Limits and Derivatives



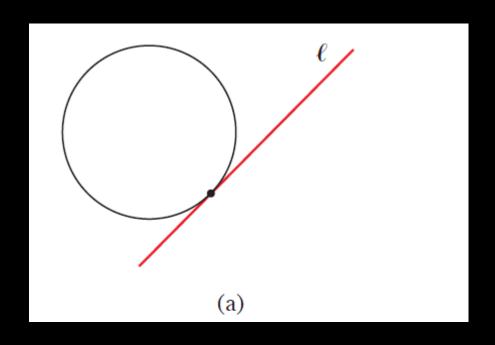


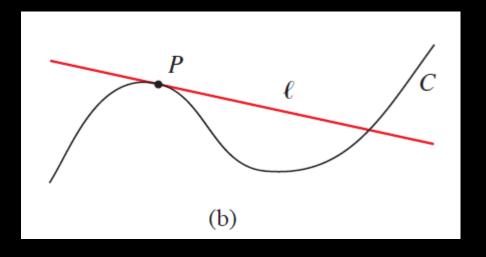
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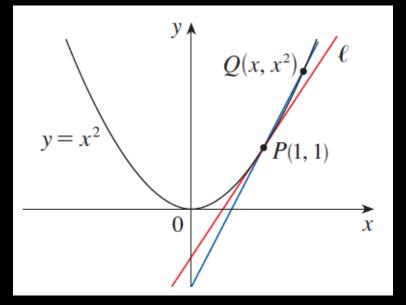
• **Tangent:** a line touches the curve and follows the same direction as the curve at the point of contact.





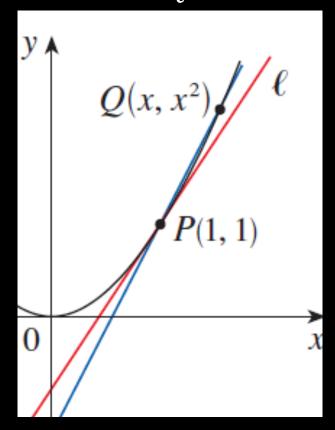
Example: Find an equation of the tangent line to the parabola $y = x^2$ at the

point P(1, 1).



- To find the equation of l, find the slope of l.
- To find the slope of l, we need two points. But we have only one point!

• A solution is to compute an approximation to m by choosing a nearby point $Q(x,x^2)$, then compute the slope m_{PQ} of the secant line PQ.



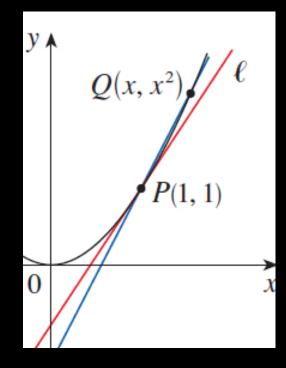
• A solution is to compute an approximation to m by choosing a nearby point $Q(x,x^2)$, then compute the slope m_{PO} of the secant line PQ.

1. We choose
$$x \neq 1$$
, $m_{PQ} = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1}$

2. Trying different values for x close to 1, we get m_{PO} close to 2.

X	m_{PQ}
0	1
0.5	1.5
0.9	1.9
0.99	1.99
0.999	1.999

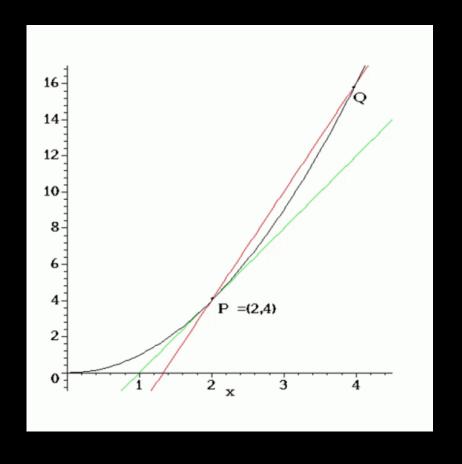
X	m_{PQ}	
2	3	
1.5	2.5	
1.1	2.1	
1.01	2.01	
1.001	2.001	



- The closer Q to P, the closer x to 1.
- Hence, the closer m_{PO} is to 2.

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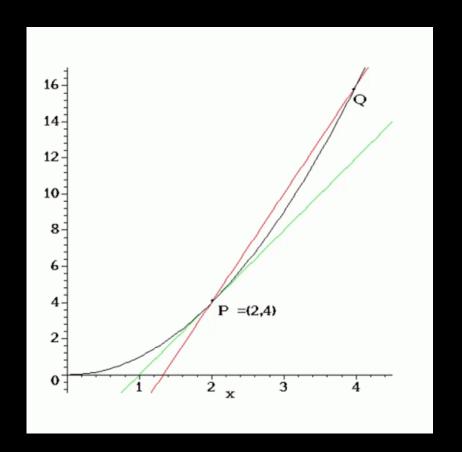
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0.5	1.5
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0.999	1.999

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1.5	2.5
1.1	2.1
1.01	2.01
1.001	2.001

We express this process as *limits*:

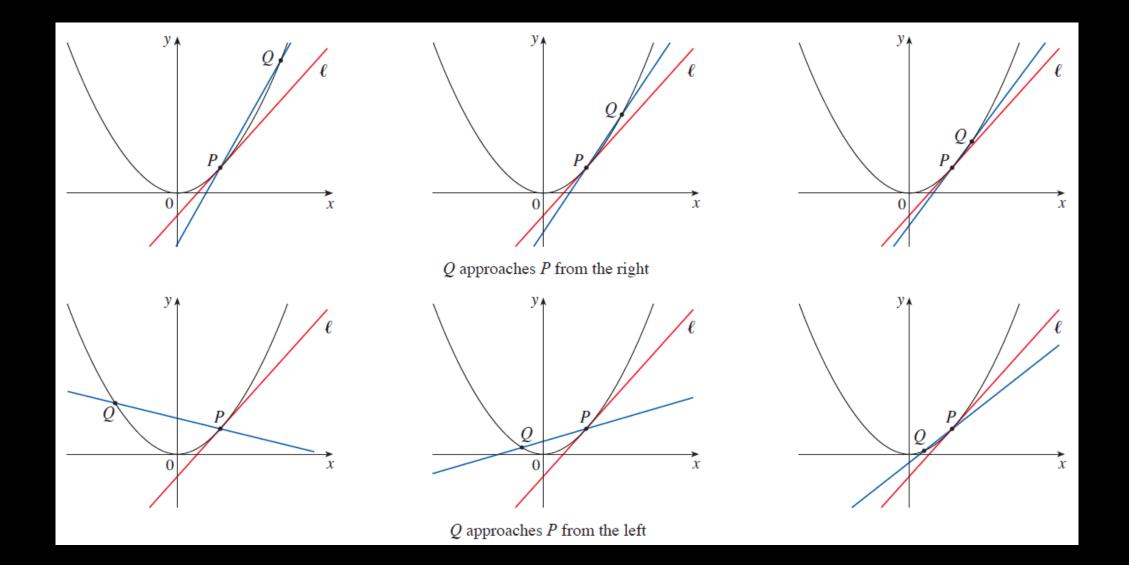
$$\lim_{Q \to P} m_{PQ} = m = \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1} = 2$$



