

Q1

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If f is continuous on $(-\infty, \infty)$, what can you say about its graph? (Select all that apply.)

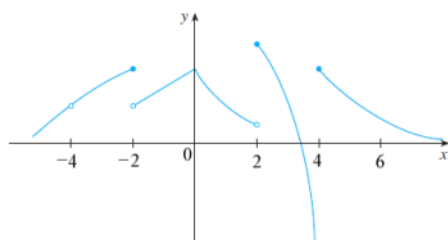
- ☐ The graph of f has a hole.
- ☐ The graph of f has a jump.
- ☐ The graph of f has a vertical asymptote.
- ☒ none of these



Q2

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From the graph of f , state each x -value at which f is discontinuous. For each x -value, determine whether f is continuous from the right, or from the left, or neither. (Enter your answers from smallest to largest.)



$x = -4$ (smallest value)

- ☐ continuous from the right
☐ continuous from the left
☒ neither

$x = -2$

- ☐ continuous from the right
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☐ neither

$x = 2$

- ☒ continuous from the right
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☐ neither

$x = 4$ (largest value)

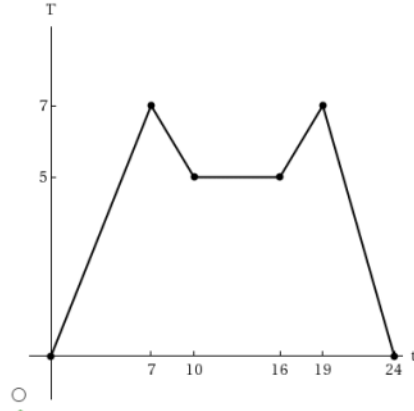
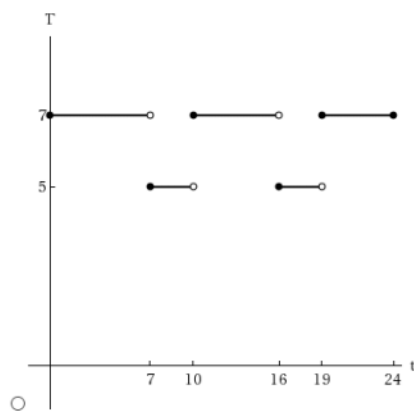
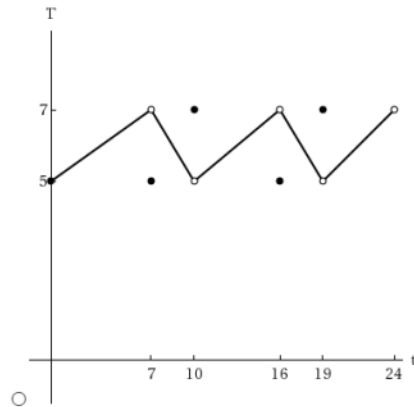
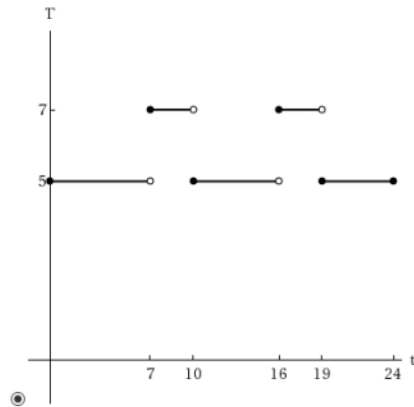
- ☒ continuous from the right
☐ continuous from the left
☐ neither

Q3

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The toll T charged for driving on a certain stretch of a toll road is \$5 except during rush hours (between 7 AM and 10 AM and between 4 PM and 7 PM) when the toll is \$7.
(a) Sketch a graph of T as a function of the time t , measured in hours past midnight.

Shift



(b) Locate the discontinuities of T . (Enter your answers as a comma-separated list. If an answer does not exist, enter DNE.)

$t = 7, 10, 16, 19$

Classify the discontinuities as removable, jump, or infinite.

- ☐ removable
☒ jump
☐ infinite
☐ none — T is continuous

Discuss the significance of the discontinuities of T to someone who uses the road.

