

$f_1(x)$ is a piecewise version of $f(x)$ with the following

definition:

$$f_1(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2} & \{3 \leq x \leq 4\} \\ \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2} & \{4 < x < 6\} \\ \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2} & \{6 \leq x \leq 7\} \end{cases}$$

Let's test if the conditions hold for $f_1(x)$:

1) $f_1(3) \geq 2$ and $f_1(7) \geq 4$

Proof: $f_1(3) = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \geq 2$

$f_1(7) = \frac{7}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \geq 4$

2) $f_1(x)$ achieves each value on $[3, 7]$ once

We know that if $f_1(x)$ is on the domain $[3, 4]$ each value will be unique and the maximum value is 2.5. We also know that if $f_1(x)$ is on the domain $\{6 \leq x \leq 7\}$, then each value is unique and the minimum value is 3.5. Note that this is from our proof of $f(x)$.

If $f_1(x)$ is on the domain $(4, 6)$, we will have a strictly increasing function. This means for $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ if

if $a < 4 < b < 6$, $\Rightarrow 2.5 < f_1(b) < f_1(a) < 3.5$

if $a > 4 < b < 6$, $\Rightarrow 2.5 < f_1(a) < f_1(b) < 3.5$

So also along with a and b , both $f_1(a)$ and $f_1(b)$ will be values that only exist once as if they are in the domain $(4, 6)$ then they will always be greater than values $f_1(x)$ for $[3, 4]$ and less than values $f_1(x)$ for $[6, 7]$

$f_1(x)$ is not continuous at 4 ans 6 ans:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f_1(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f_1(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f_1(x)$$
$$= -\frac{4}{2} + \frac{11}{2} = \frac{4}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$$
$$3.5 \neq 2.5$$

$$\leftarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f_1(x) = \text{DNE}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 6} f_1(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 6^+} f_1(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 6^-} f_1(x)$$
$$= -\frac{6}{2} + \frac{11}{2} = \frac{6}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$$
$$2.5 \neq 3.5$$

$$\leftarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 6} f_1(x) = \text{DNE}$$

$\therefore f_1(x)$ is a discontinuous function where $f_1(3) = 2$ and $f_1(7) = 4$ and every value $[2, 4]$ is achieved once in the domain $[3, 7]$. $f(x)$ does not have to be continuous.