

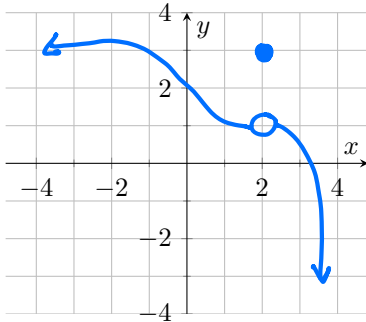
WORKSHEET: SECTION 2-5 (CONTINUITY)

1. Sketch the graphs of three functions with

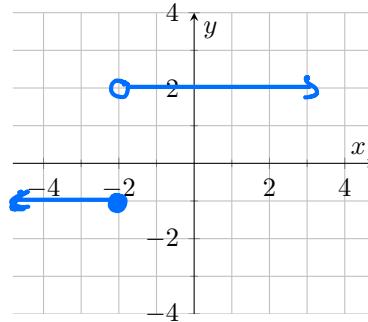
- (a) a removable discontinuity at $x = 2$,
- (b) a jump discontinuity at $x = -2$,
- (c) an infinity discontinuity at $x = 3$

and that are continuous for all other real numbers:

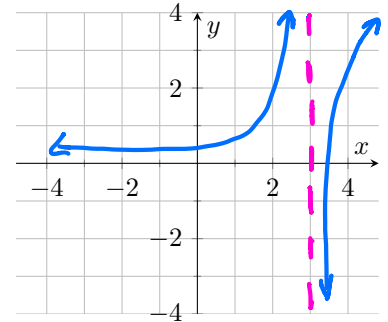
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(b) jump discontinuity



(c) infinity discontinuity

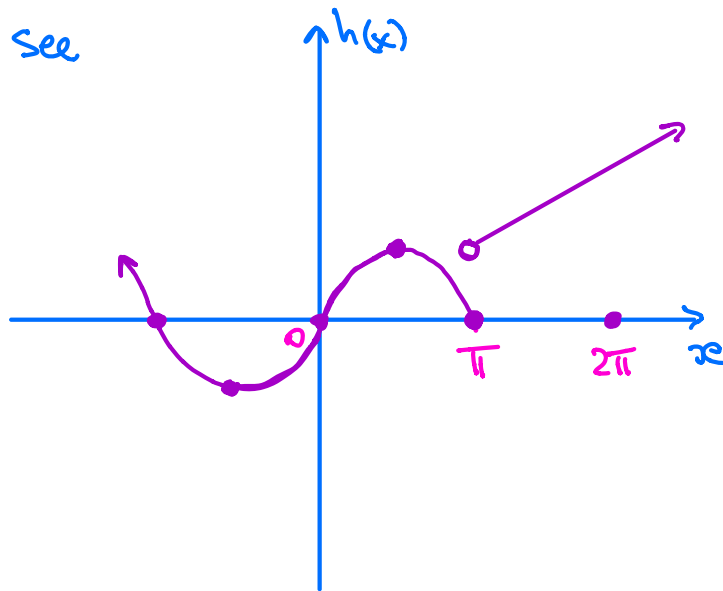


2. Determine where the function $h(x) = \begin{cases} \sin x & x < \pi \\ 0 & x = \pi \\ x + 1 - \pi & x > \pi \end{cases}$ is not continuous and **justify** your answer. Sketch the graph of the function.

From the graph we see that $h(x)$ is not continuous at $x = \pi$ (jump discontinuity)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} h(x) = h(\pi) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^+} h(x) = 1$$



3. Use continuity to evaluate the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 10} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x-5}}$.

$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x-5}}$ is continuous at $x = 10$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 10} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x-5}} = \frac{100}{\sqrt{5}} = f(10) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 10} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x-5}}$$

4. Determine the value of c that will make $f(x) = \begin{cases} c - x^2 & x \leq 1 \\ 5x - 2 & x > 1 \end{cases}$ continuous everywhere.

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

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

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

$$f(1) = c - 1$$

$$c - 1 = 3 \Rightarrow c = 4$$

Hence, for $c = 4$: $f(x) = \begin{cases} 4 - x^2, & x \leq 1 \\ 5x - 2, & x > 1 \end{cases}$ our function is continuous everywhere.

5. Use the [Intermediate Value Theorem](#) to show that there is a root of the equation $5 + 2x - x^4 = 0$ in the interval $(1, 2)$. To do so, explain how you are verifying that the hypotheses of the IVT hold, and then explaining what the IVT lets you conclude.

Let us first define a function $f(x) = 5 + 2x - x^4$

- $f(x)$ is a polynomial function and continuous on \mathbb{R}
- $(a, b) = (1, 2)$

$$f(a) = f(1) = 5 + 2 - 1 = 6 > 0$$

$$f(b) = f(2) = 5 + 4 - 16 = -7 < 0$$

Since f is cont. and $f(1) > 0$,

$f(2) < 0$, by the IVT there

exists value c in $(1, 2)$ such that

$$f(c) = 0$$

The value c is a root we are looking for.

