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## 1 | Limits

### Some Vocab

Here's a function

$$y = \frac{1}{x}.$$

We know that it has

- Domain  $D(-\infty, 0)(0, \infty)$
- Range  $R(-\infty, 0)(0, \infty)$
- As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $y \rightarrow 0$
- Function is *odd*, that is,  $f(-x) = -f(x)$

### The Limit Notation

Definition 1 · **Right Single-Sided Limit**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$

"What is  $y$  approaching when  $x$  approaches  $a$  from the right (+)?"

Definition 2 · **Left Single-Sided Limit**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$

"What is  $y$  approaching when  $x$  approaches  $a$  from the left (-)?"

**Watch!** If both the left and right single-sided limit exists and is the same, the Double-Sided Limit exists.

Definition 3 · **Left Single-Sided Limit**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$

"What is  $y$  approaching when  $x$  approaches  $a$ ?" This exists only if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$

**Vocab!** When the Double-Sided Limit does not exist, it is called *DOES NOT EXIST!*. It is not! *undefined*

### Computing Limits Algebraically

Let's do a problem solve for  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x^2-4)}{(x-2)}$

1. First, notice the fact this function will have a hole at  $x = 2$ . This is especially important because after we simplify we will lose this hole.
2. Ok, now let's simplify.  $\frac{(x^2-4)}{(x-2)} = \frac{(x+2)(\cancel{(x-2)})}{(\cancel{x-2})} = (x+2)$
3. Great! So, we know that this function behaves linearly with simply a hole at 2.
4. Doing the double-sided limits...
  - Evaluating  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+}$ , the value will be 4 because  $2 + 2 = 4$ .
  - Evaluating
  - Infinite Discontinuity (vertical asymptote)
    - Double Sided Limit does not exist
  - Jump Discontinuity

- Double Sided Limit does exist
- Function defined
- Point Discountinuity
  - Double Side Limit exists
  - Function is not defined