

12 LIMITS & DERIVATIVES

1 OMQ + 1 VSAQ + 1 SAQ + 1 LAQ [1 M + 2M + 4M + 8 M = 15M]

CONCEPTS & FORMULAS

I) LIMITS

[1 OMQ + 1 VSAQ + 1 SEMI LAQ = 7 Marks]

1. **Functional value & Limit of a function:** If $f(x)$ is a real function and a is a real number then (i) $f(a)$ denotes the value of $f(x)$ exactly at $x=a$.

(ii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ denotes the value of $f(x)$ in the neighbourhood of a .

2. **Left Hand Limit (L.H.L):** If x approaches a from the left i.e., through values just smaller than a then the limit is called the left hand limit of $f(x)$ and it is written as $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$

3. **Right Hand Limit (R.H.L):** If x approaches a from the right i.e., through values just larger than a then the limit is called the right hand limit of $f(x)$ and it is written as $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$

Note: If $L.H.L = R.H.L$ then we say the limit exists, otherwise the limit **does not exist**.

- Limit of a function at a point is the **common value** of the left and right hand limits if they coincide.
- $f(a)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ may be equal or may not be equal.

Even if one is defined then the other one may or may not be defined.

4. **Indeterminate forms:** $\frac{0}{0}, \frac{\infty}{\infty}, 1^\infty, 0 \times \infty, \infty - \infty, 0^\infty, \infty^0, 0^0$

5. **Evaluation of $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$:** First, check whether $f(a)$ exists as a real number or not. If $f(a)$ exists as a real then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$. For if, $f(a)$ takes the indeterminate form such as $\frac{0}{0}, \frac{\infty}{\infty}, 1^\infty$ etc., then reduce the given limit into standard limit forms (or) rationalise the numerator / denominator or both accordingly (or) factorise; (or) take proper substitutions and proceed accordingly.

6. **Standard Limits:**

$$6.1) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} = na^{n-1}$$

$$6.2) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1; \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} = 1;$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(kx)}{x} = k$$

FEW MORE IMP. LIMITS

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} = 1; \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} = \log_e a; \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(1+x)}{x} = 1$$

II) DERIVATIVES

[1 OMQ + 1 VSAQ + 1 SEMI LAQ = 8 Marks]

1. Derivative :

The derivative of a real function $f(x)$ denotes the **rate of change of y** at any given value of x .

- Derivative of $y=f(x)$ is denoted by $f'(x)$ (or) $\frac{dy}{dx}$
- Geometrically, $f'(x)$ denotes the slope of the curve $y=f(x)$ at any point on it.
 $f'(a)$ denotes the slope of the curve $= f(a)$ at exactly at $x=a$.
- In Physics, the derivative of displacement (s) is velocity and derivative of velocity is acceleration.

2. Derivative using the First Principle:

- The derivative of a function f at any point x is defined as $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$
- The derivative of a function f at a specific value a is $f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$

3. Standard Formulas on derivatives: If u, v are any two functions then

(i) $(u \pm v)' = u' \pm v'$ (Addition rule)

(ii) $(uv)' = u'v + uv'$ (Product rule)

• $(uvw)' = u'vw + uv'w + uvw'$

(iii) $\left(\frac{u}{v}\right)' = \frac{u'v - uv'}{v^2}$ (Quotient rule) (or) $\left(\frac{u}{v}\right)' = \frac{vu' - uv'}{v^2}$

(iv) If $y = f(g(x))$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$ (Chain rule)

4. Standard Derivatives:

(i) $\frac{d}{dx} x^n = nx^{n-1}$

• $\frac{d}{dx} (f(x))^n = nf(x)^{n-1} f'(x)$ [Chain rule]

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

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

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

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

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

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

FEW MORE IMP. DERIVATIVES

• $\frac{d}{dx} (k) = 0$

• $\frac{d}{dx} (kx) = k$

• $\frac{d}{dx} kx^2 = 2kx$

• $\frac{d}{dx} kx^3 = 3kx^2$

• $\frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{x} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

• $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{-1}{x^2}$

• $\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x$

• $\frac{d}{dx} \log x = \frac{1}{x}$