- ☒ Because of the sudden jumps in the toll, drivers may want to avoid the higher rates between $t = 7$ and $t = 10$ and between $t = 16$ and $t = 19$ if feasible.
☐ The function is continuous, so there is no significance.
☐ Because of the sudden jumps in the toll, drivers may want to avoid the higher rates between $t = 0$ and $t = 7$, between $t = 10$ and $t = 16$, and between $t = 19$ and $t = 24$ if feasible.
☐ Because of the steady increases and decreases in the toll, drivers may want to avoid the highest rates at $t = 7$ and $t = 24$ if feasible.

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

$$f(x) = (x + 3x^3)^5, \quad a = -1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \left(\boxed{x + 3x^3} \right)^5 \\ &= \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} x + \boxed{3} \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} x^3 \right)^5 \\ &= \left(-1 + 3 \left(\boxed{-1} \right)^3 \right)^5 \\ &= \boxed{-1024} \\ f(-1) &= \boxed{-1024} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by the definition of continuity, f is continuous at $a = -1$.

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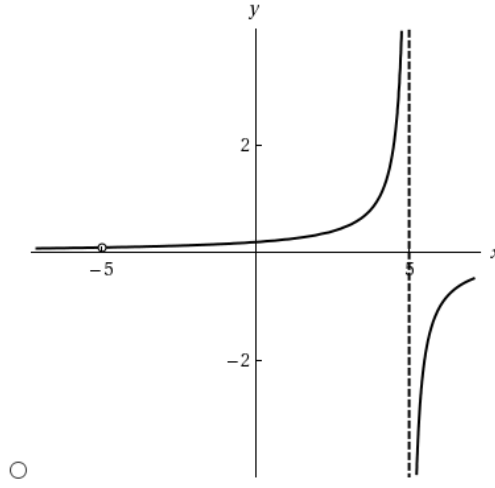
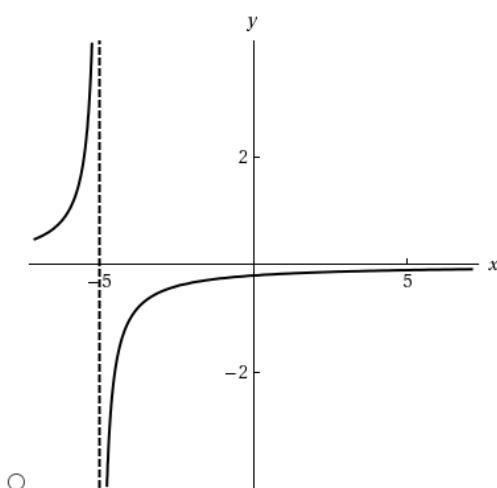
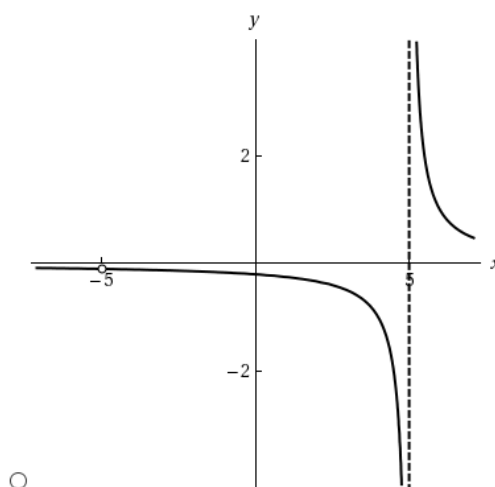
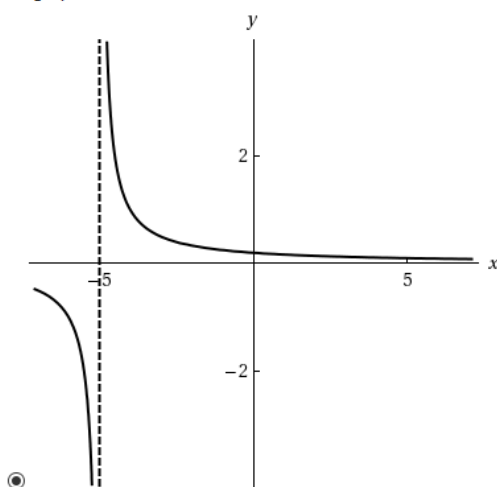
Explain why the function is discontinuous at the given number a . (Select all that apply.)

