

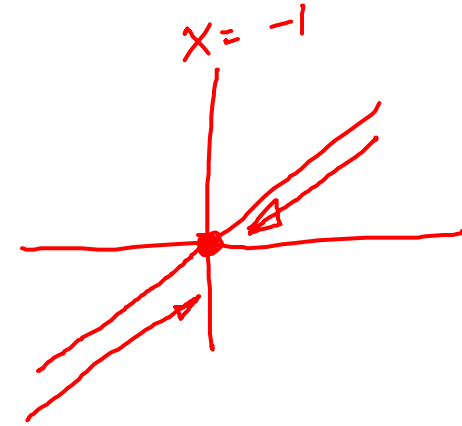
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# Continuity of a Function

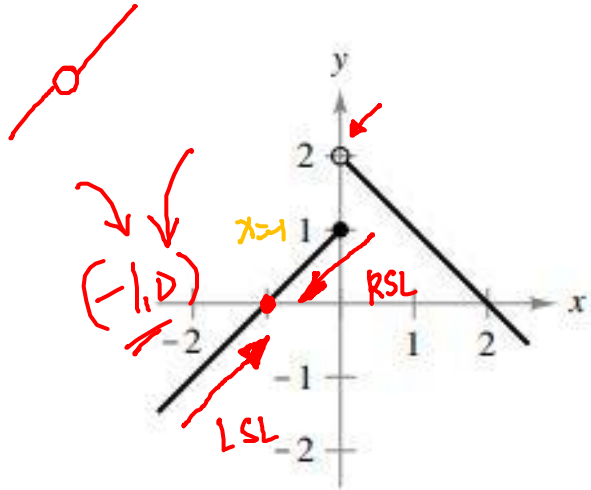
## Definition

A function  $f$  is **continuous at a number  $c$**  iff all conditions are satisfied:

1.  $f(c)$  is defined (that is,  $c$  is in the domain of  $f$ )  $c \in D$
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exists  $RSL = LSL$
- ✓ 3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$



**Example No. 1.** Determine whether or not  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = -1$ ?



✓ i  $f(c) = \text{defined: } \checkmark$

$\frac{3}{3}$

✓ ii  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \text{exist } \checkmark$

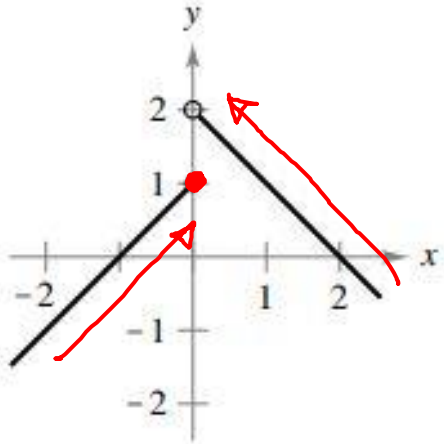
✓ iii  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = 0 = f(-1) \checkmark$

$\therefore f(x)$  is continuous  
@  $x = -1$

# Continuity of a Function

**Example No. 2.** Determine whether or not  $f(x)$  is continuous at

$x = 0$ ?



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✓ (i)  $f(c)$  is defined:  $f(0) = 1$  ✓

✗ (ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  exists?

$$RSL = LSL$$

$$2 \neq 1$$

does not exist

✓ iii

$f(x)$  is discontinuous @

$x = 0$

# Types of Discontinuity

Let  $f$  be a discontinuous function at  $x = a$ .

- ✓ 1. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists but, either  $f(a)$  does not exist or  $f(a) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ , then  $f$  is said to have a removable discontinuity at  $x = a$ .
2. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  does not exist, then  $f$  is said to have an **essential discontinuity at  $x = a$** .
  - i. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$  exist but are not equal, then  $f$  is said to have a **jump essential discontinuity at  $x = a$** .
  - ii. If either  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \pm\infty$  or  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \pm\infty$ , then  $f$  is said to have an **infinite essential discontinuity at  $x = a$** .

Example 1. Is  $f(x)$  below discontinuous at  $x = 3$ ? If so, determine its type.

