

$$= \frac{x+1}{x-1} \neq \pm f(x)$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is neither even nor odd function.

(v) $f(x) = x^{2/3} + 6$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-x) &= (-x)^{2/3} + 6 \\ &= [(-x)^2]^{1/3} + 6 \\ &= (x^2)^{1/3} + 6 \\ &= x^{2/3} + 6 \\ &= f(x) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is an even function.

(vi) $f(x) = \frac{x^3 - x}{x^2 + 1}$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-x) &= \frac{(-x)^3 - (-x)}{(-x)^2 + 1} \\ &= \frac{-x^3 + x}{x^2 + 1} \\ &= \frac{-(x^3 - x)}{x^2 + 1} \\ &= -f(x) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is an odd function.

Composition of Functions:

Let f be a function from set X to set Y and g be a function from set Y to set Z . The composition of f and g is a function, denoted by $g \circ f$, from X to Z and is defined by.

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = gf(x) \text{ for all } x \in X$$

Inverse of a Function:

Let f be one-one function from X onto Y . The inverse function of f , denoted by f^{-1} , is a function from Y onto X and is defined by.

$$x = f^{-1}(y) \text{ , } \forall y \in Y \text{ if and only if } y = f(x), \forall x \in X$$

EXERCISE 1.2

Q.1 The real valued functions f and g are defined below. Find

(a) $f \circ g(x)$ (b) $g \circ f(x)$ (c) $f \circ f(x)$ (d) $g \circ g(x)$

(i) $f(x) = 2x + 1$; $g(x) = \frac{3}{x-1}$, $x \neq 1$

$$(ii) \quad f(x) = \sqrt{x+1} \quad ; \quad g(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} \quad , \quad x \neq 0$$

$$(iii) \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}} \quad ; \quad x \neq 1 \quad ; \quad g(x) = (x^2 + 1)^2$$

$$(iv) \quad f(x) = 3x^4 - 2x^2 \quad ; \quad g(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}} \quad , \quad x \neq 0$$

Solution:

$$(i) \quad f(x) = 2x + 1 \quad ; \quad g(x) = \frac{3}{x-1} \quad , \quad x \neq 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad f \circ g(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f\left(\frac{3}{x-1}\right) \\ &= 2\left(\frac{3}{x-1}\right) + 1 \\ &= \frac{6}{x-1} + 1 \\ &= \frac{6+x-1}{x-1} \\ &= \frac{x+5}{x-1} \quad \text{Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad g \circ f(x) &= g(f(x)) \\ &= g(2x+1) \\ &= \frac{3}{2x+1-1} = \frac{3}{2x} \quad \text{Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c) \quad f \circ f(x) &= f(f(x)) \\ &= f(2x+1) \\ &= 2(2x+1) + 1 \\ &= 4x + 2 + 1 \\ &= 4x + 3 \quad \text{Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (d) \quad g \circ g(x) &= g(g(x)) \\ &= g\left(\frac{3}{x-1}\right) \\ &= \frac{3}{\frac{3}{x-1} - 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{3}{\frac{3 - (x - 1)}{x - 1}} \\
&= \frac{3(x - 1)}{3 - x + 1} \\
&= \frac{3(x - 1)}{4 - x} \quad \text{Ans.}
\end{aligned}$$

(ii) $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$; $g(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$, $x \neq 0$

(a) $f \circ g(x) = f(g(x))$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= f\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2} + 1} \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{1 + x^2}{x^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{1 + x^2}}{x} \quad \text{Ans.}
\end{aligned}$$

(b) $g \circ f(x) = g(f(x))$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= g(\sqrt{x+1}) \\
&= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{x+1})^2} = \frac{1}{x+1} \quad \text{Ans.}
\end{aligned}$$

(c) $f \circ f(x) = f(f(x))$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= f(\sqrt{x+1}) \\
&= \sqrt{\sqrt{x+1} + 1} \quad \text{Ans.}
\end{aligned}$$

