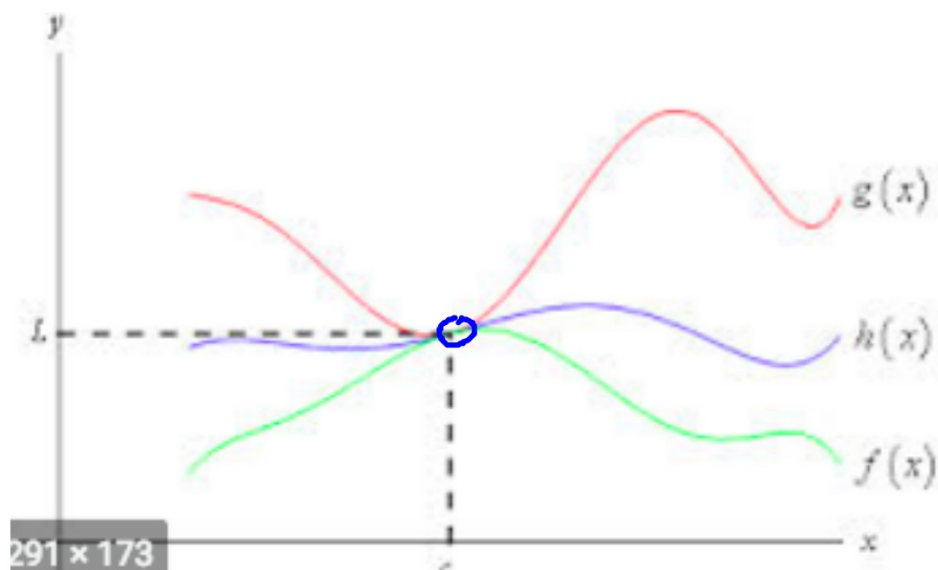


Squeeze Theorem Review



$$\underset{17}{f(x)} \leq h(x) \leq \underset{17}{g(x)}$$

1.4 Continuity At A Point & The Intermediate Value Theorem

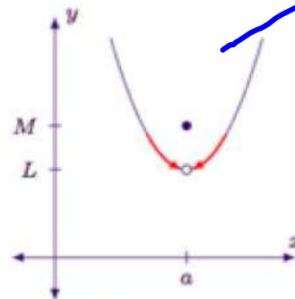
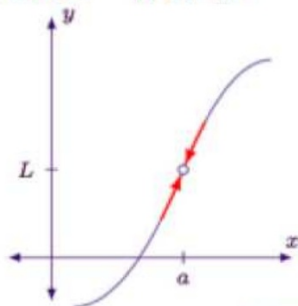
ex: If $f(2)=4$, can you conclude anything about the limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches 2? Explain your reasoning.

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Types of Discontinuities

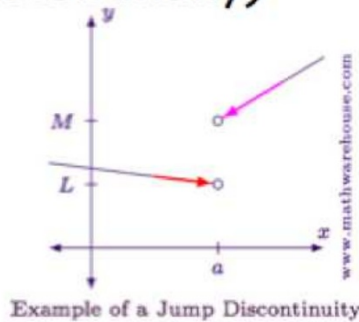
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x+2)(\cancel{x-2})}{\cancel{x-2}}$$

- Removable - holes

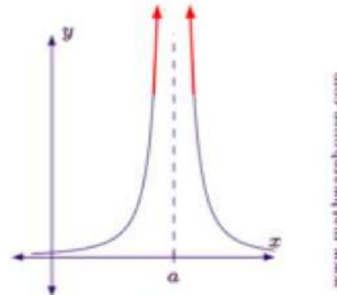


Examples of Removable Discontinuities

- Nonremovable - jumps, vertical asymptotes (a.k.a. infinite discontinuity)



Example of a Jump Discontinuity



Example of an Infinite Discontinuity

ex: At what x-values, if any, is $f(x)$ discontinuous? For each discontinuity state the x-value, the type of discontinuity, and whether the discontinuity is removable or nonremovable.

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

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

Remov. @ $x = 1$
(hole)

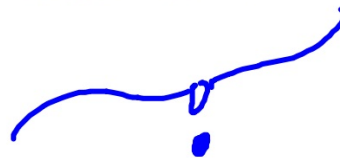
nonremov. $x = 3$
(VA)

Continuity At A Point, $x=c$

DEFINITION OF CONTINUITY

Continuity at a Point: A function f is **continuous at c** if the following three conditions are met.

1. $f(c)$ is defined.
2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ exists.
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$ ✖



Continuity on an Open Interval: A function is **continuous on an open interval (a, b)** if it is continuous at each point in the interval. A function that is continuous on the entire real line $(-\infty, \infty)$ is **everywhere continuous**.

ex: Is $f(x)$ continuous at $x=0$? Justify your answer.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1, & x \leq 0 \\ x^2+1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

☺ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = f(0)$

$$1 = 1 = 1$$

ex: Find the value of b so that the function $f(x)$ is continuous everywhere. *Justify*

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+3, & x \leq 2 \\ bx+7, & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} (x+3) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (bx+7) = 5$$

$$5 = 2b + 7$$

$$-1 = b$$

ex: Find the value of a so that the function $h(x)$ is continuous everywhere.

Justify

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - a^2}{x - a}, & x \neq a \\ 28, & x = a \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^2 - a^2}{x - a} = h(a)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (x + a) = 28$$

$$2a = 28; a = 14$$

ex: Find the values of a and b so that the function f(x) is continuous everywhere.

2 connections
2 limits!

