

**Class XII**  
**Mathematics**  
**Chapter:5**  
**Continuity and Differentiability**  
**Chapter Notes**

**Key Definitions**

1. A function  $f(x)$  is said to be continuous at a point  $c$  if,  

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = f(c)$$
2. A real function  $f$  is said to be continuous if it is continuous at every point in the domain of  $f$ .
3. If  $f$  and  $g$  are real valued functions such that  $(f \circ g)$  is defined at  $c$ .  
 If  $g$  is continuous at  $c$  and if  $f$  is continuous at  $g(c)$ , then  $(f \circ g)$  is continuous at  $c$ .
4. A function  $f$  is differentiable at a point  $c$  if LHD=RHD  
 i.e 
$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h}$$
5. Chain Rule of Differentiation: If  $f$  is a composite function of two functions  $u$  and  $v$  such that  $f = v \circ u$  and  $t = u(x)$   
 if both  $\frac{dt}{dx}$  and  $\frac{dv}{dt}$ , exists then, 
$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{dv}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx}$$
6. Logarithm of  $a$  to base  $b$  is  $x$  i.e  $\log_b a = x$  if  $b^x = a$  where  $b > 1$  be a real number. Logarithm of  $a$  to base  $b$  is denoted by  $\log_b a$ .
7. Functions of the form  $x = f(t)$  and  $y = g(t)$  are parametric functions.
8. **Rolle's Theorem:** If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$  such that  $f(a) = f(b)$ , then there exists some  $c$  in  $(a, b)$  such that  $f'(c) = 0$

9. **Mean Value Theorem:** If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  & differentiable on  $(a, b)$ . Then there exists some  $c$  in  $(a, b)$  such that

$$f'(c) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

### **Key Concepts**

1. A function is continuous at  $x = c$  if the function is defined at  $x = c$  and the value of the function at  $x = c$  equals the limit of the function at  $x = c$ .
2. If function  $f$  is not continuous at  $c$ , then  $f$  is discontinuous at  $c$  and  $c$  is called the point of discontinuity of  $f$ .
3. Every polynomial function is continuous.
4. Greatest integer function,  $[x]$  is not continuous at the integral values of  $x$ .
5. Every rational function is continuous.
6. Algebra of Continuous Functions

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two real functions continuous at a real number  $c$ , then

- (1)  $f + g$  is continuous at  $x = c$
- (2)  $f - g$  is continuous at  $x = c$
- (3)  $f \cdot g$  is continuous at  $x = c$
- (4)  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)$  is continuous at  $x = c$ , (provided  $g(c) \neq 0$ ).
7. Derivative of a function  $f$  with respect to  $x$  is  $f'(x)$  which is given by
 
$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$
8. If a function  $f$  is differentiable at a point  $c$ , then it is also continuous at that point.
9. Every differentiable function is continuous but converse is not true.
10. Chain Rule is used to differentiate composites of functions.

### **11. Algebra of Derivatives:**

If  $u$  &  $v$  are two functions which are differentiable, then

(i)  $(u \pm v)' = u' \pm v'$  (Sum and Difference Formula)

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

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

## 12. Implicit Functions

If it is not possible to "separate" the variables  $x$  &  $y$  then function  $f$  is known as implicit function.

**13. Exponential function:** A function of the form  $y = f(x) = b^x$  where base  $b > 1$

- (1) Domain of the exponential function is  $\mathbb{R}$ , the set of all real numbers.
- (2) The point  $(0, 1)$  is always on the graph of the exponential function
- (3) Exponential function is ever increasing

14. Properties of Logarithmic functions

(i) Domain of log function is  $\mathbb{R}^+$ .

(ii) The log function is ever increasing

(iii) For  $x$  very near to zero, the value of  $\log x$  can be made lesser than any given real number.

15. Logarithmic differentiation is a powerful technique to differentiate functions of the form  $f(x) = [u(x)]^{v(x)}$ . Here both  $f(x)$  and  $u(x)$  need to be positive.

## 16. Logarithmic Differentiation

$$y = a^x$$

Taking logarithm on both sides

$$\log y = \log a^x.$$

Using property of logarithms

$$\log y = x \log a$$

Now differentiating the implicit function

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \log a$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \log a = a^x \log a$$

17. A relation between variables  $x$  and  $y$  expressed in the form  $x=f(t)$  and  $y=g(t)$  is the parametric form with  $t$  as the parameter .Parametric equation of parabola  $y^2=4ax$  is  $x=at^2,y=2at$

### 18.Parametric Differentiation:

Differentiation of the functions of the form  $x = f(t)$  and  $y = g(t)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \times \frac{dt}{dx}$$

- 19.If  $y =f(x)$  and  $\frac{dy}{dx} =f'(x)$  and if  $f'(x)$  is differentiable then

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \text{ or } f''(x) \text{ is the second order derivative of } y \text{ w.r.t } x$$

## Top Formulae

1. Derivative of a function at a point

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

2. Properties of Logarithms

$$\log(xy) = \log x + \log y$$

$$\log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log x - \log y$$

$$\log(x^y) = y \log x$$

$$\log_a x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a}$$

### 3.Derivatives of Functions

- $\frac{d}{dx} x^n = nx^{n-1}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\sin x) = \cos x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\cos x) = -\sin x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\tan x) = \sec^2 x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\cot x) = -\operatorname{cosec}^2 x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\sec x) = \sec x \tan x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\operatorname{cosec} x) = -\operatorname{cosec} x \cot x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\sin^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\cos^{-1} x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\tan^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\cot^{-1} x) = -\frac{1}{1+x^2}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\sec^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x) = \frac{-1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (e^x) = e^x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\log x) = \frac{1}{x}$