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x+5} \quad a = -5$$

- ☒ $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5} f(x)$ does not exist.
- ☒ $f(-5)$ is undefined.
- ☐ $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^+} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^-} f(x)$ exist, but are not equal.
- ☐ $f(-5)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5} f(x)$ exist, but are not equal.
- ☐ none of the above



Sketch the graph of the function.



Q6

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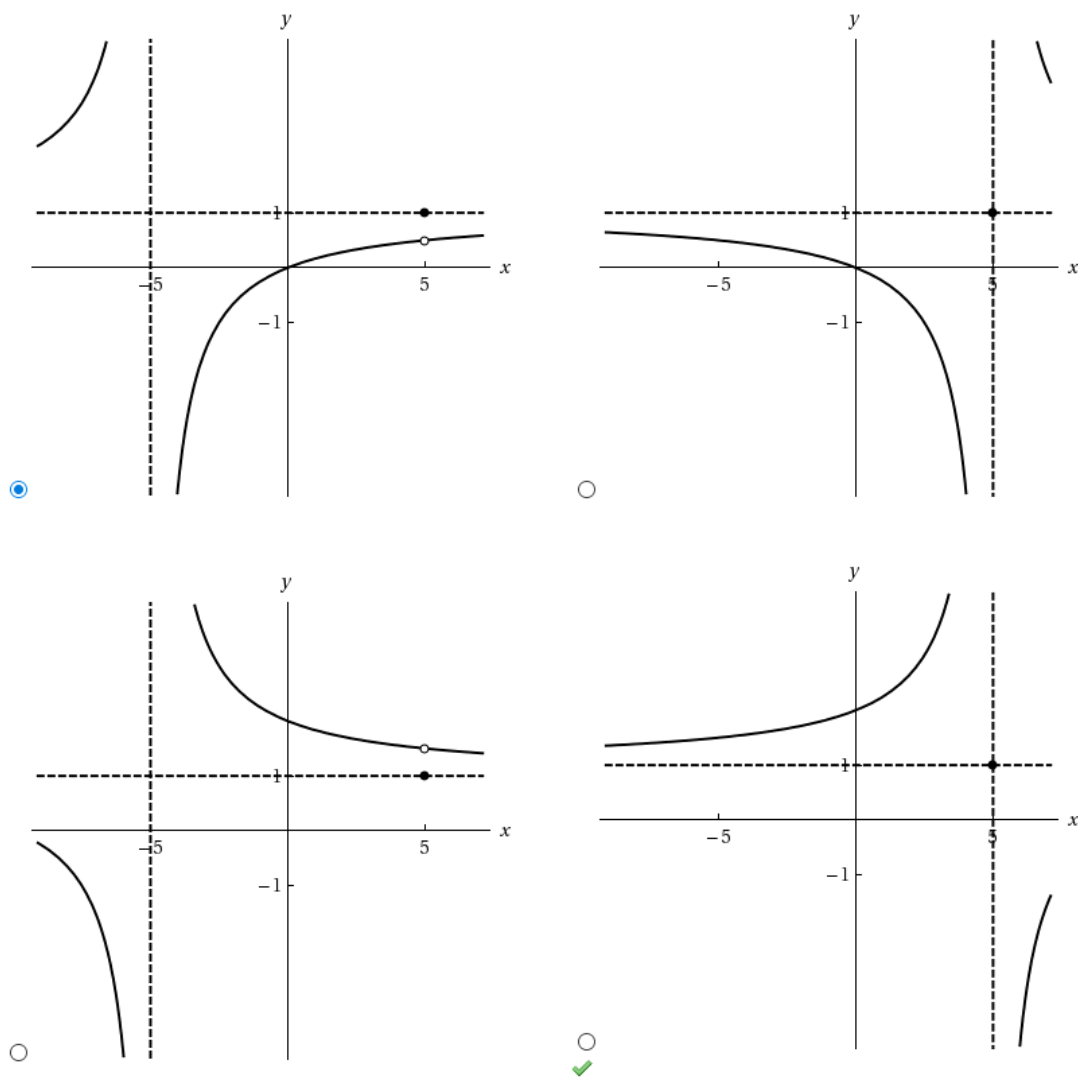
Explain why the function is discontinuous at the given number a . (Select all that apply.)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 5x}{x^2 - 25} & \text{if } x \neq 5 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 5 \end{cases} \quad a = 5$$

