



SpeedLabs

MATHS

CBSE 11th

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Limits and Derivatives

Exercise- 13.1

1. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x + 3$

Ans. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x + 3 = 3 + 3 = 6$

2. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \left(x - \frac{22}{7} \right)$

Ans. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \left(x - \frac{22}{7} \right) = \left(\pi - \frac{22}{7} \right)$

3. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \pi x^2$

Ans. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \pi x^2 = \pi(1)^2 = \pi$

4. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{4x + 3}{x - 2}$

Ans. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{4x + 3}{x - 2} = \frac{4(4) + 3}{4 - 2} = \frac{16 + 3}{2} = \frac{19}{2}$

5. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^{10} + x^5 + 1}{x - 1}$

Ans. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^{10} + x^5 + 1}{x - 1} = \frac{(-1)^{10} + (-1)^5 + 1}{-1 - 1} = \frac{1 - 1 + 1}{-2} = -\frac{1}{2}$

6. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+1)^5 - 1}{x}$

Ans. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+1)^5 - 1}{x}$

Put $x + 1 = y$ so that $y \rightarrow 1$ as $x \rightarrow 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Accordingly, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+1)^5 - 1}{x} &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 1} \frac{y^5 - 1}{y - 1} \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 1} \frac{y^5 - 1^5}{y - 1} \\ &= 5.1^{5-1} \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(X+5)^5 - 1}{x} = 5$$

7. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3x^2 - x - 10}{x^2 - 4}$

Ans. At $x = 2$, the value of the given rational function takes the form $\frac{0}{0}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3x^2 - x - 10}{x^2 - 4} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(3x+5)}{(x-2)(x+2)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3x+5}{x+2} \\ &= \frac{3(2)+5}{2+2} \\ &= \frac{11}{4} \end{aligned}$$

8. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^4 - 81}{2x^2 - 5x - 3}$

Ans. At $x = 2$, the value of the given rational function takes the form $\frac{0}{0}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^4 - 81}{2x^2 - 5x - 3} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x-3)(x^2+9)}{(x-3)(2x+1)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x+3)(x^2+9)}{2x+1} \\ &= \frac{(3+3)+(x^2+9)}{2(3)+1} \\ &= \frac{6 \times 18}{7} \\ &= \frac{108}{7} \end{aligned}$$

9. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ax + b}{cx + 1}$

Ans. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ax + b}{cx + 1} = \frac{a(0) + b}{c(0) + 1} = b$

10. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{z^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1}{z^{\frac{1}{6}} - 1}$

Ans. $\lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{z^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1}{z^{\frac{1}{6}} - 1}$

At $z = 1$, the value of the given function takes the form $\frac{0}{0}$.

Put $z^{\frac{1}{6}} = x$ so that $z \rightarrow 1$ as $x \rightarrow 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Accordingly, } \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{z^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1}{z^{\frac{1}{6}} - 1} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^5 - 1}{x - 1} \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^5 - 1^5}{x - 1} \\ &= 2 \cdot 1^{2-1} \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} \right] = na^{n-1} \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{z^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1}{z^{\frac{1}{6}} - 1} = 2$$

11. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{ax^2 + bx + c}{cx^2 + bx + a}, a + b + c \neq 0$

Ans. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{ax^2 + bx + c}{cx^2 + bx + a} = \frac{a(1)^2 + b(1) + c}{c(1)^2 + b(1) + a}$

$$= \frac{a + b + c}{a + b + c}$$

$$= 1 \quad [a + b + c \neq 0]$$

12. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2}}{x + 2}$

Ans. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2}}{x + 2}$

At $x = -2$, the value of the given function takes the form $\frac{0}{0}$

$$\text{Now, } \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2}}{x + 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\left(\frac{2+x}{2x} \right)}{x + 2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{1}{2x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2(-2)} = \frac{-1}{4}$$

13. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{bx}$

Ans. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{bx}$

At $x = 0$, the value of the given function takes the form $\frac{0}{0}$

$$\text{Now, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{bx} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{ax} \times \frac{ax}{bx}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin ax}{ax} \right) \times \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)$$

$$= \frac{a}{b} \lim_{ax \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin ax}{ax} \right) \quad [x \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow ax \rightarrow 0]$$

$$= \frac{a}{b} \times 1 \quad \left[\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{y} = 1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{a}{b}$$

14. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{\sin bx}$, $a, b \neq 0$

Ans. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{\sin bx}$, $a, b \neq 0$

At $x = 0$, the value of the given function takes the form $\frac{0}{0}$

$$\text{Now, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{\sin bx} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{\sin ax}{ax} \right) \times ax}{\left(\frac{\sin bx}{bx} \right) \times bx}$$

$$= \left(\frac{a}{b} \right) \times \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin ax}{ax} \right)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin bx}{bx} \right)} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} x \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow ax \rightarrow 0 \\ \text{and } x \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow bx \rightarrow 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$= \left(\frac{a}{b} \right) \times \frac{1}{1} \quad \left[\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{y} = 1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{a}{b}$$

15. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\sin(\pi - x)}{\pi(\pi - x)}$

Ans. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\sin(\pi - x)}{\pi(\pi - x)}$

It is seen that $x \rightarrow \pi \Rightarrow (\pi - x) \rightarrow 0$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\sin(\pi - x)}{\pi(\pi - x)} = \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{(\pi - x) \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\pi - x)}{(\pi - x)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \times 1 \left[\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{y} = 1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi}$$

16. Evaluate the given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x}{\pi - 0}$

Ans. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x}{\pi - 0} = \frac{\cos 0}{\pi - 0} = \frac{1}{\pi}$

17. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos 2x - 1}{\cos x - 1}$

Ans. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos 2x - 1}{\cos x - 1}$

At $x = 0$, the value of the given function takes the form $\frac{0}{0}$

Now,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos 2x - 1}{\cos x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - 2\sin^2 x - 1}{1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{x}{2} - 1} \quad \left[\cos x = 1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{x}{2} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 x}{\sin^2 \frac{x}{2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2} \right)}{\left(\frac{\sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}{\left(\frac{x}{2} \right)^2} \right) \times \frac{x^2}{4}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 4 \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2} \right)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}{\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2} \right)} \\
&= 4 \frac{\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)^2}{\left(\lim_{\frac{x}{2} \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \frac{x}{2}}{\frac{x}{2}} \right)^2} \quad \left[x \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x}{2} \rightarrow 0 \right] \\
&= 4 \frac{1^2}{1^2} \left[\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{y} = 1 \right] \\
&= 4
\end{aligned}$$

18. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ax + x \cos x}{b \sin x}$

Ans. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ax + x \cos x}{b \sin x}$

At $x = 0$, the value of the given function takes the form $\frac{0}{0}$.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ax + x \cos x}{b \sin x} &= \frac{1}{b} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(a + \cos x)}{\sin x} \\
&= \frac{1}{b} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x}{\sin x} \right) \times \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (a + \cos x) \\
&= \frac{1}{b} \times \frac{1}{\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)} \times \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (a + \cos x) \\
&= \frac{1}{b} \times (a + \cos 0) \quad \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

19. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sec x$

Ans. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sec x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\cos x} = \frac{0}{\cos 0} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$

20. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax + bx}{ax + \sin bx}$ $a, b, a + b \neq 0$

Ans. At $x = 0$, the value of the given function takes the form $\frac{0}{0}$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax + bx}{ax + \sin bx} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{\sin ax}{ax}\right) ax + bx}{ax + bx \left(\frac{\sin bx}{bx}\right)} \\ &= \frac{\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{ax}\right) \times \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (ax) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} bx}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} ax + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} bx \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin bx}{bx}\right)} \quad [\text{As } x \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow ax \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } bx \rightarrow 0] \\ &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (ax) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} bx}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} ax + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} bx} \quad \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (ax + bx)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (ax + bx)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