• Assuming that the slope is 2, we get the line equation using

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1) \Rightarrow y - 1 = 2(x - 1) \Rightarrow y = 2x - 1$$

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%% Setting python venv %%
p = "./venv/bin/python";
setenv("PYTHON", p);
clc;
clear;
pkg load symbolic
syms x
f = (x^2 - 1) / (x - 1):
limit_value = limit(f, x, 1);
disp(['Limit value: ', char(limit_value)])
x1 = 1;
v1 = 1;
line_eq = y1 + limit_value * (x-x1);
disp(['Line Equation (y): ', char(line_eq)])
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1. A tank holds 1000 liters of water, which drains from the bottom of the tank in half an hour. The values in the table show the volume V of water remaining in the tank (in liters) after t minutes.

t (min)	5	10	15	20	25	30
V(L)	694	444	250	111	28	0

- (a) If P is the point (15, 250) on the graph of V, find the slopes of the secant lines PQ when Q is the point on the graph with t = 5, 10, 20, 25, and 30.
- (b) Estimate the slope of the tangent line at P by averaging the slopes of two secant lines.
- (c) Use a graph of V to estimate the slope of the tangent line at P. (This slope represents the rate at which the water is flowing from the tank after 15 minutes.)

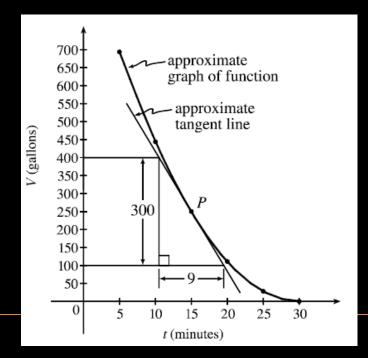
(a) Using P(15,250),

t	Q	Slope = m_{PQ}
5	(5, 694)	$\frac{694 - 250}{5 - 15} = -44.4$
10	(10, 444)	$\frac{444 - 250}{10 - 15} = -38.8$
20	(20, 111)	$\frac{(111 - 250)}{20 - 15} = -27.8$
25	(25, 28)	$\frac{28 - 250}{25 - 15} = -22.2$
30	(30, 0)	$\frac{0 - 250}{30 - 15} = -16.6$

(b) Using the values of t that correspond to the points closest to P (t = 10 and t = 20), we have

$$\frac{(-38.8) + (-27.8)}{2} = -33.3$$

(c) we can estimate the slope of the tangent line at P to be $-\frac{300}{9} = -33.3$



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clc:
clear;
% Given data points
t_{values} = [5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30];
V_{values} = [694, 444, 250, 111, 28, 0];
t_P = 15;
V_P = 250;
%%%%%% (a) %%%%%%
secant_slopes = (V_values - V_P) ./ (t_values - t_P);
% Remove NaN (since P itself will give NaN)
secant_slopes = secant_slopes(~isnan(secant_slopes));
disp('Secant slopes:')
disp(secant_slopes)
%%%%%% (b) %%%%%%
tangent_slope = mean([secant_slopes(2), secant_slopes(3)]);
disp(['Estimated tangent slope: ', num2str(tangent_slope)])
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%%%%% (c) %%%%%%
% Define the tangent line equation: V = m*(t - t_P) + V_P
tangent_t = linspace(5, 30, 100);
tangent_V = tangent_slope * (tangent_t - t_P) + V_P;
% Plot the original data points
plot(t_values, V_values, 'bo-', 'LineWidth', 1.5, 'MarkerSize', 8,
'DisplayName', 'Water Volume Curve');
hold on:
% Plot the tangent line
plot(tangent_t, tangent_V, 'r--', 'LineWidth', 1.5, 'DisplayName',
'Tangent Line at t=15');
% Highlight the point P
plot(t_P, V_P, 'ks', 'MarkerSize', 10, 'MarkerFaceColor', 'k',
'DisplayName', 'Point P(15,250)');
% Labels and title
xlabel('Time (minutes)');
ylabel('Water Volume (Liters)');
legend('show'):
grid on:
hold off;
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- 3. The point P(2,-1) lies on the curve y = 1/(1-x).
- (a) If Q is the point (x, 1/(1-x)), find the slope of the secant line PQ (correct to six decimal places) for the following values of x:

(i) 1.5 (ii) 1.9 (iii) 1.99 (iv) 1.999 (v) 2.5 (vi) 2.1 (vii) 2.01 (viii) 2.001

- (b) Using the results of part (a), guess the value of the slope of the tangent line to the curve at P(2,-1).
- (c) Using the slope from part (b), find an equation of the tangent line to the curve at P(2,-1).

(a)
$$P(2,-1)$$
, $Q(x,1/(1-x))$

(b) The slope appears to be 1. As we get closer to 2, we get closer to 1

(c) Using m = 1, an equation of the tangent line to the curve at P (2,-1) is $y-(-1)=1(x-2) \Rightarrow y=x-3$

	x	Q(x, 1/(1-x))	m_{PQ}
(i)	1.5	(1.5, -2)	2
(ii)	1.9	(1.9, -1.111111)	1.111111
(iii)	1.99	(1.99, -1.010101)	1.010101
(iv)	1.999	(1.999, -1.001001)	1.001 001
(v)	2.5	(2.5, -0.666667)	0.666667
(vi)	2.1	(2.1, -0.909091)	0.909091
(vii)	2.01	(2.01, -0.990099)	0.990099
(viii)	2.001	(2.001, -0.999001)	0.999001

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%% Setting python venv %%
p = "./venv/bin/python";
setenv("PYTHON", p);
clc; clear;
pkg load symbolic
% Define function y = 1/(1-x)
SVMS X
y = 1/(1 - x);
% Given point P
X_P = 2;
y_P = subs(y, x, x_P);
% Given x values for secant slopes
x_{values} = [1.5, 1.9, 1.99, 1.999, 2.5, 2.1, 2.01, 2.001];
% Compute secant slopes
y_values = subs(y, x, x_values)
secant_slopes = double((y_values - y_P) ./ (x_values - x_P));
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% Display results
disp('Secant slopes:')
disp(secant_slopes)

%% Estimate tangent slope using limit
%% diff(y, x) means the differentiation of y=1/(1-x) w.r.t x
%% then we compute the limit of the function as x =-> 2
tangent_slope = limit(diff(y, x), x, x_P);

disp('Estimated tangent slope: ')
disp(tangent_slope)

% Find the tangent line equation
syms y_tangent

y_tangent = y_P + tangent_slope * (x - x_P);
disp(['Tangent line equation: y = ', char(y_tangent)])
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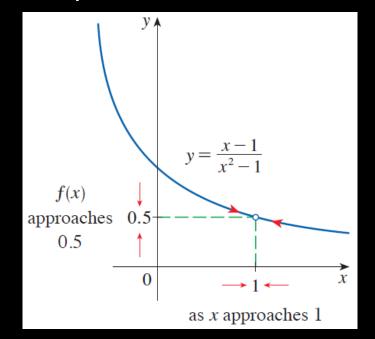
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Given the equation:

$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = L$$

"The values of f(x) is getting closer to the number L as x gets closer to the number a (from both sides of a) but $x \neq a$."



