

# CALCULUS TRICKS AND TRAPS

Schrödinger's Cat

1. Is it true that if a function has a vertical asymptote, its derivative has a vertical asymptote at the same place?
2. Is it true that if a function is continuous on the interval  $(a, b)$  and its graph is a smooth curve (no sharp corners) on that interval, then the function is differentiable at any point on  $(a, b)$ ?
3. Is it true that if a function is not monotone, then it does not have an inverse function?
4. If a function  $f$  is continuous for all real  $x$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) = A$  for natural numbers  $n$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = A$ . True or false?
5. If a function is defined on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , it cannot be continuous at only one point. Discuss.
6. Discuss the following statement: If  $f(x, y)$  approaches zero, as a point approaches the origin along any algebraic curve  $y = cx^{m/n}$ , where  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  ( $x \geq 0$  in case the exponential fraction is in lowest terms and  $n$  is even), then the limit of  $f(x, y)$  is zero at the origin.
7. Is  $\ln|x| + C$  the most general antiderivative of  $1/x$ ?