

5 limits and Continuity #1-15

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1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} 2x - 3 = 2(3) - 3 = 3$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = \text{DNE}$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} x - 1 = 3 - 1 = 2$

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} 2x = 2(-1) = -2$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = -2$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} x^2 - 1 = (-1)^2 - 1 = -2$

3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x}{x-1} = \frac{1}{1-1} = \frac{1}{0} \rightarrow \pm\infty$ more work
 $= \frac{1}{-1} = \frac{1}{-} = -\infty$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = -\infty$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x-2}{x-1} = \frac{1-2}{1-1} = \frac{-1}{0} \rightarrow \pm\infty$
 $= \frac{-1}{1-1} = \frac{-}{+} = -\infty$

4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = f(2)$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^2 - 2x - 3 = k - 3$
 $(2)^2 - 2(2) - 3 = k - 3$
 $4 - 4 - 3 = k - 3$
 $-3 = k - 3$
 $k = 0$

5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} f(x) = f(7)$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} \frac{x^2 - 49}{x - 7} = k^2 - 2$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} (x + 7) = k^2 - 2$
 $14 = k^2 - 2$
 $16 = k^2$
 $k = \pm 4$

6. a) Jump discont. @ $x = c$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$
 b) Point disc. @ $x = c$ $f(c)$ does not exist
 c) " "
 d) Same as a

7. A non removable discontinuity is either a jump disc.

(a) $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & x < 2 \\ x^2 + 4 & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$

or a vertical asymptote

$f(x) = \frac{1}{x-2}$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \pm \infty, DNE$

A removable discontinuity is a point discontinuity so $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ exists ($\frac{0}{0} \rightarrow$ more work)

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

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

\uparrow removable \uparrow nonremovable

8. a) f is cts at $x=4$

b) f is cts at $x=-2$

c) f has a point disc at $x=3$

d) f has a point disc at $x=-3$

e) f has a jump disc at $x=2$

f) f has a jump disc at $x=-1$

9. ① $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} x = 1$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} x^2 = 1$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 1 \checkmark$

② $f(1) = 1^2$
 $f(1) = 1 \checkmark$

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

10. ① $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} -2(1) + 3 = 1$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} x^2 = 1$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 1 \checkmark$

② $f(1) = 1^2$
 $f(1) = 1$

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

11. f is cts thus $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = f(3)$

\uparrow since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 1/2$

$f(3) = \frac{1}{2}$

12. want $e^{-x} = x \rightarrow 0 = e^{-x} - x$

$$f(x) = e^{-x} - x \quad \text{want to show } f(c) = 0$$
$$f(0) = e^0 - 0 = 1 - 0 = 1$$
$$f(1) = \frac{1}{e} - 1 < 0$$

$1 > \frac{1}{e}$ ←

Because e^{-x} and x are both cts, $f(x) = e^{-x} - x$ is also cts, and $f(1) < 0 < f(0)$ by the Intermediate Value theorem there exists a value c in $[0, 1]$ such that $f(c) = 0$.

13. $f(2) = 2^2 - 4(2) + 3 = -1$

$$f(4) = 4^2 - 4(4) + 3 = 3$$

f is a polynomial so f is cts, also $f(2) < 0 < f(4)$ thus by the IVT there exists a c in $[2, 4]$ such that $f(c) = 0$.

14. Since $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ is not cts on $[-1, 1]$ we cannot determine if $f(x)$ has a zero on $[-1, 1]$

15. f has vertical asymptotes at $x = \pm 2$ ($x^2 - 4 = 0$)
however on the interval $[-1, 1]$ f is cts. ($x^2 = 4$
 $x = \pm 2$)

$$f(-1) = \frac{1}{(-1)^2 - 4} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$f(1) = \frac{1}{1^2 - 4} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

However 0 is not between $f(-1)$ and $f(1)$ so we cannot guarantee $f(x)$ has a zero in $[-1, 1]$.