- Example 1: Estimate the value of $\lim_{t\to 0} \frac{\sqrt{t^2+9}-3}{t^2}$
- Solution: The table lists values of the function for several values of t near 0.

So,
$$\lim_{t \to 0} \frac{\sqrt{t^2 + 9} - 3}{t^2} = \frac{1}{6}$$

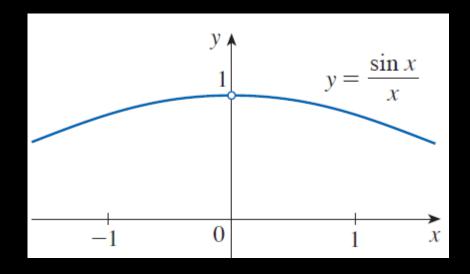
t	$\frac{\sqrt{t^2+9}-3}{t^2}$
±1.0	0.162277
±0.5	0.165525
±0.1	0.166620
±0.05	0.166655
±0.01	0.166666

Read page 84 to 85 and page 88 to 89 for why calculators can give false results about limits.

- Example 2: Guess the value of $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$ (x is the angle in radian)
- Solution: construct a table for values of x close to 0.

Х	$\frac{\sin x}{x}$
±1.0	0.84147098
±0.5	0.95885108
±0.4	0.97354586
±0.3	0.98506736
±0.2	0.99334665
±0.1	0.99833417
±0.05	0.99958339
±0.01	0.99998333
±0.005	0.99999583
±0.001	0.9999983

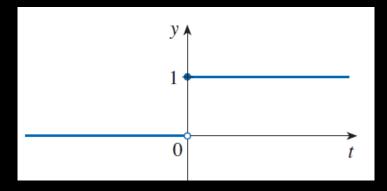
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = 1$$



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clc; clear;
% Define x values from -1.0 to +1.0 with small step size
x_values = -1.0 : 0.01 : 1.0;
y_values = sin(x_values) ./ x_values;
% Get the middle value of the y_values (which is x approaching 0)
disp(['Approximate limit as x \rightarrow 0: ', num2str(y_values(ceil(end/2)))]);
% Plot the function to visualize the limit
plot(x_values, y_values, 'b-', 'LineWidth', 2);
hold on;
% Expected limit value at x=0
plot(0, 1, 'ro', 'MarkerSize', 8, 'MarkerFaceColor', 'r');
grid on;
hold off;
set(gca, "XAxisLocation", "origin", "YAxisLocation", "origin");
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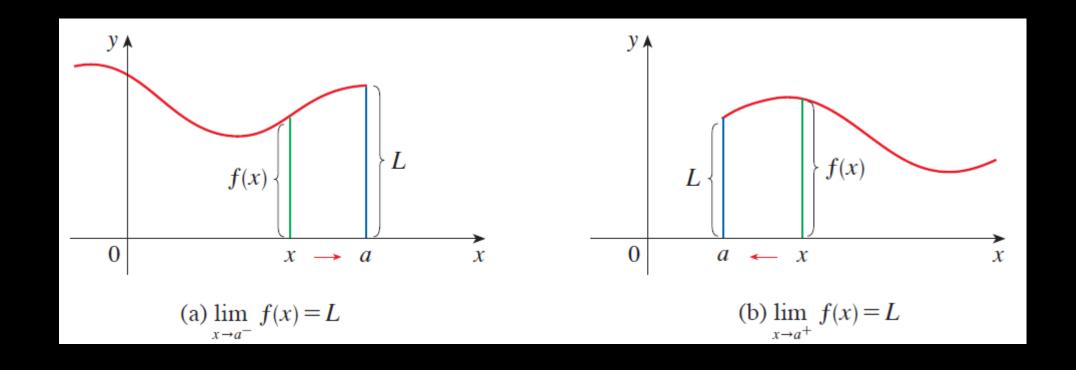
Limits can be described as one-sided limits

$$H(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & if \ t < 0 \\ 1 & if \ t \ge 0 \end{cases}$$



- There is no single number that H(t) approaches as t approaches 0, so $\lim_{t\to 0} H(t)$ does not exist. However,
 - \circ As t approaches 0 from the left, H(t) approaches 0: $\lim_{t\to 0^-} H(t) = 0$
 - \circ As t approaches 0 from the right, H(t) approaches 1: $\lim_{t\to 0^+} H(t)=1$

• The notation $x \to 5^-$ means that we consider only x < 5, and $x \to 5^+$ means that we consider only x > 5.



• Example 4: Use the graph to state the values (if they exist) of the following:

$$(a) \lim_{x \to 2^{-}} g(x) = 3$$

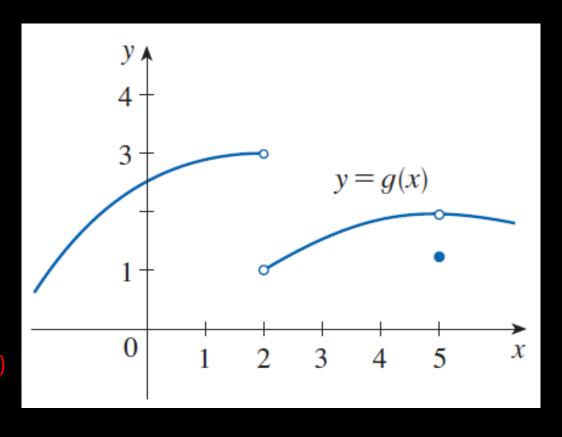
$$(b) \lim_{x \to 2^+} g(x) = 1$$

(c)
$$\lim_{x\to 2} g(x)$$
 = doesn't exist

$$(d)\lim_{x\to 5^-}g(x) = 2$$

$$(e) \lim_{x \to 5^+} g(x) = 2$$

(f)
$$\lim_{x\to 5} g(x) = 2$$
 (Note that $g(5) \neq 2$)



