

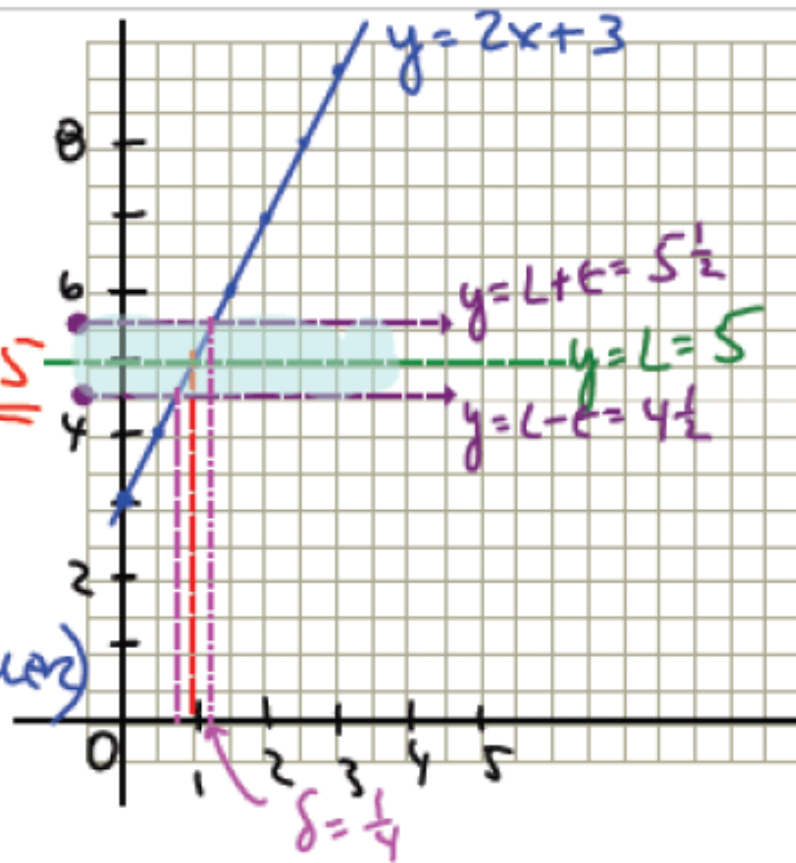
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KNOW THE LIMIT  
DEFINITION!

P.72  $L=2$  a)  
(12)

b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (2x+3) = 5$

c)  $\delta = \frac{1}{4}$  (OR SMALLER)



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2d) PROVE:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (2x+3) = 5$ .

proof: LET  $\epsilon > 0$  BE GIVEN TO ME.

I MUST FIND  $\delta > 0$  SUCH THAT:

$|2x+3-5| < \epsilon$  WHENEVER  $0 < |x-1| < \delta$

$$|2x-2| < \epsilon$$

$$|2(x-1)| < \epsilon$$

$$2|x-1| < \epsilon$$

$$|x-1| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$\therefore$  CHOOSE  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  (OR SMALLER)

⑬ PROVE:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} (5x+9) = -6$

proof: LET  $\epsilon > 0$  BE GIVEN TO ME.

I MUST FIND  $\delta > 0$  SUCH THAT:

$$|5x+9 - (-6)| < \epsilon \text{ WHENEVER } 0 < |x - (-3)| < \delta$$

$$|5x+15| < \epsilon \quad \text{or } 0 < |x+3| < \delta$$

$$|5(x+3)| < \epsilon$$

$$5|x+3| < \epsilon$$

$$|x+3| < \frac{\epsilon}{5}$$

$\therefore$  CHOOSE  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{5}$  (OR SMALLER)

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④ Prove:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} (\frac{1}{2}x - 3) = -1$

proof: LET  $\epsilon > 0$  BE GIVEN TO ME.

I MUST FIND  $\delta > 0$  SUCH THAT:

$$|\frac{1}{2}x - 3 - (-1)| < \epsilon \text{ WHENEVER } 0 < |x - 4| < \delta$$

$$|\frac{1}{2}x - 2| < \epsilon$$

$$|\frac{1}{2}(x - 4)| < \epsilon$$

$$\frac{1}{2}|x - 4| < \epsilon$$

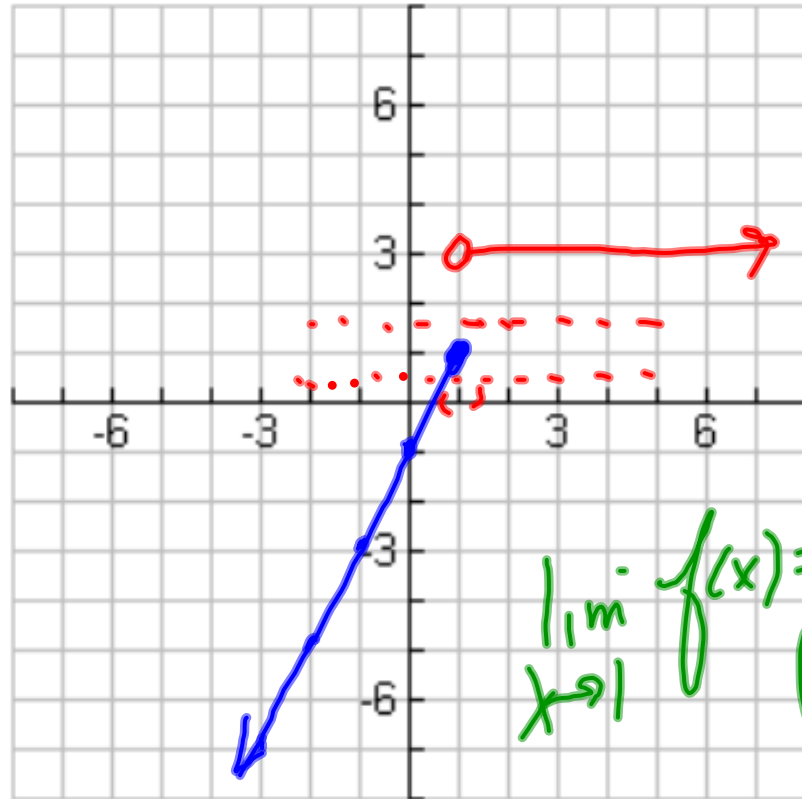
$$|x - 4| < 2\epsilon$$

$\therefore$  CHOOSE  $\delta = \underline{2\epsilon}$  (OR SMALLER)

"COUNTER EXAMPLE"

PIECE-WISE FUNCTION

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

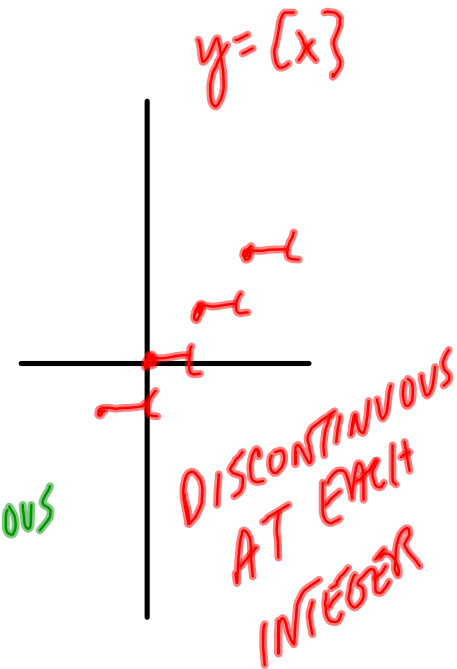
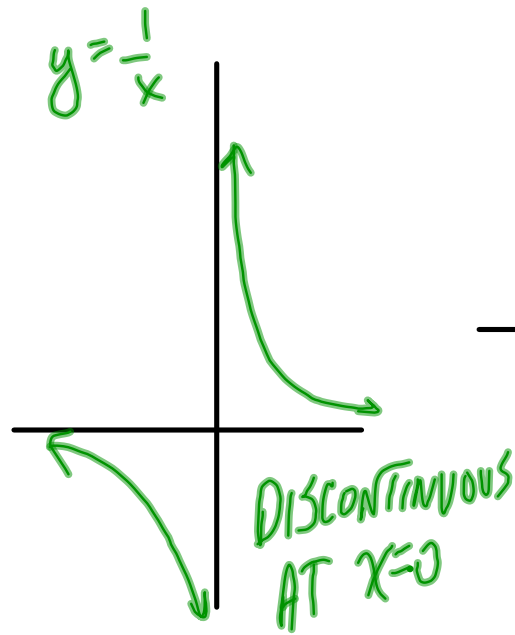
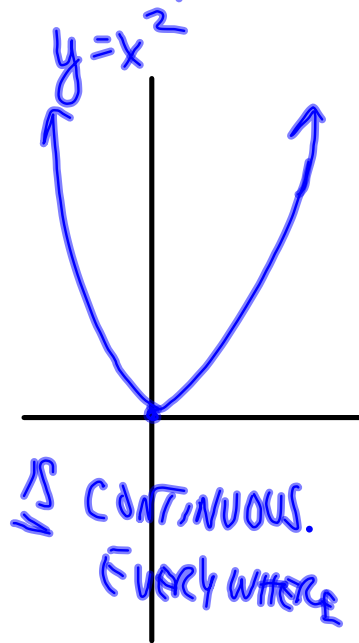


$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = ?$   
D.N.E.  
L.H.L. 1  
R.H.L. 3

# CONTINUITY

## INTUITIVE

A FUNCTION IS SAID TO BE CONTINUOUS IF YOU CAN DRAW ITS GRAPH WITHOUT LIFTING THE PENCIL OFF THE PAPER.