- ☒ $f(5)$ is defined and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x)$ is finite, but they are not equal.
- ☐ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x)$ are finite, but are not equal.
- ☐ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x)$ does not exist.
- ☐ $f(5)$ is undefined.
- ☐ none of the above



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Q7

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How would you "remove the discontinuity" of f ? In other words, how would you define $f(5)$ in order to make f continuous at 5?

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2x - 15}{x - 5}$$

$$f(5) = 8 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{x^2 - 2x - 15}{x - 5} \\ &= \frac{(x-5)(x+3)}{(x-5)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(5) &= x + 3 \\ &= 5 + 3 \\ &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

Q8

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Explain, using the [theorems](#), why the function is continuous at every number in its domain.

$$F(x) = \frac{2x^2 - x - 9}{x^2 + 1}$$

- ☐ $F(x)$ is a polynomial, so it is continuous at every number in its domain.
- ☒ $F(x)$ is a rational function, so it is continuous at every number in its domain.
- ☐ $F(x)$ is a composition of functions that are continuous for all real numbers, so it is continuous at every number in its domain.
- ☐ $F(x)$ is *not* continuous at every number in its domain.
- ☐ none of these



State the domain. (Enter your answer using interval notation.)

$(-\infty, \infty)$



Domain \mathbb{R}

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. $f - g$
3. cf
4. fg
5. $\frac{f}{g}$ if $g(a) \neq 0$

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.

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	

Theorem If g is continuous at a and f is continuous at $g(a)$, then the composite function $f \circ g$ given by $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$ is continuous at a .

Q9

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Explain, using the **theorems**, why the function is continuous at every number in its domain.

$$Q(x) = \frac{\sqrt[3]{x-9}}{x^3-9}$$

- ☐ $Q(x)$ is a polynomial, so it is continuous at every number in its domain.
- ☐ $Q(x)$ is a rational function, so it is continuous at every number in its domain.
- ☒ $Q(x)$ is built up from functions that are continuous for all real numbers, so it is continuous at every number in its domain.
- ☐ $Q(x)$ is not continuous at every number in its domain.
- ☐ none of these

State the domain. (Enter your answer using interval notation.)

$$(-\infty, \sqrt[3]{9}) \cup (\sqrt[3]{9}, \infty)$$

$Q(x)$ defined for \mathbb{R} , $x^3 - 9 \neq 0$

$$x^3 - 9 = 0$$

$$x^3 = 9$$

$$x = \sqrt[3]{9}$$

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Explain, using the **theorems**, why the function is continuous at every number in its domain.

$$M(x) = \sqrt{1 + \frac{9}{x}}$$

- ☐ $M(x)$ is a polynomial, so it is continuous at every number in its domain.
☐ $M(x)$ is a rational function, so it is continuous at every number in its domain.
☒ $M(x)$ is a composition of functions that are continuous, so it is continuous at every number in its domain.
☐ $M(x)$ is *not* continuous at every number in its domain.
☐ none of these



State the domain. (Enter your answer using interval notation.)

$$(-\infty, -9] \cup (0, \infty)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 M(x) &= \sqrt{1 + \frac{9}{x}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{x+9}{x}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{1} + \frac{9}{x}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Defined when } \frac{x+9}{x} \geq 0$$

$$x+9 \geq 0, x > 0 \rightarrow x > 0$$

or

$$x+9 \leq 0, x < 0 \rightarrow x \leq -9$$

$\therefore M$ has Domain

$$(-\infty, -9] \cup (0, \infty)$$

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

- $f + g$
- $f - g$
- cf
- fg
- $\frac{f}{g}$ if $g(a) \neq 0$

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

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| polynomials | rational functions | root functions |
| trigonometric functions | inverse trigonometric functions | |
| exponential functions | logarithmic functions | |

Theorem If g is continuous at a and f is continuous at $g(a)$, then the composite function $f \circ g$ given by $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$ is continuous at a .