4. Use the given graph of f to state the value of each quantity, if it exists. If it does not exist, explain why.

(a)
$$\lim_{x\to 2^-} f(x)$$

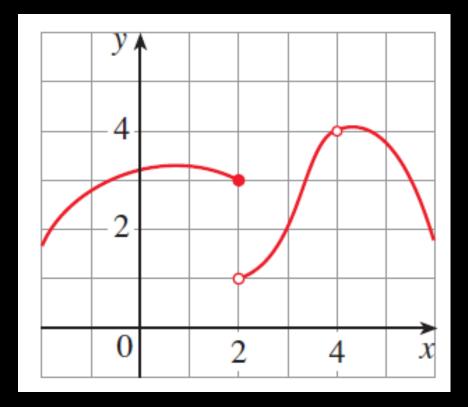
(b)
$$\lim_{(x\to 2^+)} f(x)$$

(c)
$$\lim_{x\to 2} f(x)$$

(d)
$$f(2)$$

(e)
$$\lim_{x \to 4} f(x)$$

(f)
$$f(4)$$



4. Use the given graph of f to state the value of each quantity, if it exists. If it does not exist, explain why.

(a)
$$\lim_{x\to 2^-} f(x)$$

3

(b)
$$\lim_{(x\to 2^+)} f(x)$$

1

(c) $\lim_{x\to 2} f(x)$

Doesn't exist

left-hand limit (3) ≠ right-hand limit (1)

(d)
$$f(2)$$

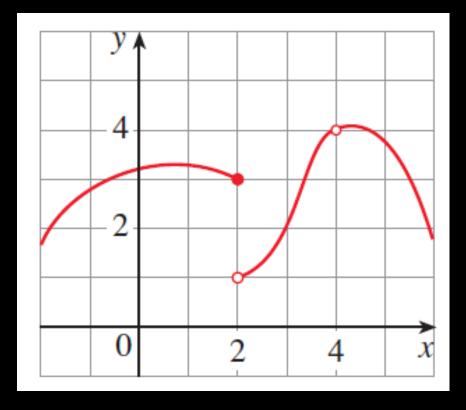
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(e) $\lim_{x \to 4} f(x)$

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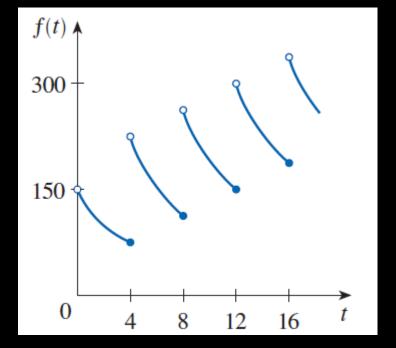


Doesn't exist



10. A patient receives a 150-mg injection of a drug every 4 hours. The graph shows the amount f(t) of the drug in the bloodstream after t hours. Find $\lim_{t\to 12^-} f(t)$ and $\lim_{t\to 12^+} f(t)$ and explain the significance of these one-sided

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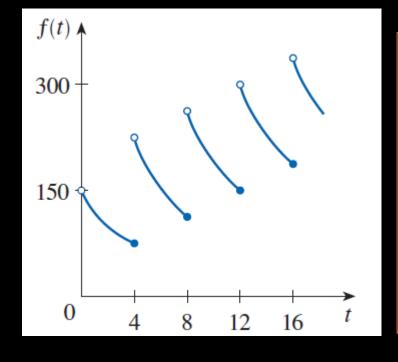


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limits.

$$\lim_{t \to 12^{-}} f(t) = 150 \, mg$$

$$\lim_{t \to 12^{+}} f(t) = 300$$



These limits show that there is an abrupt change in the amount of drug in the patient's bloodstream at $t=12\,\mathrm{h}$.

The lefthand limit represents the amount of the drug just before the fourth injection. The righthand limit represents the amount of the drug just after the fourth injection.

Guess the value of the limit (if it exists) by evaluating the function at the given numbers (correct to six decimal places).

19)
$$\lim_{x \to 3} \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x^2 - 9}$$
 $x = 3.1, 3.05, 3.01, 3.001, 3.001, 2.9, 2.95, 2.99, 2.999, 2.9999$

22)
$$\lim_{h\to 0} \frac{(2+h)^5-32}{h}$$
 $x = \pm 0.5, \pm 0.1, \pm 0.01, \pm 0.001, 0.0001$

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$$\lim_{x \to 3} \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x^2 - 9}$$

x = 3.1, 3.05, 3.01, 3.001, 3.001, 2.9, 2.95, 2.99, 2.999, 2.9999

x	f(x)	x	f(x)
3.1	0.508197	2.9	0.491525
3.05	0.504132	2.95	0.495798
3.01	0.500832	2.99	0.499165
3.001	0.500083	2.999	0.499917
3.0001	0.500008	2.9999	0.499992

$$\lim_{x \to 3} \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x^2 - 9} = \frac{1}{2}$$

22)
$$\lim_{h\to 0} \frac{(2+h)^5 - 32}{h}$$
 $x = \pm 0.5, \pm 0.1, \pm 0.01, \pm 0.001, 0.0001$

h	f(h)	h
0.5	131.312500	-0.5
0.1	88.410 100	-0.1
0.01	80.804010	-0.01
0.001	80.080 040	-0.00
0.0001	80.008 000	-0.00

h	f(h)		
-0.5	48.812500		
-0.1	72.390100		
-0.01	79.203990		
-0.001	79.920040		
-0.0001	79.992000		

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{(2+h)^5 - 32}{h} = 80$$

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%% Setting python venv %%
p = "./venv/bin/python";
setenv("PYTHON", p);
clc; clear;
pkg load symbolic
syms x
f = (x^2 - 3 * x) / (x^2 - 9)
limit_value = limit(f, x, 3);
disp("The limit value: ")
disp(limit_value)
disp("----")
syms h
f = ((2 + h)^5 - 32) / h
limit_value = limit(f, h, 0);
disp("The limit value:")
disp(limit_value)
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Use a table of values to estimate the value of the limit. If you have a graphing device, use it to confirm your result graphically.