(d) $g \circ g(x) = g(g(x))$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= g\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x^4}} = x^4 \quad \text{Ans.}
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}$; $x \neq 1$; $g(x) = (x^2 + 1)^2$

(a) $f \circ g(x) = f(g(x))$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= f((x^2 + 1)^2) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x^2 + 1)^2 - 1}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^4 + 1 + 2x^2 - 1}} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2(x^2 + 2)}} = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2 + 2}} \quad \text{Ans.}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(b)} \quad \text{gof}(x) &= g(f(x)) \\
&= g\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}\right) \\
&= \left[\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}\right)^2 + 1\right]^2 \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{x-1} + 1\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1+x-1}{x-1}\right)^2 \\
&= \left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right)^2 \quad \text{Ans.}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(c)} \quad \text{fof}(x) &= f(f(x)) \\
&= f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}} - 1}} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{1 - \sqrt{x-1}}{\sqrt{x-1}}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{x-1}}{1 - \sqrt{x-1}}} \quad \text{Ans.}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(d)} \quad \text{gog}(x) &= g(g(x)) \\
&= g((x^2 + 1)^2) \\
&= [\{(x^2 + 1)^2\}^2 + 1]^2 \\
&= [(x^2 + 1)^4 + 1]^2 \quad \text{Ans.}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(iv)} \quad f(x) = 3x^4 - 2x^2 \quad ; \quad g(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}} \quad , \quad x \neq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(a)} \quad \text{fog}(x) &= f(g(x)) \\
&= f\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}\right) \\
&= 3\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}\right)^4 - 2\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}\right)^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 3 \left(\frac{16}{x^2} \right) - 2 \left(\frac{4}{x} \right) \\
&= \frac{48}{x^2} - \frac{8}{x} \\
&= \frac{48 - 8x}{x^2} \\
&= \frac{8(6 - x)}{x^2} \quad \text{Ans.}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(b)} \quad \text{gof}(x) &= g(f(x)) \\
&= g(3x^4 - 2x^2) \\
&= \frac{2}{\sqrt{3x^4 - 2x^2}} \\
&= \frac{2}{\sqrt{x^2(3x^2 - 2)}} = \frac{2}{x\sqrt{3x^2 - 2}} \quad \text{Ans.}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(c)} \quad \text{fof}(x) &= f(f(x)) \\
&= f(3x^4 - 2x^2) \\
&= 3(3x^4 - 2x^2)^4 - 2(3x^4 - 2x^2)^2 \quad \text{Ans.}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(d)} \quad \text{gog}(x) &= g(g(x)) \\
&= g\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}\right) \\
&= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2/\sqrt{x}}} \\
&= 2\sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{x}}{2}} \\
&= \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2} \frac{\sqrt{\sqrt{x}}}{\sqrt{2}} \\
&= \sqrt{2}\sqrt{x} \quad \text{Ans.}
\end{aligned}$$

Q.2 For the real valued function, f defined below, find:

(a) $f^{-1}(x)$

(b) $f^{-1}(-1)$ and verify $f(f^{-1}(x)) = f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$

(i) $f(x) = -2x + 8$ (*Lahore Board 2007, 2009*) **(ii)** $f(x) = 3x^3 + 7$

(iii) $f(x) = (-x + 9)^3$ **(iv)** $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x-1}, x > 1$

Solution:

(i) $f(x) = -2x + 8$

(a) Since $y = f(x)$
 $\Rightarrow x = f^{-1}(y)$

Now,

$$f(x) = -2x + 8$$

$$y = -2x + 8$$

$$2x = 8 - y$$

$$x = \frac{8 - y}{2}$$

$$f^{-1}(y) = \frac{8 - y}{2}$$

Replacing y by x

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{8 - x}{2}$$

Replacing y by x .

