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1. Make an educated guess of the value of the following limits.

(a)  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 5} s - 3$ .

(b)  $\lim_{u \rightarrow -2} u^2 - \cos(\pi u)$ .

(c)  $\lim_{v \rightarrow 4} \frac{v + 3}{4v - 2}$ .

**Solution.** These are all continuous functions. Functions (a) and (b) are continuous everywhere; the functions' graphs never have any jumps or blow-ups. The third function is continuous except where it's not defined when  $4v - 2 = 0$ , which happens when  $v = \frac{1}{2}$ . This is not a problem here because we're taking the limit as  $v$  moves towards 4. So in each case, the limit is the same as the value of the function with  $s = 5$ ,  $u = -2$ ,  $v = 4$  plugged in, respectively.

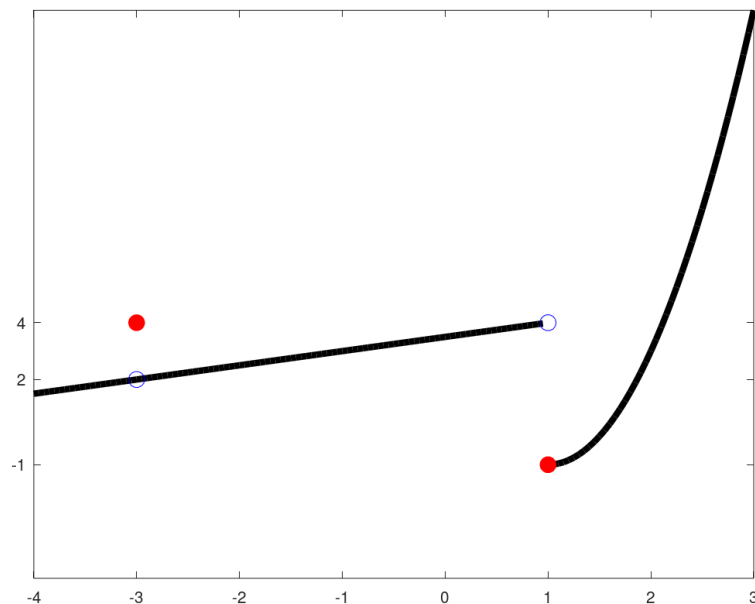
(a)  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 5} s - 3 = 5 - 3 = 2$ .

(b)  $\lim_{u \rightarrow -2} u^2 - \cos(\pi u) = (-2)^2 - \cos(-2\pi) = 4 - 1 = 3$ .

(c)  $\lim_{v \rightarrow 4} \frac{v + 3}{4v - 2} = \frac{4 + 3}{4(4) - 2} = \frac{7}{14} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

2. Sketch the graph of an example of a function  $f$  that satisfies all of the following:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} f(x) = 2$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} f(x) = 2$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 4$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = -1$ ,  $f(-3) = 4$ ,  $f(1) = -1$ .

**Solution.** Here's an example. The blue circles represent holes and the red circles represent function values.



3. Determine the infinite limit.

(a)  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{s^2 - 4}{s - 1}.$

**Solution.** The numerator approaches  $(-1)^2 - 4 = -3$ . The denominator approaches 0 from the left-hand side, where the function  $g(s) = s - 1$  is negative. Therefore the limit is positive infinity (a negative divided by a negative is positive).

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{s^2 - 4}{s - 1} = +\infty.$$

(b)  $\lim_{u \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{u^2 - 2u - 8}{u^2 - 6u + 9}.$

**Solution.** Factoring the numerator and denominator is usually a good idea.

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{u^2 - 2u - 8}{u^2 - 6u + 9} = \lim_{u \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{(u - 4)(u + 2)}{(u - 3)^2}.$$

Now we can see that the numerator approaches  $(3 - 4)(3 + 2) = -5$  as  $u$  moves towards 3 from the right, and the denominator approaches 0 and is always positive (a square is always positive). Hence, the limit is negative infinity (negative divided by positive is negative).