25)
$$\lim_{\theta \to 0} \frac{\sin 3\theta}{\tan 2\theta}$$

$$27) \lim_{x \to 0^+} x^x$$

Exercises

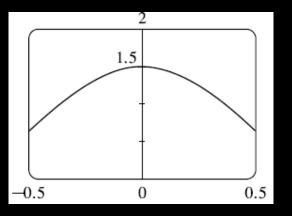
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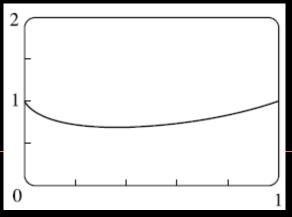
25)
$$\lim_{\theta \to 0} \frac{\sin 3\theta}{\tan 2\theta} = 1.5$$

θ	$f(\theta)$
± 0.1	1.457847
± 0.01	1.499575
± 0.001	1.499996
± 0.0001	1.500000

27)		x^x	1
	$x \rightarrow 0^+$		

x	f(x)
0.1	0.794328
0.01	0.954993
0.001	0.993116
0.0001	0.999079





Exercises

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%% Setting python venv %%
p = "./venv/bin/python";
setenv("PYTHON", p);
clc: clear:
pkg load symbolic
syms theta
f = sin(3 * theta) / tan(2 * theta)
limit_value = limit(f, theta, 0);
disp(["Limit value: ", char(limit_value)])
disp("\n----\n")
SYMS X
f = x \wedge x
limit_value = limit(f, x, 0, "right");
disp(["Limit value: ", char(limit_value)])
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Properties of limits

Limit Laws Suppose that c is a constant and the limits

$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x) \qquad \text{and} \qquad \lim_{x \to a} g(x)$$

exist. Then

1.
$$\lim_{x \to a} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \to a} f(x) + \lim_{x \to a} g(x)$$

2.
$$\lim_{x \to a} [f(x) - g(x)] = \lim_{x \to a} f(x) - \lim_{x \to a} g(x)$$

3.
$$\lim_{x \to a} [cf(x)] = c \lim_{x \to a} f(x)$$

4.
$$\lim_{x \to a} [f(x)g(x)] = \lim_{x \to a} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \to a} g(x)$$

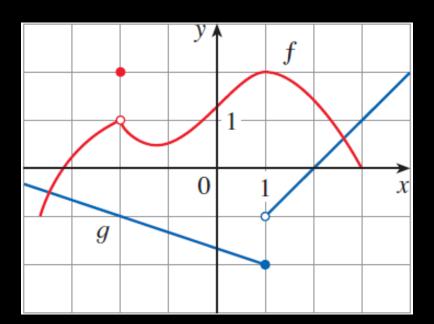
5.
$$\lim_{x \to a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \to a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \to a} g(x)} \quad \text{if } \lim_{x \to a} g(x) \neq 0$$

• Example 1: Use the Limit Laws and the graphs of f and t to evaluate the following limits, if they exist.

(a)
$$\lim_{x \to -2} [f(x) + 5g(x)]$$
 (b) $\lim_{x \to 1} [f(x)g(x)]$ (c) $\lim_{x \to 2} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

(b)
$$\lim_{x \to 1} [f(x)g(x)]$$

(c)
$$\lim_{x\to 2} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

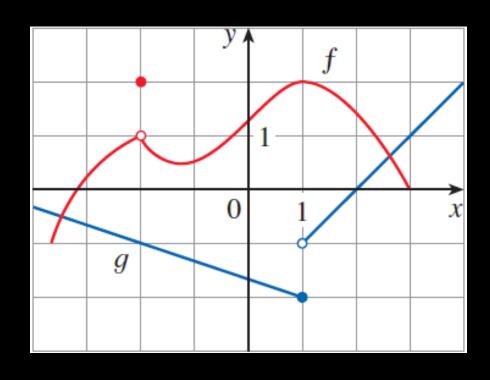


(a)
$$\lim_{x \to -2} [f(x) + 5g(x)]$$

$$\lim_{x \to -2} f(x) = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \to -2} g(x) = -1$$

$$\lim_{x \to -2} [f(x) + 5g(x)] = 1 + 5 * (-1) = -4$$



(b)
$$\lim_{x \to 1} [f(x)g(x)]$$

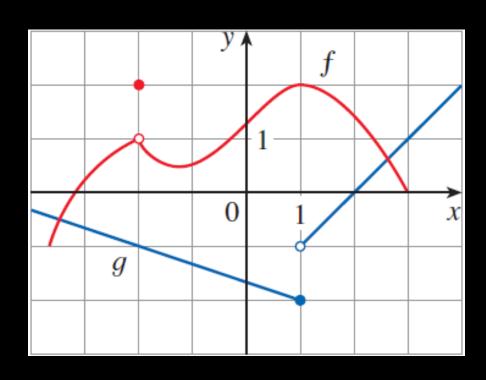
 $\lim_{x \to 1} f(x) = 2$
 $\lim_{x \to 1^{-}} g(x) = -2$
 $\lim_{x \to 1^{+}} g(x) = -1$

$$\lim_{x \to 1^{-}} [f(x)g(x)] = 2 * -2 = -4$$

$$\lim_{x \to 1^{-}} [f(x)g(x)] = 2 * -2 = -4$$

$$\lim_{x \to 1^{+}} [f(x)g(x)] = 2 * -1 = -2$$

The left and right limits are not equal, so it doesn't exist.

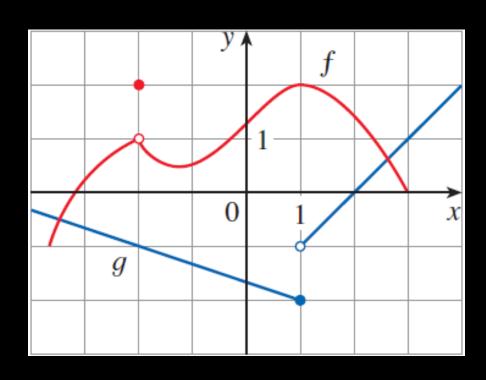


(c)
$$\lim_{x \to 2} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

$$\lim_{x \to 2} f(x) = 1.4$$

$$\lim_{x \to 2} g(x) = 0$$

The denominator approaches 0, so the limit doesn't exist.



Other properties Power Law

6.
$$\lim_{x \to a} [f(x)]^n = \left[\lim_{x \to a} f(x) \right]^n$$

where *n* is a positive integer

Root Law

7.
$$\lim_{x \to a} \sqrt[n]{f(x)} = \sqrt[n]{\lim_{x \to a} f(x)}$$
 where *n* is a positive integer

[If *n* is even, we assume that $\lim_{x \to a} f(x) > 0$.]

8.
$$\lim_{x \to a} c = c$$

9.
$$\lim_{x \to a} x = a$$

10.
$$\lim_{x \to a} x^n = a^n$$
 where *n* is a positive integer

11. $\lim_{x \to a} \sqrt[n]{x} = \sqrt[n]{a}$ where *n* is a positive integer (If n is even, we assume that a > 0.)

• Limits can be evaluated by direct substitution

Direct Substitution Property If f is a polynomial or a rational function and a is in the domain of f, then

$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = f(a)$$

Example 2: Evaluate the following limits and justify each step.

(a)
$$\lim_{x\to 5} (2x^2 - 3x + 4)$$

$$x + \lim_{n \to \infty} 4 =$$

$$\lim_{x \to 5} 2x^2 - \lim_{x \to 5} 3x + \lim_{x \to 5} 4 =$$

$$2 * 5^2 - 3 * 5 + 4 = 39$$

(b)
$$\lim_{x \to -2} \frac{x^3 + 2x^2 - 1}{5 - 3x}$$

$$\lim_{x \to 2} \frac{-2^3 + 2 \cdot -2^2 - 1}{5 - 3 \cdot -2} = \frac{1}{11}$$

• Functions that can be solved by direct substitution are called <u>continuous</u>. • If we substitute by x = a, we say the function is continuous at a.z

However, not all limits can be evaluated initially by direct substitution.