## FORMAL DEFINITION

A FUNCTION,  $f$ , IS SAID TO BE CONTINUOUS AT  $x=a$   
IF 3 CRITERIA ARE MET:

1)  $f(a)$  EXISTS

AND 2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  EXISTS

AND 3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$



Continuity "In Class" Gift

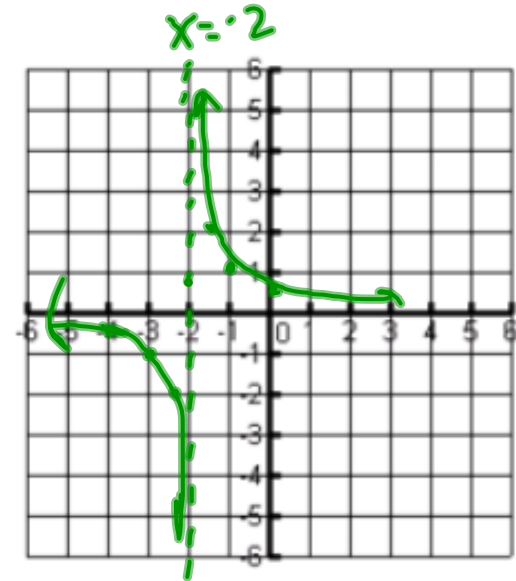
Ex. 1  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+2}$ . Is  $f$  continuous at  $x = -2$ ? Explain.

NO!

$f(-2)$  D.N.E.

- OR -

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x)$  D.N.E.

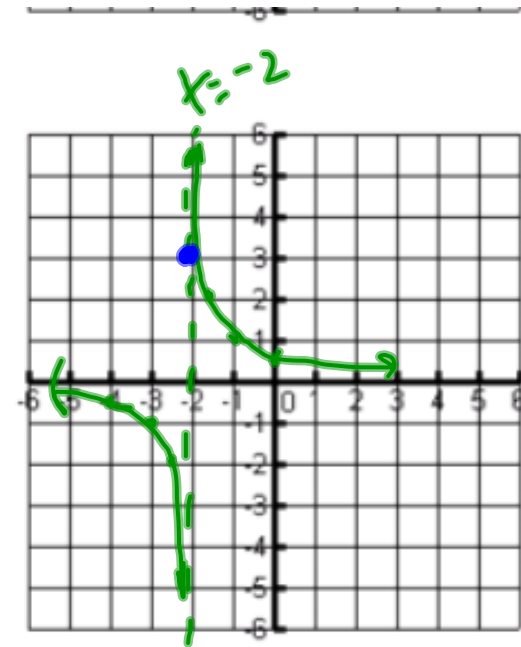


Ex.2  $g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x+2} & x \neq -2 \\ 3 & x = -2 \end{cases}$ . Is  $g$  continuous at  $x = -2$ ?

Explain.

NO!

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} g(x)$  D.N.E.



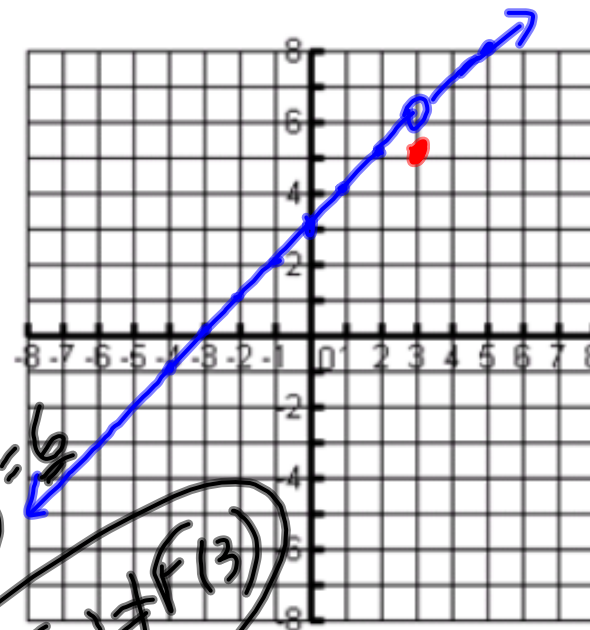
Ex.3  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-9}{x-3} & x \neq 3 \\ 5 & x = 3 \end{cases}$  Is  $f$  continuous at  $x = 3$ ?

Explain.

$$f(x) = \frac{(x+3)\cancel{(x-3)}}{\cancel{x-3}} \quad x \neq 3$$

$$f(x) = x+3; \quad x \neq 3$$

NO!  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 6$   
 $f(3) = 5$



To make  $f$  continuous at  $x = 3$ , how could the function be redefined?

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-9}{x-3} & x \neq 3 \\ 6 & x = 3 \end{cases}$$

6

$x = 3$

$\hookrightarrow$  (FILLS IN THE HOLE)

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

Ex.4  $G(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x-5}}$ . For what values of  $x$  is  $G$  not continuous? Explain.

$x \leq \frac{5}{2}$ . G IS UNDEF. THERE

$$\text{DEN} \leq 0$$

$$2x - 5 \leq 0$$

$$2x \leq 5$$

$$\underline{\underline{x \leq \frac{5}{2}}}$$

## O.T.L.

• CORRECT DAYS 1-7

• Do DAY 8

• MEMORIZE (& UNDERSTAND)  
THE FORMAL DEFINITIONS:

• LIMIT

• CONTINUITY

• INTUITIVE DEFN. OF CONTINUITY

6 POINTS