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x^2 - 9}$$

$$\checkmark (i) \quad f(3) = \frac{3^2 - 2(3) - 3}{3^2 - 9}$$

$$f(3) = \frac{0}{0}$$

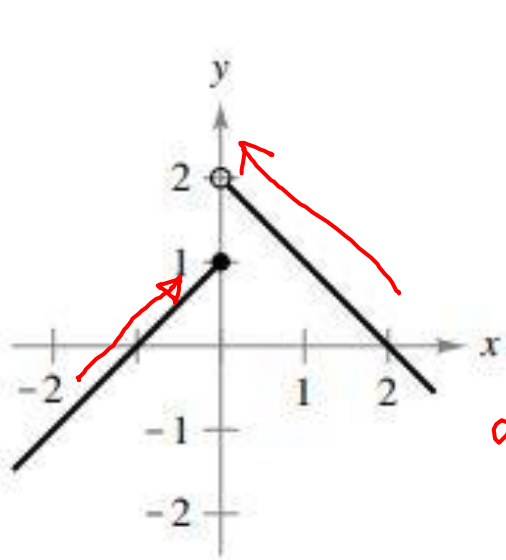
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x^2 - 2x - 3}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x^2 - 9}$$

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

$$\frac{3+1}{3+3} = \frac{4}{6} = \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)$$

$$f(3) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = \frac{2}{3}$$

Example No.2. The graph of  $f(x)$  is shown below, is  $f(x)$  continuous at  $x = 0$ ? Determine its type.



ii  $\downarrow$   $RSL \neq LSL$   
 $2 \neq 1$   
 jump essential discontinuity  
 continuous from the left

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = LSL = 2$$

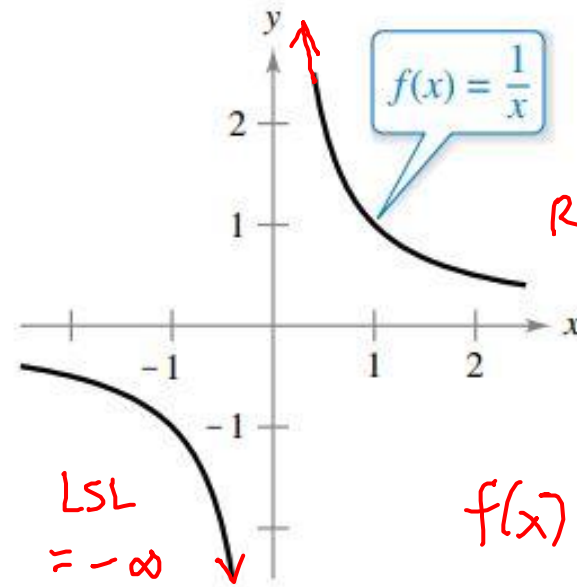
$$f(0) = LSL$$

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 2$$

$$f(0) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$$

Example No.3. Is  $f(x)$  continuous at  $x = 0$ ?



$$RSL = +\infty$$

$$LSL = -\infty$$

$f(x)$  is discontinuous  
 infinite essential discontinuity!

Let  $f$  be a real-valued function and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . We say that  $f$  is

1. **continuous from the left** at  $x = a$  if  $f(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$ .
2. **continuous from the right** at  $x = a$  if  $f(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$ .