• Example 3:

$$\lim_{x\to 1} \frac{x^2-1}{x-1}$$

- We cannot find the limit by setting x=1, because f(1) isn't defined. Instead, we need to do some preliminary algebra.
 - \circ This is a <u>limit</u>, so we aren't concerned with x = 1, but an approximate value

$$\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{(x - 1)(x + 1)}{x - 1} = x + 1 = 1 + 1 = 2$$

• Example 4: Find $\lim_{x\to 1} g(x)$ where

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x+1 & if \ x \neq 1 \\ \pi & if \ x = 1 \end{cases}$$

The value of a limit as x approaches 1 does not depend on the value of the function at 1. Since g(x) = x + 1 for $x \neq 1$, we have

$$\lim_{x \to 1} g(x) = 1 + 1 = 2$$

• Some limits are best calculated by first finding the left- and right-hand limits.

1 Theorem $\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = L$ if and only if $\lim_{x \to a^{-}} f(x) = L = \lim_{x \to a^{+}} f(x)$

• Example 7: Show that $\lim_{x\to 0} |x| = 0$

 $\therefore \lim_{x \to 0^+} |x| = 0$

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & if \ x \ge 0 \\ -x & if \ x < 0 \end{cases}$$
 and
$$\lim_{x \to 0^{-}} |x| = 0$$

The limit is defined from both sides, so $\lim_{x\to 0} |x| = 0$

• Example 8: Prove that $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{|x|}{x}$ does not exist.

$$\lim_{x\to 0^+} \frac{x}{x} = 1$$

$$\lim_{x\to 0^-} \frac{-x}{x} = -1$$

The left and right limits aren't equal, so the limit does not exist.

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Continuity

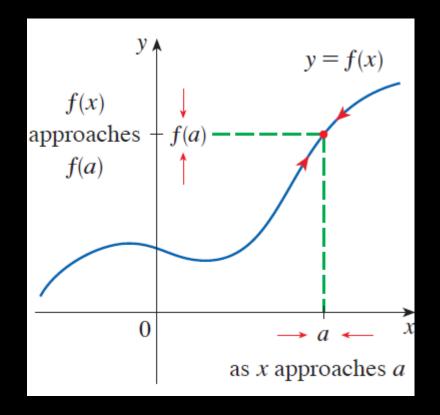
A continuous process is one that takes place without interruption.

1 Definitio A function f is **continuous at a number** a if

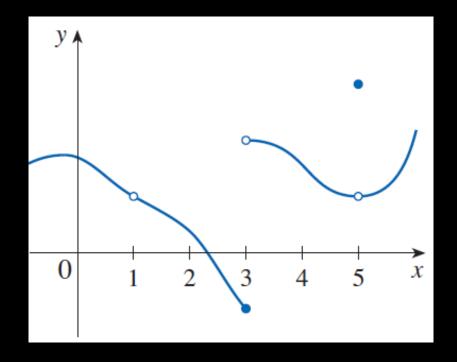
$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = f(a)$$

- The definition implicitly requires three things if f is continuous at a:
 - 1. f(a) is defined (that is, a is in the domain of f)
 - 2. $\lim_{x \to a} f(x)$ exists
 - $\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = f(a)$

• A continuous function f has the property that a change in x produces a change in f(x).



• f is **discontinuous** at a (f has a discontinuity at a) if f is not continuous at a.



• Example 2: Where are each of the following functions discontinuous?

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

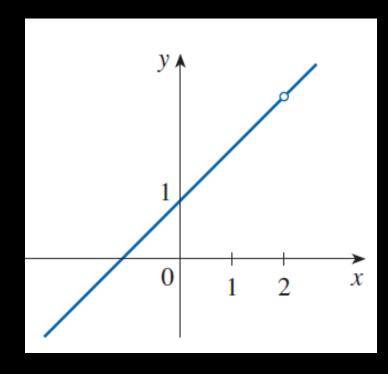
(b)
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x - 2} & \text{if } x \neq 2\\ 1 & \text{if } x = 2 \end{cases}$$

(c)
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x^2} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

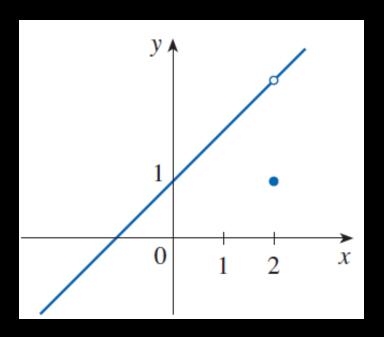
$$(\mathsf{d})\,f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$$

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

f is discontinuous at x = 2



(b)
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x - 2} & \text{if } x \neq 2\\ 1 & \text{if } x = 2 \end{cases}$$



Here f(2) = 1, but

$$\lim_{x \to 2} \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x - 2} = \frac{(x - 2)(x + 1)}{x - 2} = 2 + 1 = 3$$

So,
$$f(2) \neq \lim_{x \to 2} f(x)$$
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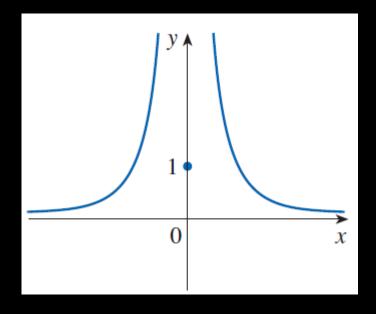
 $\therefore f$ is not continuous at 2.

(c)
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x^2} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Here f(0) = 1, but

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{1}{x^2}$$
does not exist

So, f is discontinuous at 0.



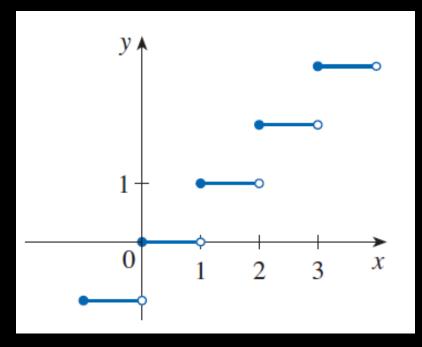
(d) $f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$, this is the or floor function.

- The function rounds the real number down to the integer less than the number.
 - $\circ [1.15] = 1$
 - 0 |4.556| = 4
 - $\circ [50] = 50$
 - \circ |-3.01| = -4

$$(\mathsf{d})\,f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$$

The function has discontinuities at all of the integers because $\lim_{x\to n} f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$

does not exist if n is an integer.



