

# Continuity

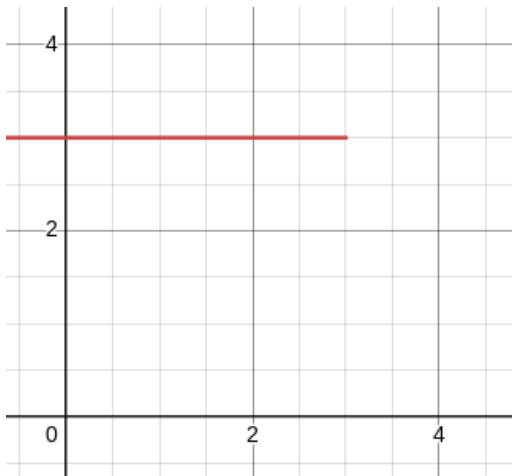
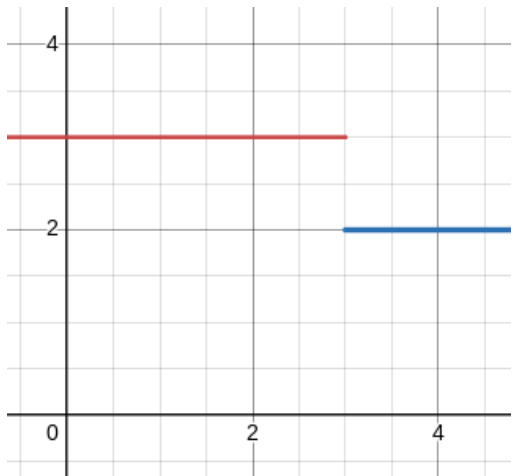
Here are the three conditions for continuity at a point

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists
- $f(a)$  exists
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$

Let's look deeper into each condition and some cases of discontinuous functions

★  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists

For the limit of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches  $a$  to exist, the left and right side limits must also exist. They must also be equal to each other for the overall limit to exist.

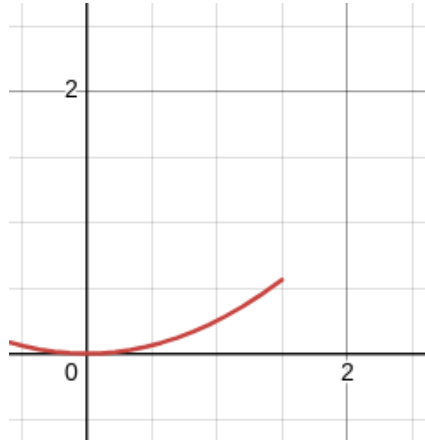
Example: If we wanted to observe limit as $x$ approaches 3, we would see that the limit is undefined, as it has no right side limit	Example 2: For $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$ to exist, the left and right limits must be equal, which is not true
	

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★  $f(a)$  exists

The function must have a defined output at  $x = a$

Example: This function is not defined at  $x = 2$ , so it is not continuous at  $x = 2$



★  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$

Assuming that the first two conditions have already been met, the third condition says that the limit of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches  $a$  must be equal to the output of  $f(x)$  at  $x = a$

Example: At  $x = 3$ , This function passes the first two conditions ( $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 2.5$  and  $f(3) = 4$ ), but because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) \neq f(3)$ , this function is not continuous