$$\boxed{f^{-1}(x) = \frac{8 - x}{2}}$$

(b) Put, $x = -1$

$$f^{-1}(-1) = \frac{8 - (-1)}{2} = \frac{8 + 1}{2} = \frac{9}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(f^{-1}(x)) &= f\left(\frac{8 - x}{2}\right) \\ &= -2\left(\frac{8 - x}{2}\right) + 8 \\ &= -8 + x + 8 \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(f(x)) &= f^{-1}(-2x + 8) \\ &= \frac{8 - (-2x + 8)}{2} \\ &= \frac{8 + 2x - 8}{2} \\ &= \frac{2x}{2} = x \end{aligned}$$

$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = f^{-1}(f(x)) = x \quad \text{Hence proved.}$$

$$(ii) \quad f(x) = 3x^3 + 7$$

$$(a) \quad \text{Since } y = f(x) \\ \Rightarrow x = f^{-1}(y)$$

Now

$$f(x) = 3x^3 + 7$$

$$y = 3x^3 + 7$$

$$3x^3 = y - 7$$

$$x^3 = \frac{y-7}{3}$$

$$x = \left(\frac{y-7}{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$f^{-1}(y) = \left(\frac{y-7}{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Replacing y by x

$$f^{-1}(x) = \left(\frac{x-7}{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$(b) \quad \text{Put } x = -1$$

$$f^{-1}(-1) = \left(\frac{-1-7}{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{-8}{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(f^{-1}(x)) &= f \left[\left(\frac{x-7}{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right] \\ &= 3 \left[\left(\frac{x-7}{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right]^3 + 7 \\ &= 3 \left(\frac{x-7}{3} \right) + 7 \\ &= x - 7 + 7 = x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(f(x)) &= f^{-1}(3x^3 + 7) \\ &= \left(\frac{3x^3 + 7 - 7}{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left(\frac{3x^3}{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= (x^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} = x$$

$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = f^{-1}(f(x)) = x \quad \text{Hence proved.}$$

(iii) $f(x) = (-x + 9)^3$

(a) Since $y = f(x)$
 $x = f^{-1}(y)$

Now

$$f(x) = (-x + 9)^3$$

$$y = (-x + 9)^3$$

$$y^{\frac{1}{3}} = -x + 9$$

$$x = 9 - y^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Replacing y by x

$$f^{-1}(x) = 9 - x^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

(b) Put $x = -1$

$$f^{-1}(-1) = 9 - (-1)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(f^{-1}(x)) &= f(9 - x^{\frac{1}{3}}) \\ &= [-(9 - x^{\frac{1}{3}}) + 9]^3 \\ &= (-9 + x^{\frac{1}{3}} + 9)^3 \\ &= \left(x^{\frac{1}{3}} \right)^3 = x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(f(x)) &= f^{-1}((-x + 9)^3) \\ &= 9 - [(-x + 9)^3]^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= 9 - (-x + 9) \\ &= 9 + x - 9 \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = f^{-1}(f(x)) = x \quad \text{Hence proved.}$$

$$(iv) \quad f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x-1}, \quad x > 1$$

$$(a) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{Since } y &= f(x) \\ x &= f^{-1}(y) \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x-1}$$

$$y = \frac{2x+1}{x-1}$$

$$y(x-1) = 2x+1$$

$$yx - y = 2x+1$$

$$yx - 2x = 1+y$$

$$x(y-2) = y+1$$

$$x = \frac{y+1}{y-2}$$

$$f^{-1}(y) = \frac{y+1}{y-2}$$

Replacing y by x

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-2}$$

$$(b) \quad \text{Put } x = -1$$

$$f^{-1}(-1) = \frac{-1+1}{-1-2}$$

$$= \frac{0}{-3} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(f^{-1}(x)) &= f\left(\frac{x+1}{x-2}\right) \\ &= \frac{2\left(\frac{x+1}{x-2}\right)+1}{\frac{x+1}{x-2}-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2(x+1) + (x-2)}{x-2} \\ &= \frac{x+1 - (x-2)}{x-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{2x + 2 + x - 2}{x + 1 - x + 2} \\
&= \frac{3x}{3} = x \\
f^{-1}(f(x)) &= f^{-1}\left(\frac{2x+1}{x-1}\right) \\
&= \frac{\frac{2x+1}{x-1} + 1}{\frac{2x+1}{x-1} - 2} \\
&= \frac{\frac{2x+1+x-1}{x-1}}{\frac{2x+1-2(x-1)}{x-1}} \\
&= \frac{3x}{2x+1-2x+2} \\
&= \frac{3x}{3} = x
\end{aligned}$$