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & x < 1 \\ ax^2 + bx & 1 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 3 & x > 4 \end{cases}$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (ax^2 + bx)$$

$$2 = a + b$$

ex: Find the values of a and b so that the function f(x) is continuous everywhere.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & x < 1 \\ ax^2 + bx & 1 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 3 & x > 4 \end{cases}$$

2 connections;
2 limit statements!

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = f(1) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x) = f(4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} -4 &= a + b \\ 3 &= 16a + 4b \end{aligned}$$

$$16a + 4b = 3$$

$$2 = a + b$$

$$\begin{aligned} -8 &= -4a - 4b \\ 3 &= 16a + 4b \end{aligned}$$

$$a = -\frac{5}{12}$$

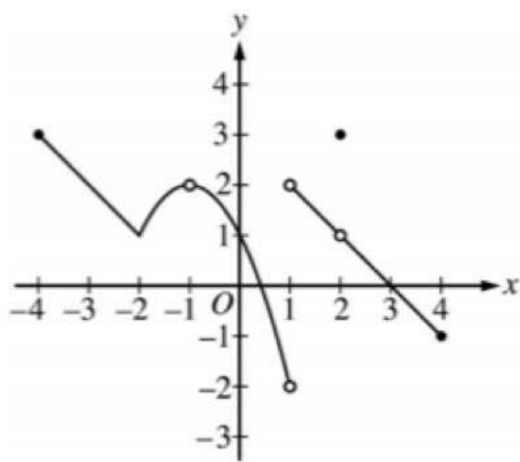
$$\begin{aligned} 2 &= -\frac{5}{12} + b \\ 2 + \frac{5}{12} &= b = \frac{29}{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$-5 = 12a$$

ex: Find the values of a and c so that the function f(x) is continuous everywhere.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax + 3 & \text{if } x < 5 \\ 8 & \text{if } x = 5 \\ x^2 + bx + 1 & \text{if } x > 5 \end{cases}$$

ex:



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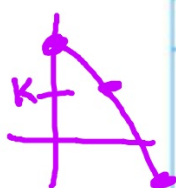
Graph of f

The graph of the function f is shown in the figure above. For how many values of x in the open interval $(-4, 4)$ is f discontinuous?

- (A) one
- (B) two
- (C) three
- (D) four

Intermediate Value Theorem

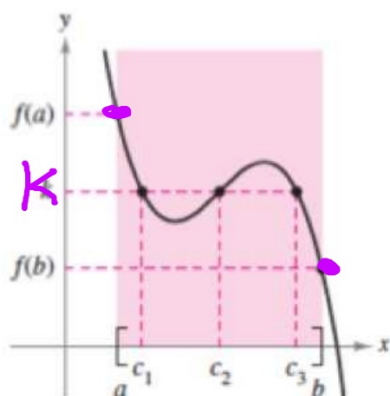
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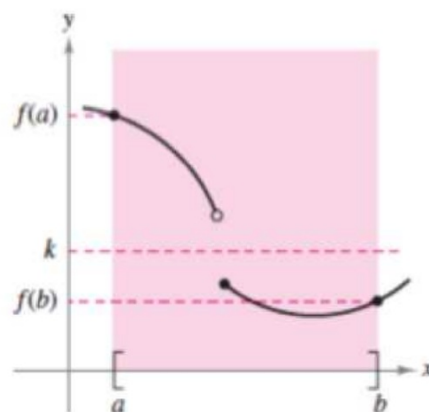
THEOREM 1.13 INTERMEDIATE VALUE THEOREM

If f is continuous on the closed interval $[a, b]$, $f(a) \neq f(b)$, and k is any number between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$, then there is at least one number c in $[a, b]$ such that

$$f(c) = k.$$

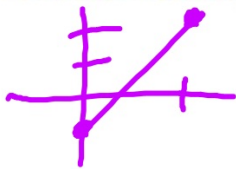


f is continuous on $[a, b]$.
[There exist three c 's such that $f(c) = k$.]



f is not continuous on $[a, b]$.
[There are no c 's such that $f(c) = k$.]

ex: Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show a zero exists on $f(x)$ on the given interval.



$$f(x) = x^3 + 2x - 1, \quad [0, 1]$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= -1 \\ f(1) &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$f(x)$ is continuous on $[0, 1]$ and $f(0) \neq f(1)$ and $f(0) < 0 < f(1)$, by IVT there exists at least one value c such that $f(c) = 0$

ex: Consider the table of values of $f(x)$ given below.

$f(x)$ is continuous on $[0, 20]$

x	0	2	3	10	20
$f(x)$	-2	3	4	20	-10

What is the least amount of time $f(x)=15$ on $[0, 20]$?

Justify your answer.

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1st statement: Since $f(x)$ is cont. on $[3, 10]$ and $f(3) < 15 < f(10)$ by IVT there exists at least one value c such that $f(c) = 15$

ex:

$$h(x) = f(g(x)) - 6$$

$$h(1) = 3$$

$$h(3) = -7$$

x	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	$g(x)$	$g'(x)$
1	6	4	3	5
2	2	2	3	1
3	0	-4	4	2
4	-1	3	6	7

The functions f and g are continuous for all real numbers. The table above gives values of these functions and their first derivatives at selected values of x . The function h is given by $h(x) = f(g(x)) - 6$. Explain why there must be a value r for $1 < r < 3$ such that $h(r) = -5$.

$$1 < r < 3$$

Since $h(x)$ is continuous on $[1, 3]$ and $h(3) < -5 < h(1)$ by IVT there exists a value r such that $h(r) = -5$