21. Evaluate the Given limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\operatorname{cosec} x - \cot x)$

Ans. At $x = 0$, the value of the given function takes the form $\infty - \infty$.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\operatorname{cosec} x - \cot x) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{\sin x} - \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1 - \cos x}{\sin x} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{1 - \cos x}{\sin x} \right)}{x} \\ &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x}}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{0}{1} \left[\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 \right]$$

$$= 0$$

22. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan 2x}{x - \frac{\pi}{2}}$

Ans. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan 2x}{x - \frac{\pi}{2}}$

At $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$, the value of the given function takes the form $\frac{0}{0}$.

Now, put $x - \frac{\pi}{2} = y$ so that $x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}, y \rightarrow 0$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan 2x}{x - \frac{\pi}{2}} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2\left(y + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{y}$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(\pi + 2y)}{y}$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2y}{y} [\tan(\pi + 2y)]$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2y}{y \cos 2y}$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin 2y}{2y} \times \frac{2}{\cos 2y} \right)$$

$$= \left(\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2y}{2y} \right) \times \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{2}{\cos 2y} \right)$$

$$= 1 \times \frac{2}{\cos 0}$$

$$= 1 \times \frac{2}{1}$$

$$= 2$$

23. Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$, where $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 3, \\ 3(x + 1), \end{cases}$

Ans. The given function is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 3, & x \leq 0 \\ 3(x + 1), & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [2x + 3] = 2(0) + 3 = 3$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 3(x + 1) = 3(0 + 1) = 3$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 3$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 3(x + 1) = 3(1 + 1) = 6$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 3(x + 1) = 3(1 + 1) = 6$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 6$$

24. Find $\lim_{h \rightarrow 1} f(x)$, where $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 1, & x \leq 1 \\ -x^2 - 1, & x > 1 \end{cases}$

Ans. The given function is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 1, & x \leq 1 \\ -x^2 - 1, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 1} [x^2 - 1] = 1^2 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 1} [-x^2 - 1] = -1^2 - 1 = -1 - 1 = -2$$

It is observed that $\lim_{h \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{h \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$.

Hence, $\lim_{h \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ does not exist.

25. Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$, where $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x|}{x}, & x \neq 1 \\ 0, & x = 1 \end{cases}$

Ans. The given function is

$$f(x) = f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x|}{x}, & x \neq 1 \\ 0, & x = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left[\frac{|x|}{x} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{-x}{x} \right) \quad [\text{When } x \text{ is negative, } |x| = -x]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (-1)$$

$$= -1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left[\frac{|x|}{x} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{x}{x} \right) \quad [\text{When } x \text{ is positive, } |x| = x] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1) \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left[\frac{|x|}{x} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left(\frac{-x}{x} \right) \quad [\text{When } x \text{ is negative, } |x| = -x] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (-1) \\ &= -1\end{aligned}$$

It is observed that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$.

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ does not exist.

26. Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$, where $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{|x|}, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$

Ans. The given function is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{|x|}, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left[\frac{|x|}{x} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left(\frac{-x}{-x} \right) \quad [\text{When } x < 0, |x| = -x] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (1) \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left[\frac{|x|}{x} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{x}{x} \right) \quad [\text{When } x > 0, |x| = x] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1) \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

It is observed that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$.

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ does not exist.

27. Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x)$, where $f(x) = |x| - 5$

Ans. The given function is $f(x) = |x| - 5$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} [|x| - 5] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} (x - 5) \quad [\text{When } x > 0, |x| = x] \\ &= 5 - 5 \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} [|x| - 5] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} (x - 5) \quad [\text{When } x > 0, |x| = x] \\ &= 5 - 5 \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) = 0$$

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x) = 0$

28. Suppose $f(x) = \begin{cases} a + bx, & x < 1 \\ 4, & x = 1 \\ b - ax & x > 1 \end{cases}$ and if $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = f(1)$ what are possible values of a and b?