$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = f^{-1}(f(x)) = x \quad \text{Hence proved.}$$

Q.3 Without finding the inverse, state the domain and range of f^{-1} .

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(i)} \quad f(x) &= \sqrt{x+2} & \text{(ii)} \quad f(x) &= \frac{x-1}{x-4}, x \neq 4 \\
\text{(iii)} \quad f(x) &= \frac{1}{x+3}, x \neq -3 & \text{(iv)} \quad f(x) &= (x-5)^2, x \geq 5
\end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(i)} \quad f(x) &= \sqrt{x+2} \\
\text{Domain of } f(x) &= [-2, +\infty) \\
\text{Range of } f(x) &= [0, +\infty) \\
\text{Domain of } f^{-1}(x) &= \text{Range of } f(x) = [0, +\infty) \\
\text{Range of } f^{-1}(x) &= \text{Domain of } f(x) = [-2, +\infty)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(ii)} \quad f(x) &= \frac{x-1}{x-4}, x \neq 4 \\
\text{Domain of } f(x) &= \mathbb{R} - \{4\} \\
\text{Range of } f(x) &= \mathbb{R} - \{1\} \\
\text{Domain of } f^{-1}(x) &= \text{Range of } f(x) = \mathbb{R} - \{1\} \\
\text{Range of } f^{-1}(x) &= \text{Domain of } f(x) = \mathbb{R} - \{4\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$(iii) \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{x+3}, x \neq -3$$

$$\text{Domain of } f(x) = \mathbb{R} - \{-3\}$$

$$\text{Range of } f(x) = \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$$

$$\text{Domain of } f^{-1}(x) = \text{Range of } f(x) = \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$$

$$\text{Range of } f^{-1}(x) = \text{Domain of } f(x) = \mathbb{R} - \{-3\}$$

$$(iv) \quad f(x) = (x-5)^2, x \geq 5 \quad (\text{Gujranwala Board 2007})$$

$$\text{Domain of } f(x) = [5, +\infty)$$

$$\text{Range of } f(x) = [0, +\infty)$$

$$\text{Domain of } f^{-1}(x) = \text{Range of } f(x) = [0, +\infty)$$

$$\text{Range of } f^{-1}(x) = \text{Domain of } f(x) = [5, +\infty)$$

Limit of a Function:

Let a function $f(x)$ be defined in an open interval near the number 'a' (need not at a) if, as x approaches 'a' from both left and right side of 'a', $f(x)$ approaches a specific number 'L' then 'L', is called the limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches a symbolically it is written as.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L \text{ read as "Limit of } f(x) \text{ as } x \rightarrow a, \text{ is } L"$$

Theorems on Limits of Functions:

Let f and g be two functions, for which $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = M$, then

Theorem 1: The limit of the sum of two functions is equal to the sum of their limits.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \\ &= L + M \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2: The limit of the difference of two functions is equal to the difference of their limits.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) - g(x)] &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \\ &= L - M \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3: If K is any real numbers, then.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [kf(x)] = K \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = kL$$

Theorem 4: The limit of the product of the functions is equal to the product of their limits.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) \cdot g(x)] = [\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)] [\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)] = LM$$

Theorem 5: The limit of the quotient of the functions is equal to the quotient of their limits provided the limit of the denominator is non-zero.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)} = \frac{L}{M} \quad , \quad g(x) \neq 0, M \neq 0$$