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{u^2 - 2u - 8}{u^2 - 6u + 9} = -\infty.$$

(c)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 9^-} \frac{\sqrt{t}}{(t - 9)^3}.$

**Solution.** The numerator approaches  $\sqrt{9} = 3$  and the denominator approaches 0 through negative values ( $t - 9$  is negative to the left of  $t = 9$ , and therefore so is  $(t - 9)^3$ ). So the limit is  $-\infty$ .

(d)  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \pi^+} \frac{\theta - 4}{\sin(\theta)}$

**Solution.** Similar, the answer is  $+\infty$ . At  $\theta = \pi$ , we have  $\theta - 4 = \pi - 4 < 0$ , and  $\sin(\theta)$  is negative when  $\theta$  is near  $\pi$  on the right-hand side (draw the graph). A negative divided by a negative is positive.

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

(a) Find all the vertical asymptotes of  $f$ .

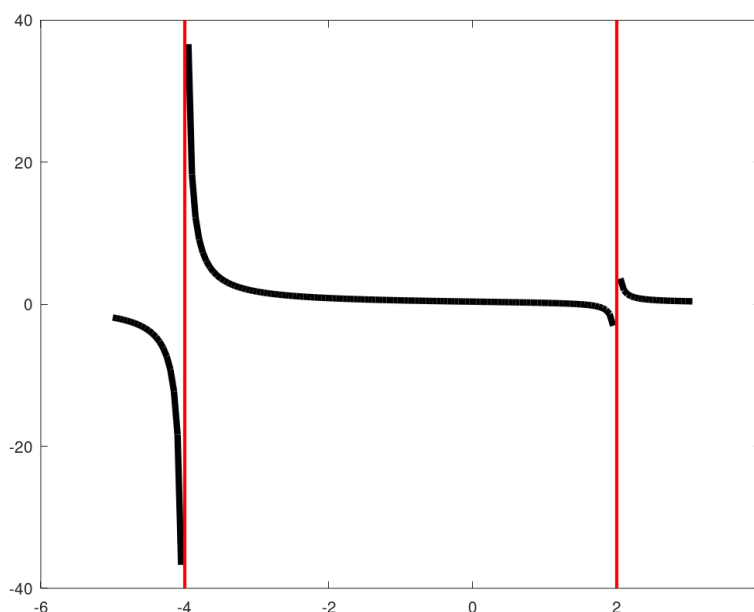
**Solution.** The denominator is zero when  $x = 2$  and  $x = -4$ . The numerator is zero when  $x = \frac{3}{2}$ , which does not duplicate any of the denominator's zeros. Therefore there are vertical asymptotes at  $x = 2$  and  $x = -4$ .

(b) Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4^+} f(x)$ , and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4^-} f(x)$ .

**Solution.** They are  $+\infty$ ,  $-\infty$ ,  $+\infty$ ,  $-\infty$ , based on analyzing which terms are positive or negative as we move from the left-hand or right-hand side.

(c) Make a rough sketch of the function.

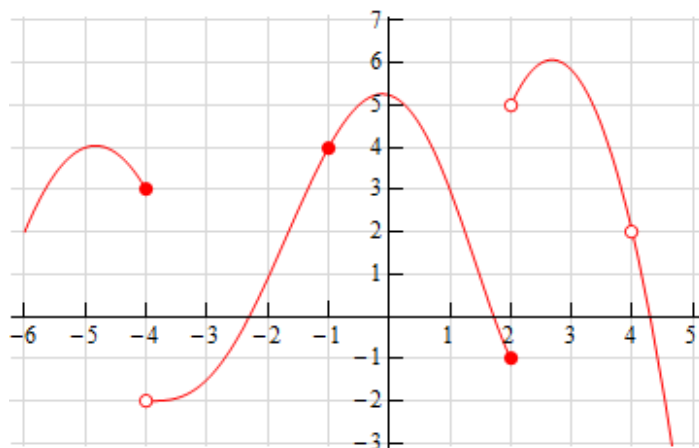
**Solution.** Red lines represent vertical asymptotes.



5. Consider the functions  $f(x) = x + 2$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{(x-3)(x+2)}{x-3}$ , and  $h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x-3)(x+2)}{x-3} & x \neq 3 \\ 8 & x = 3 \end{cases}$ . Sketch each of the functions. Then determine the limit as  $x \rightarrow 3$  of each of the functions. If the limit does not exist, state so.