$$f(a) = \text{LSL}$$

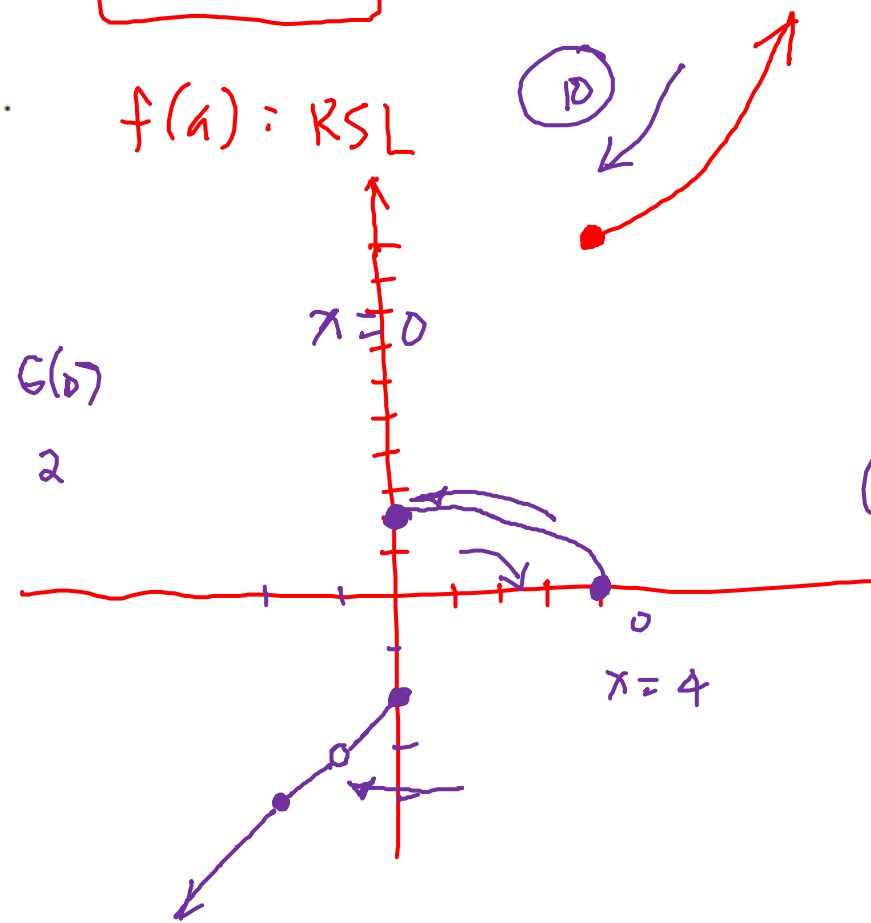
$$f(a) = \text{RSL}$$

$$G(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - x - 2 & ; x \leq 0 \\ \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x + 1} & ; 0 \leq x \leq 4 \\ x^2 - x - 2 & ; x \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

$$G(4) = 4^2 - 4 - 2 = 10$$

2nd. piece  $\begin{cases} G(x) = 2 & (0, 2) \\ G(4) = 0 & (4, 0) \end{cases}$

1st pc.  $G(0) = \frac{0^2 - 0 - 2}{0 + 1} = -2$   
 $G(-2) = \frac{4 + 2 - 2}{-2 + 1} = \frac{4}{-1} = -4$



$$\text{RSL} = G(0) = 2$$

$$x^2 - x - 2 = (-2)^2 - (-2) - 2 = 4 + 2 - 2 = 4$$

①  $f(x)$  continuous @  $x = 4$

$$\text{RSL} \neq \text{LSL}$$

②  $\text{RSL} = f(4)$   
 $10 = 10$

$$\text{LSL} = G(4)$$

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

Find all the numbers at which the function is discontinuous.

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

$D: x \in \mathbb{R}$

Discontinuous  $x = \emptyset$

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$f(x) = \sin(2x - 3)$

$D: x \in \mathbb{R}$

$f(x) = a^{3x-5}$

$D: x \in \mathbb{R}$

Find all the numbers at which the function is discontinuous.

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

$$x^2 + 4x + 3 = 0$$

$$(x+3)(x+1) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x \neq -3 \quad x \neq -1}$$

$$D: (-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, -1) \cup (-1, \infty)$$

The  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  
 $x = -3$  and  $x = -1$



Find all the numbers at which the function is discontinuous.

3.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - x - 6}$

$$x^2 - x - 6 \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{Domain}$$

$$\boxed{x^2 - x - 6 < 0}$$

$$(x - 3)(x + 2) < 0$$

$$C.V: x = 3 \text{ and } x = -2$$

|         | $x < -2$ | $-2 < x < 3$ | $x > 3$ |
|---------|----------|--------------|---------|
| $x - 3$ | $-$      | $-$          | $+$     |
| $x + 2$ | $-$      | $+$          | $+$     |
| $P$     | $+$      | $-$          | $+$     |

$$\boxed{(-2, 3)}$$

Find all the numbers at which the function is discontinuous.

$$\ln B = \ln B^{\textcircled{A}}$$

4.

$$f(x) = \ln \sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+3}}$$

$$f(x) = \ln \left( \frac{x-2}{x+3} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{x-2}{x+3} \right)$$

Domain:  $\frac{x-2}{x+3} > 0$

Discontinuity:  $\frac{x-2}{x+3} \leq 0$

$$x = 2$$

$$x = -3$$

|       | $x < -3$ | $-3 \leq x \leq 2$ | $x > 2$ |
|-------|----------|--------------------|---------|
| $x-2$ | -        | -                  | +       |
| $x+3$ | -        | +                  | +       |
| Quo   | +        | -                  | +       |

@  $x = [-3, 2]$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} (\arcsin 2x)$$