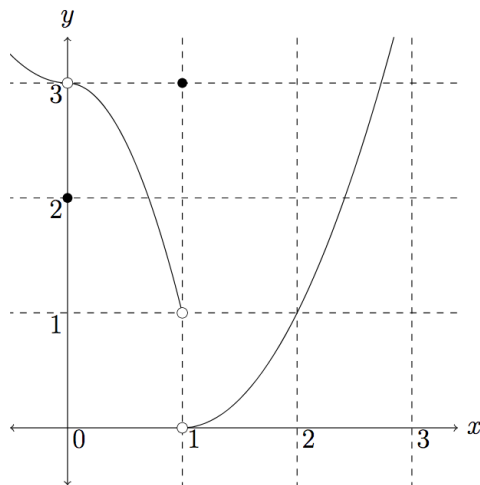


Homework #2: Limits and continuity

Note: Your work can only be assessed if it is legible. You must show all of your work on all problems save 1 and 5. You do not need a calculator to complete this assignment.

1. The graph of $y = f(x)$ is below. Use it to compute each limit or explain why it doesn't exist.



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| (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$ | (g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ |
| (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x)$ | (h) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ |
| (c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$ | (i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ |
| (d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$ | (j) $f(0)$ |
| (e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$ | (k) $f(1)$ |
| (f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$ | (l) $f(2)$ |

2. T/F (with justification) If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} h(x) = 0$ then $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{g(x)}{h(x)}$ does not exist.

3. Evaluate the following limits exactly using algebra and limit laws.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{x - 9}{\sqrt{x} - 3}$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x^2 + 4x}{x^2 + 3x - 4}$

4. The squeeze theorem will prove valuable in this problem.

(a) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x - 1)^4 \cos\left(\frac{1}{1 - x}\right)$.

(b) **Bonus:** Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \text{ is rational,} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational.} \end{cases}$$

Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$.

5. Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1 & \text{if } x < 1, \\ 4 & \text{if } x = 1, \\ x + 2 & \text{if } 1 < x \leq 2, \\ 6 - x & \text{if } x > 2. \end{cases}$$

Evaluate the following limits if they exist. If a limit does not exist, write DNE.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x)$

(g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$

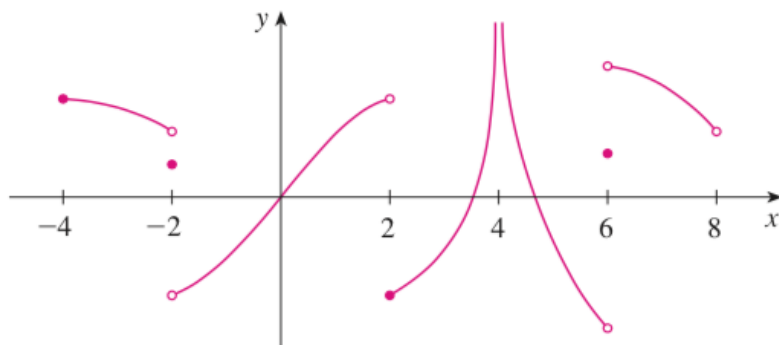
(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$

(h) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$

(i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$

6. The graph of a function $g(x)$ is given below. State the intervals on which g is continuous.



7. Is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin x & \text{if } x \leq 0, \\ 1 + \cos x & \text{if } x > 0. \end{cases}$$

continuous on the interval $(-1, 1)$?

8. For what value of the constant c is the function f continuous on the entire real line $(-\infty, \infty)$?

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} cx^2 + 2x & \text{if } x < 2, \\ x^3 - cx & \text{if } x \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

9. Use the intermediate value theorem to show that there is a solution to $x - \sqrt{x} - \ln x = 0$ on the interval $[2, 3]$. Explain your reasoning.

Hint: You may find the following facts helpful. $\sqrt{2} \geq 1.41$ $\ln 2 \geq 0.69$
 $\sqrt{3} \leq 1.74$ $\ln 3 \leq 1.1$