**Solution.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 3 + 2 = 5$ , since  $f(x)$  is continuous everywhere. We find that  $g(x)$  simplifies to  $g(x) = x + 2$  with a hole at  $x = 3$ . So we can find the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} g(x) = 3 + 2 = 5$ . Likewise, we ignore the jump of  $h(x)$  at  $x = 3$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} h(x) = 3 + 2 = 5$ .

6. Below is the graph of  $g(t)$ . For each of the given points determine the value of  $g(a)$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow a^-} g(t)$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow a^+} g(t)$ , and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow a} g(t)$ . If any of the quantities do not exist, explain why.



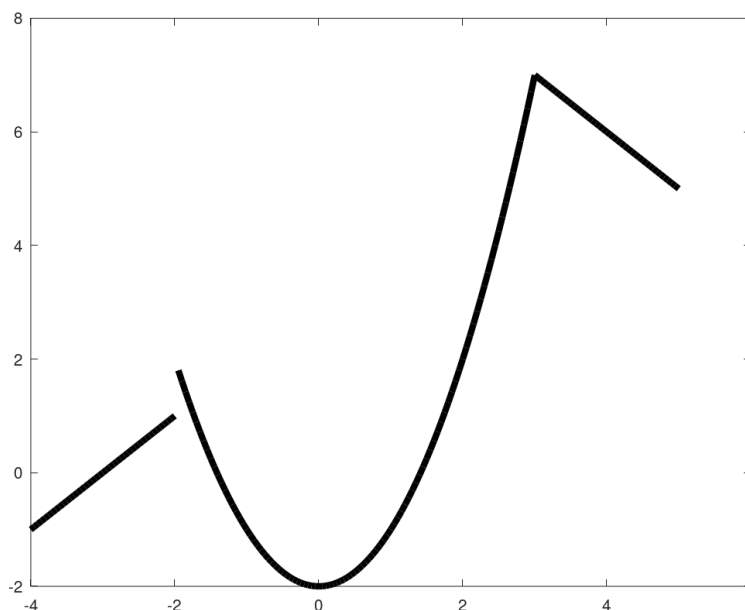
**Solution.** A limit does not exist when the corresponding right-hand and left-hand limits are not equal.

$a$	$g(a)$	$\lim_{t \rightarrow a^-} g(t)$	$\lim_{t \rightarrow a^+} g(t)$	$\lim_{t \rightarrow a} g(t)$
-4	3	3	-2	Does not exist.
-1	4	4	4	4
2	-1	-1	5	Does not exist.
4	Not defined.	2	2	2

7. Sketch the graph of the function and use it to determine the values of  $a$  for which  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3 + x, & x < -2 \\ x^2 - 2, & -2 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 10 - x, & x > 3. \end{cases}$$

**Solution.**



From the picture, we see that the second and third pieces of the function are glued together seamlessly at  $x = 3$ , so  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$  exists and is equal to 7. The limit of  $f(x)$  at  $x = -2$  does not exist since there is a jump discontinuity at  $x = -2$ . The function  $f(x)$  is continuous at all other values of  $x$ .

8. Consider the function  $f(x) = \tan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ .

(a) Show that  $f(x) = 0$  for  $x = \frac{1}{\pi}, \frac{1}{2\pi}, \frac{1}{3\pi}, \dots$

**Solution.** Plugging in these values of  $x$ , we have  $f(1/\pi) = \tan(\pi) = 0$ ,  $f(1/2\pi) = \tan(2\pi) = 0$ , and so on.

(b) Show that  $f(x) = 1$  for  $x = \frac{4}{\pi}, \frac{4}{5\pi}, \frac{4}{9\pi}, \dots$

**Solution.** Likewise,  $f(4/\pi) = \tan(\frac{1}{4/\pi}) = \tan(\frac{\pi}{4}) = 1$ , and so on.

(c) What can you conclude about  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \tan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ ?

**Solution.** We have found two sequences of numbers approaching  $x = 0$  from the right where  $f(x)$  approaches two different values, 0 and 1. This means that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \tan(1/x)$  does not exist.