'(x)$ & $g'(x)$ are continuous at x = a, Then

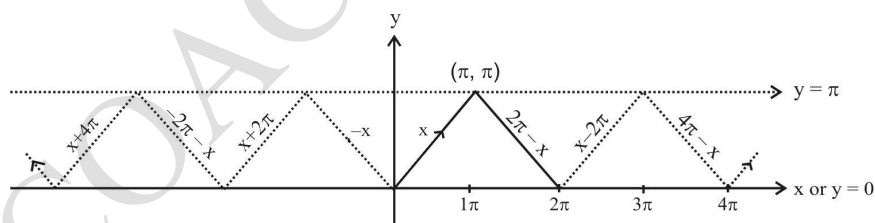$$\underset{x \to a}{\text{Limit}} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \underset{x \to a}{\text{Limit}} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \underset{x \to a}{\text{Limit}} \frac{f''(x)}{g''(x)} \text{ & so on till}$$

indeterminant form vanishes..

8. ANALYSIS & GRAPHS OF SOME USEFUL FUNCTION

(i) $y = \sin^{-1}(\sin x)$ $\qquad x \in R$; $y \in \left[-\dfrac{\pi}{2}, \dfrac{\pi}{2} \right]$

(ii) $y = \cos^{-1}(\cos x)$ $\qquad x \in R$; $y \in [0, \pi]$

(iii) $y = \tan^{-1}(\tan x)$ $\qquad x \in R - \left\{ x : x = (2n+1)\dfrac{\pi}{2}, n \in Z \right\}$; $y \in \left(-\dfrac{\pi}{2}, \dfrac{\pi}{2} \right)$