Ans. The given function is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} a + bx, & x < 1 \\ 4, & x = 1 \\ b - ax & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (b + ax) = b + a$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (b - ax) = b - a$$

$$f(1) = 4$$

It is given that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = f(1)$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = f(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b = 4 \text{ and } b - a = 4$$

On solving these two equations, we obtain $a = 0$ and $b = 4$

Thus, the respective possible values of a and b are 0 and 4.

29. Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n be fixed real numbers and define a function

$$f(x) = (x - a_1)(x - a_2)(x - a_2) \dots (x - a_n)$$

What is $\lim_{x \rightarrow a_1} f(x)$? For some $a \neq a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$.

Ans. The given function is $f(x) = (x - a_1)(x - a_2) \dots (x - a_n)$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow a_1} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a_1} [(x - a_1)(x - a_2) \dots (x - a_n)] \\ &= \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow a_1} (x - a_1) \right] \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow a_1} (x - a_2) \right] \dots \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow a_1} (x - a_n) \right] \\ &= (a_1 - a_1)(a_1 - a_2) \dots (a_1 - a_n) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow a_1} f(x) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [(x - a_1)(x - a_2) \dots (x - a_n)] \\ &= \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (x - a_1) \right] \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (x - a_2) \right] \dots \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (x - a_n) \right] \\ &= (a - a_1)(a - a_2) \dots (a - a_n) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = (a - a_1)(a - a_2) \dots (a - a_n)$$

30. If $f(x) = \begin{cases} |x| + 1, & x < 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \\ |x| - 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$.

For what value (s) of a does $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ exists?

Ans. The given function is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} |x| + 1, & x < 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \\ |x| - 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

When $a = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (|x| + 1) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (-x + 1) \quad [\text{If } x < 0, |x| = -x] \\ &= -0 + 1 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (|x| + 1) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (x - 1) \quad [\text{If } x > 0, |x| = x] \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0 - 1$$

$$= -1$$

Here, it is observed that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ does not exist.

When $a < 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (|x| + 1) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (-x + 1) \quad [x < a < 0 \Rightarrow |x| = -x] \\ &= -a + 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (|x| + 1) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (-x + 1) \quad [a < a < 0 \Rightarrow |x| = -x] \\ &= -a + 1 \\ &= -a + 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = -a + 1$$

Thus, limit of $f(x)$ exists at $x = a$, where $a < 0$

When $a > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} (|x| - 1) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (x - 1) \quad [a < x < a \Rightarrow |x| = x] \\ &= a - 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} (|x| - 1) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (x - 1) \quad [0 < a < x \Rightarrow |x| = x] \\ &= a - 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = a - 1$$

Thus, limit of $f(x)$ exists at $x = a$, where $a > 0$

Thus, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ exists for all $a \neq 0$

31. If the function $f(x)$ satisfies $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x) - 2}{x^2 - 1} = \pi$, evaluate

Ans. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x) - 2}{x^2 - 1} = \pi$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (f(x) - 2)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^2 - 1)} = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (f(x) - 2) = \pi \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^2 - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (f(x) - 2) = \pi(1^2 - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (f(x) - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) - 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 2$$

32. If $f(x) = \begin{cases} mx^2 + n, & x < 0 \\ nx + m, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ nx^3 + m, & x > 1 \end{cases}$ For what integers m and n does $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ exist?

Ans. The given function is

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (mx^2 + n) \\ &= m(0)^2 + n \\ &= n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (nx + m) \\ &= m(0) + n \\ &= m. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ exists if $m = n$.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (nx + m) \\ &= m(0) + m \\ &= m + n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (nx^3 + m) \\ &= m(1)^3 + m \\ &= m + n \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$$

Thus, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ exists for any integral value of m and n .