2 Definitio A function f is **continuous from the right at a number a** if

$$\lim_{x \to a^+} f(x) = f(a)$$

and f is **continuous from the left at** a if

$$\lim_{x \to a^{-}} f(x) = f(a)$$

• Example 3: At each integer n, the function $f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$ is continuous from the right but discontinuous from the left because

$$\lim_{x \to n^+} \lfloor x \rfloor = n = \lfloor n \rfloor$$

but

$$\lim_{x \to n^{-}} \lfloor x \rfloor = n - 1 \neq \lfloor n \rfloor$$

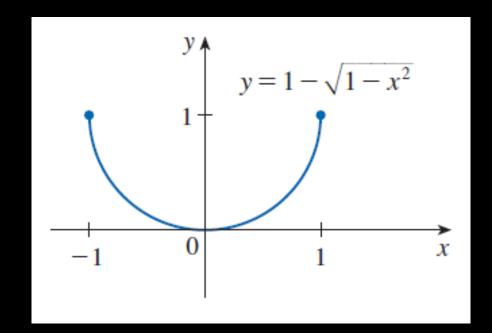
- **3 Definitio** A function f is **continuous on an interval** if it is continuous at every number in the interval. (If f is defined only on one side of an endpoint of the interval, we understand *continuous* at the endpoint to mean *continuous from the right* or *continuous from the left*.)
- Example 4: Show that the function $f(x) = 1 \sqrt{1 x^2}$ is continuous on the interval [-1,1].

If $-1 \le a \le 1$, then using the limit laws:

$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = \lim_{x \to a} 1 - \sqrt{1 - x^2} = 1 - \lim_{x \to a} \sqrt{1 - x^2} = 1 - \sqrt{1 - a^2} = f(a)$$

• Thus, f is continuous at a if $-1 \le a \le 1$. Similar calculations show that $\lim_{x \to -1^+} f(x) = 1 = f(-1)$

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



And

4 Theorem If f and g are continuous at a and c is a constant, then the following functions are also continuous at a:

1.
$$f + g$$

2.
$$f - g$$

5.
$$\frac{f}{g}$$
 if $g(a) \neq 0$

5 Theorem

- (a) Any polynomial is continuous everywhere; that is, it is continuous on $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$.
- (b) Any rational function is continuous wherever it is defined; that is, it is continuous on its domain.

• Example 5: Find $\lim_{x \to -2} \frac{x^3 + 2x^2 - 1}{5 - 3x}$

The function is rational, so it is continuous on the domain $\{x \mid x \neq \frac{5}{3}\}$.

$$\lim_{x \to -2} \frac{x^3 + 2x^2 - 1}{5 - 3x} = \frac{(-2)^3 + 2 \cdot (-2)^2 - 1}{5 - 3 \cdot -2} = -\frac{1}{11}$$

 Most of the familiar functions are continuous at every number in their domains.

7 Theorem The following types of functions are continuous at every number in their domains:

- polynomials
- rational functions
- root functions

- trigonometric functions
- inverse trigonometric functions

exponential functions

logarithmic functions

• Example 7: Evaluate $\lim_{x \to \pi} \frac{\sin x}{2 + \cos x}$

Based on Theorem 7, this function is continuous. Therefore,

$$\lim_{x \to \pi} \frac{\sin x}{2 + \cos x} = \frac{\sin \pi}{2 + \cos \pi} = \frac{0}{2 - 1} = 0$$

• Combining continuous functions f and $g \rightarrow$ composite function $f \circ g$.

8 Theorem If f is continuous at b and $\lim_{x \to a} g(x) = b$, then $\lim_{x \to a} f(g(x)) = f(b)$. In other words,

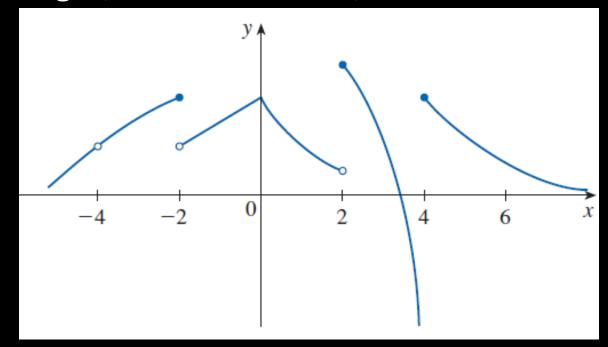
$$\lim_{x \to a} f(g(x)) = f\left(\lim_{x \to a} g(x)\right)$$

• Example 8: Evaluate $\lim_{x\to 1} \arcsin(\frac{1-\sqrt{x}}{1-x})$

$$\lim_{x \to 1} \arcsin\left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{x}}{1 - x}\right) = \arcsin\left(\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{1 - \sqrt{x}}{1 - x}\right)$$

$$= \arcsin\left(\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{1 - \sqrt{x}}{(1 - \sqrt{x})(1 + \sqrt{x})}\right) = \arcsin\left(\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{x}}\right) = \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

- 3. (a) From the given graph of f, state the numbers at which f is discontinuous and explain why.
- (b) For each of the numbers stated in part (a), determine whether f is continuous from the right, or from the left, or neither.



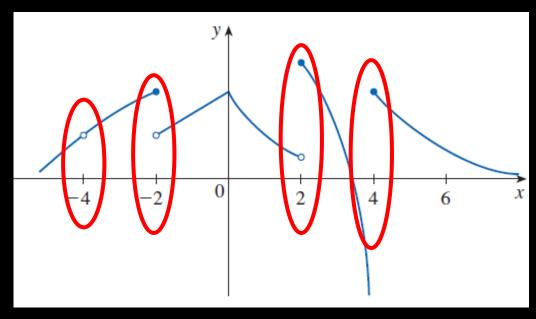
3. (a) From the given graph of f, state the numbers at which f is discontinuous and explain why.

At -4, because f(-4) is undefined.

At -2, because the limit does not exist – left and right limits are different.

At 2, because the limit does not exist – left and right limits are different.

At 4, because the limit does not exist – left and right limits are different.

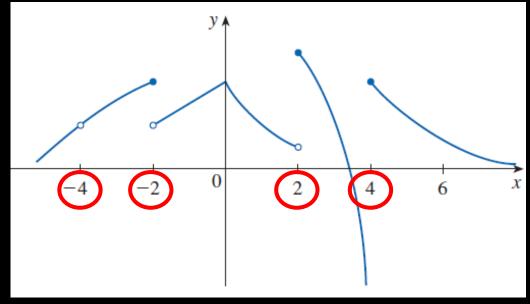


(b) For each of the numbers stated in part (a), determine whether f is continuous from the right, or from the left, or neither.

At -4, the function is not continuous from either side since f(-4) is undefined.