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Use continuity to evaluate the limit.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} x \sqrt{29 - x^2}$$

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$$F(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$$

$$f(x) = x$$

x is continuous (\mathbb{R})

$$g(x) = \sqrt{29 - x^2}$$

$\sqrt{29 - x^2}$ is continuous ($29 - x^2 \geq 0$)

$$29 \geq x^2$$

$$\sqrt{29} \geq x, x \geq -\sqrt{29}$$

$F(x) = x \sqrt{29 - x^2}$ is continuous for \mathbb{R}
 $\sqrt{29} \geq x \geq -\sqrt{29}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} x \sqrt{29 - x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} 5 \cdot \sqrt{29 - 25}$$

$$= 5 \cdot \sqrt{4}$$

$$= 5 \cdot 2$$

$$= 10$$

Q12

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Show that f is continuous on $(-\infty, \infty)$.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - x^2 & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ \ln(x) & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

On the interval $(-\infty, 1)$, f is function; therefore f is continuous on $(-\infty, 1)$.

On the interval $(1, \infty)$, f is function; therefore f is continuous on $(1, \infty)$.

At $x = 1$,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (1 - x^2) = 0,$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (\ln(x)) = 0,$$

so $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 0$. Also, $f(1) = 0$. Thus, f is continuous at $x = 1$. We conclude that f is continuous on $(-\infty, \infty)$.

Q13

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Find each x -value at which f is discontinuous and for each x -value, determine whether f is continuous from the right, or from the left, or neither.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+9 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ e^x & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 5-x & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$x = 0$ (smaller value)

- ☒ continuous from the right
☐ continuous from the left
☐ neither

$x = 1$ (larger value)

- ☐ continuous from the right
☒ continuous from the left
☐ neither

$$\begin{array}{c} x+9 \quad \quad e^x \quad \quad 5-x \\ \text{cont} \quad 0 \quad \text{cont.} \quad 1 \quad \text{cont.} \end{array}$$

continuous $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (x+9) = 9$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^x = e^0 = 1$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ does not exist

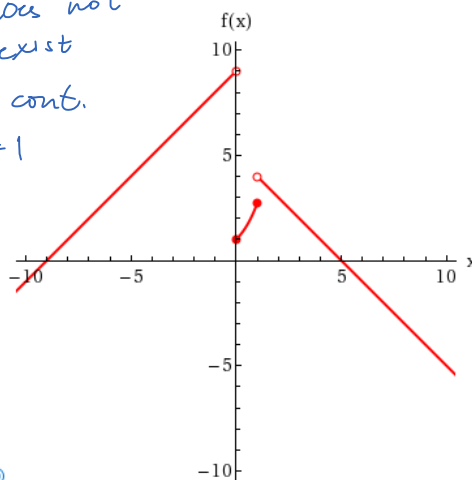
f is not cont. at $x=0$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (5-x) = 4$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ does not exist

f is not cont. at $x=1$



Q14

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The gravitational force exerted by the planet Earth on a unit mass at a distance r from the center of the planet is

$$F(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{GMr}{R^3} & \text{if } r < R \\ \frac{GM}{r^2} & \text{if } r \geq R \end{cases}$$

where M is the mass of Earth, R is its radius, and G is the gravitational constant. Is F a continuous function of r ?

- ☒ Yes, F is a continuous function of r .
- ☐ No, F is not a continuous function of r



Q15

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For what value of the constant c is the function f continuous on $(-\infty, \infty)$?

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} cx^2 + 8x & \text{if } x < 3 \\ x^3 - cx & \text{if } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

$$c = \boxed{1/4} \quad \checkmark$$

Both polynomial
cont on $(-\infty, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} (cx^2 + 8x) \\ &= c(3)^2 + 8(3) \\ &= 9c + 24 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} (x^3 - cx) \\ &= (3)^3 - c(3) \\ &= 27 - 3c \end{aligned}$$



$$9c + 24 = 27 - 3c$$

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$$12c = 3$$

$$\frac{12c}{12} = \frac{3}{12}$$

$$c = \boxed{\frac{1}{4}}$$