Theorem 6: Limit of $[f(x)]^n$, where n is an integer.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^n = [\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)]^n = L^n$$

The Sandwich Theorem:

Let f, g and h be functions such that $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$ for all number x in some open interval containing “C”, except possibly at C itself.

$$\text{If, } \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x) = L, \text{ then } \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L$$

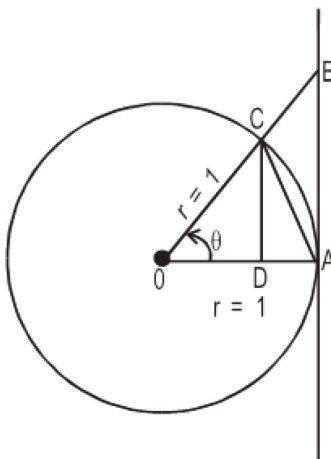
Prove that

If θ is measured in radian, then

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1$$

Proof:

Take θ a positive acute central angle of a circle with radius $r = 1$. OAB represents the sector of the circle.



$$|OA| = |OC| = 1 \quad (\text{radii of unit circle})$$

From right angle $\triangle ODC$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{|DC|}{|OC|} = |DC| \quad (\because |OC| = 1)$$

From right angle $\triangle OAB$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{|AB|}{|OA|} = |AB| \quad (\because |OA| = 1)$$

In terms of θ , the areas are expressed as

$$\text{Area of } \triangle OAC = \frac{1}{2} |OA| |CD| = \frac{1}{2} (1) \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta$$

$$\text{Area of sector OAC} = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2} (1)(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \theta$$

$$\text{Area of } \triangle OAB = \frac{1}{2} |OA| |AB| = \frac{1}{2} (1) \tan \theta = \frac{1}{2} \tan \theta$$

From figure

$$\text{Area of } \triangle OAB > \text{Area of sector OAC} > \text{Area of } \triangle OAC$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \tan \theta > \frac{1}{2} \theta > \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} > \frac{\theta}{2} > \frac{\sin \theta}{2}$$

As $\sin \theta$ is positive, so on division by $\frac{1}{2} \sin \theta$, we get.

$$\frac{1}{\cos \theta} > \frac{\theta}{\sin \theta} > 1 \quad (0 < \theta < \pi/2)$$

i.e.

$$\cos \theta < \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} < 1$$

When, $\theta \rightarrow 0$, $\cos \theta \rightarrow 1$

Since $\frac{\sin \theta}{\theta}$ is sandwiched between 1 and a quantity approaching 1 itself.

So by the sandwich theorem it must also approach 1.

i.e.

$$\boxed{\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1}$$

Theorem: Prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e$$

Proof:

Taking

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n &= 1 + n\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^3 + \dots \\ &= 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) + \frac{1}{3!} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2}{n}\right) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Taking $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty}$ on both sides.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n &= 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} + \frac{1}{5!} + \dots \\ &= 1 + 1 + 0.5 + 0.166667 + 0.0416667 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2.718281 \dots\dots\dots$$

As approximate value of e is = 2.718281

$$\boxed{\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e}$$

Deduction:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 + x)^{1/x} = e$$

We know that,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e$$

Put $x = \frac{1}{n}$ then $\frac{1}{x} = n$

As $n \rightarrow +\infty$, $x \rightarrow 0$

$$\boxed{\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (1 + x)^{1/x} = e}$$

Theorem:

Prove that:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} = \log_e a$$

Proof:

Taking,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{a^x - 1}{x}$$

Let $a^x - 1 = y$

$$a^x = 1 + y$$

$$x = \log_a (1 + y)$$

As, $x \rightarrow a$, $y \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{y}{\log_a (1 + y)} \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{y} \log_a (1 + y)} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\log_a (1 + y)^{\frac{1}{y}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\log_a e} \qquad \therefore \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} (1 + y)^{1/y} = e \\ &= \log_e a \end{aligned}$$