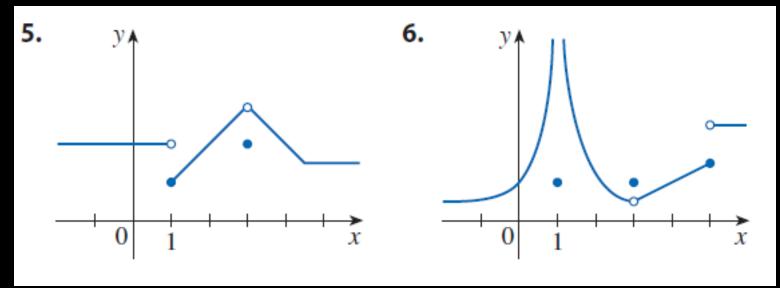
At -2, the function is continuous from the left since $\lim_{x\to -2^-} f(x) = f(-2)$

At 2, the function is continuous from the right since $\lim_{x\to 2^+} f(x) = f(2)$



At 4, the function is continuous from the right since $\lim_{x\to 4^+} f(x) = f(4)$

- 5– 6 The graph of a function f is given.
- (a) At what numbers a does $\lim_{x\to a} f(x)$ not exist?
- (b) At what numbers a is f not continuous?
- (c) At what numbers a does $\lim_{x\to a} f(x)$ exist but f is not continuous at a?



(a) At what numbers a does $\lim_{x\to a} f(x)$ not exist?

At x = 1 because the left and right limits are not the same.

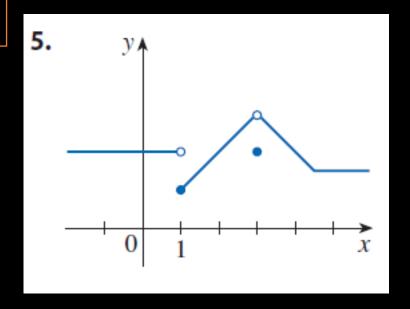
(b) At what numbers \overline{a} is f not continuous?

At x = 1 because the limit doesn't exist (part a).

At x = 3 because the $\lim_{x \to 3} f(x) \neq f(3)$

(c) At what numbers a does $\lim_{x\to a} f(x)$ exist but f is not continuous at a?

At x = 3, since the $\lim_{x \to 3} f(x) \neq f(3)$



(a) At what numbers a does $\lim_{x\to a} f(x)$ not exist?

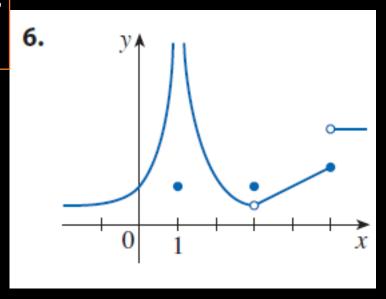
At x=1 since the function increases without bound from the left and from the right. And at x=5 since the left and right limits are not the same.

(b) At what numbers a is f not continuous?

At x = 5, 1 since the limit doesn't exist, and at x = 3, because $\lim_{x \to 3} f(x) \neq f(3)$.

(c) At what numbers a does $\lim_{x\to a} f(x)$ exist but f is not continuous at a?

At x = 3, since the $\lim_{x \to 3} f(x) \neq f(3)$



Use the definition of continuity and the properties of limits to show that the function is continuous at the given number a.

(13)
$$f(x) = 3x^2 + (x+2)^5$$
, $a = -1$

(14)
$$f(x) = \frac{t^2 + 5t}{2t + 1}$$
, $a = 2$

Use the definition of continuity and the properties of limits to show that the function is continuous at the given number a.

(13)
$$f(x) = 3x^2 + (x+2)^5$$
, $a = -1$

$$\lim_{x \to -1} [3x^2 + (x+2)^5] = \lim_{x \to -1} 3x^2 + \lim_{x \to -1} (x+2)^5 =$$

$$3 \lim_{x \to -1} x^2 + \lim_{x \to -1} (x+2)^5 = 3 * (-1)^2 + (-1+2)^5 = 4 = f(-1)$$

The limit is continuous at a = -1

(14)
$$f(x) = \frac{t^2 + 5t}{2t + 1}$$
, $a = 2$

$$\lim_{x \to -2} \left[\frac{t^2 + 5t}{2t + 1} \right] = \frac{\lim_{x \to 2} t^2 + 5t}{\lim_{x \to 2} 2t + 1} = \frac{\lim_{x \to 2} t^2 + \lim_{x \to 2} 5t}{\lim_{x \to 2} 2t + \lim_{x \to 2} 1} = \frac{2^2 + 5 * 2}{2 * 2 + 1} = \frac{14}{5}$$

The limit is continuous at a=2

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%% Setting python venv %%
p = "./venv/bin/python";
setenv("PYTHON", p);
clc; clear;
pkg load symbolic
syms x
f = 3 * x^2 + (x+2)^5
limit_value = limit(f, x, -1);
res = subs(f, x, -1);
disp(["The limit value: ", char(limit_value)])
disp(["f(-1): ", char(res)])
if (res == limit_value)
 disp("True")
else
 disp("False")
endif
```

```
disp("\n----\n")
syms t
f = (t^2 + 5*t) / (2*t + 1)
limit_value = limit(f, t, 2);
res = subs(f, t, 2);
disp(["The limit value: ", char(limit_value)])
disp(["f(-1): ", char(res)])
if (res == limit_value)
 disp("True")
else
 disp("False")
endif
```

Use continuity to evaluate the limit.

(35)
$$\lim_{x \to 2} x \sqrt{20 - x^2}$$

(36)
$$\lim_{\theta \to \frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(\tan(\cos(\theta)))$$

(35)
$$\lim_{x \to 2} x \sqrt{20 - x^2}$$

$$\lim_{x \to 2} x \sqrt{20 - x^2} = 2 * \sqrt{20 - 2^2} = 8$$

(36)
$$\lim_{\theta \to \frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(\tan(\cos(\theta)))$$

$$\lim_{\theta \to \frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(\tan(\cos(\theta))) = \sin\left(\tan\left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right)\right) = \sin(\tan(0)) = \sin(0) = 0$$

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%% Setting python venv %%
p = "./venv/bin/python";
setenv("PYTHON", p);
clc; clear;
pkg load symbolic
syms x
f = x * sqrt(20 - x^2)
limit_value = limit(f, x, 2);
res = subs(f, x, ^2);
disp(["The limit value: ", char(limit_value)])
disp(["f(2): ", char(res)])
if (res == limit_value)
 disp("True")
else
 disp("False")
endif
```

```
disp("\n----\n")
syms theta
f = sin(tan(cos(theta)))
limit_value = limit(f, theta, pi/2);
res = subs(f, theta, pi/2);
disp(["The limit value: ", char(limit_value)])
disp(["f(PI/2): ", char(res)])
if (res == limit_value)
 disp("True")
else
 disp("False")
endif
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