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$f(x)$  is discontinuous when  $\frac{x^2}{x^2+4} = n\pi/2$

Example

$$\frac{x^2}{x^2+4} = \pi/2$$

$$x^2 = x^2 \pi/2 + 2\pi$$

$$x^2(1 - \pi/2) = 2\pi \rightarrow$$

$$x^2 = \frac{2\pi}{1 - \pi/2}$$

contradiction  
because  $\frac{2\pi}{1 - \pi/2} < 0$

$\therefore f(x)$  is continuous  
 $n \in \text{odd}$

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$$f(x) = (g \circ h)(x) \quad ; \quad g(x) = \tan x \quad ; \quad h(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^2 + 4}$$

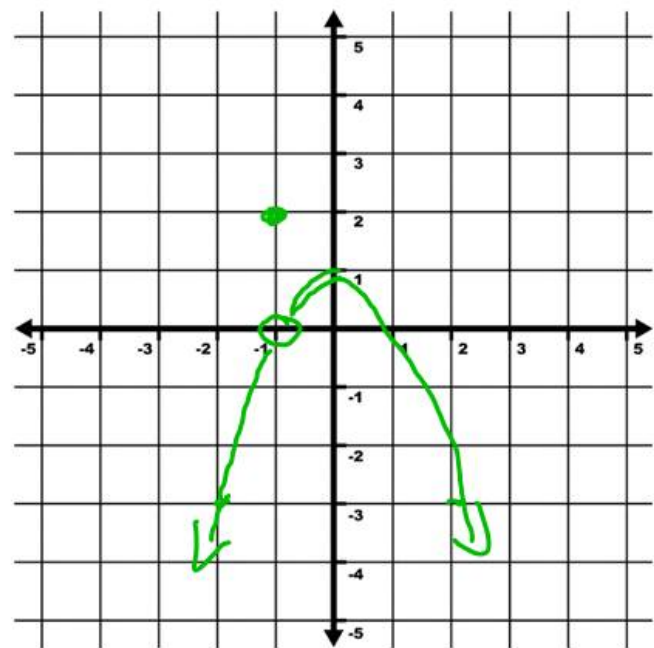
①  $h(x)$  is continuous  $x^2 + 4 \neq 0$

②  $0 < \frac{x^2}{x^2 + 4} < 1$  AND  $\tan(c)$ ,  $0 < c < 1$   
is continuous

③  $f(x)$  is continuous

In Exercises 19–24, (a) find each point of discontinuity. (b) Which of the discontinuities are removable? not removable? Give reasons for your answers.

22.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - x^2, & x \neq -1 \\ 2, & x = -1 \end{cases}$



$f(x)$  is discontinuous  
at  $x = -1$

This discontinuity  
is removable.

redefine  $f(x)$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - x^2; & x \neq -1 \\ 0 & ; x = -1 \end{cases}$$

In Exercises 25–30, give a formula for the extended function that is continuous at the indicated point.

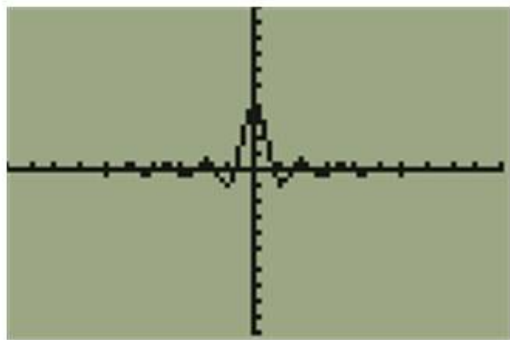
28.  $f(x) = \frac{\sin 4x}{x}, \quad x = 0$

$\Rightarrow g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin 4x}{x} & ; x \neq 0 \\ 4 & ; x = 0 \end{cases}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 4x}{x} = 0/0$   $\left( \frac{0}{0} \right)$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 4 \left( \frac{\sin 4x}{4x} \right) = 4 \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ 4x \rightarrow 0}} \frac{\sin 4x}{4x} = 4(1) = 4$

$\downarrow$   
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3. Multiple Choice Which of the following lines is a horizontal asymptote for

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$$f(x) = \frac{3x^3 - x^2 + x - 7}{2x^3 + 4x - 5}$$

- (A)  $y = \frac{3}{2}x$  (B)  $y = 0$  (C)  $y = 2/3$  (D)  $y = 7/5$  (E)  $y = 3/2$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^3 - x^2 + x - 7}{2x^3 + 4x - 5} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{7}{x^3}}{2 + \frac{4}{x^2} - \frac{5}{x^3}} &= \frac{3 - 0 + 0 - 0}{2 + 0 - 0} \\ &= 3/2 \end{aligned}$$

In Exercises 9–12, find the limit and confirm your answer using the Sandwich Theorem.

12.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(x^2)}{x}$

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$$-1 \leq \sin(x^2) \leq 1$$

$$\frac{-1}{x} \leq \frac{\sin(x^2)}{x} \leq \frac{1}{x} \quad x > 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{-1}{x} \geq \frac{\sin(x^2)}{x} \geq \frac{1}{x} \quad x < 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0 ; \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{x} = 0 \quad \therefore \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(x^2)}{x} = 0$$

- 55. True or False** It is possible to extend the definition of a function  $f$  at a jump discontinuity  $x = a$  so that  $f$  is continuous at  $x = a$ . Justify your answer.

False, if there is a jump discontinuity at  $x=a$  then the limit does not exist at  $x=a$  so the function will never be continuous at  $x=a$

In Exercises 33–36, use Theorem 7 to show that the given function is continuous.

**34.**  $f(x) = \sin(x^2 + 1)$

$f(x) = (h \circ g)(x)$   
 where  $h(x) = \sin x$   
 and  $g(x) = x^2 + 1$

Since  $h(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are  
 continuous  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$   
 then  $f(x)$  is  
 continuous.

In Exercises 21–26, find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} y$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} y$ .

22.  $y = \left(\frac{2}{x} + 1\right) \left(\frac{5x^2 - 1}{x^2}\right)$   $\div x^2$   $\div x^2$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} y = \left(\frac{2}{\infty} + 1\right) \left(\frac{5 - \frac{1}{\infty^2}}{1}\right) = (1)(5) = 5$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} y = 5$$