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Free Response No Calculator: Practice

1. Consider the function $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x^2 + x - 2}$

$$\frac{(x-3)(x+2)}{(x-1)(x+2)} = \frac{x-3}{x-1}$$

- Give the zeros of $f(x)$.
- Give the equation(s) of any vertical asymptotes. Justify using limits.
- Give the equation(s) of any horizontal asymptotes. Justify using limits.
- List all points where $f(x)$ is discontinuous. Justify your answer using the definition of continuity.

a. $f(x) = 0$

$$x - 3 = 0$$

$$x = 3 \quad (1)$$

b. $f(x) = \frac{x-3}{x-1}$

$$x - 1 = 0$$

$$x = 1 \quad (1)$$

c. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x-3}{x-1}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{x} = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{x} = 1 \quad y = 1 \quad (1)$$

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

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

need both

d. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x-3}{x-1} = \frac{-5}{-3} = \frac{5}{3}$

$f(-2)$ DNE

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x) \neq f(-2)$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$ or $f(1)$ DNE

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) \neq f(1)$

Therefore $f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x = -2, 1$

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$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1, & x \leq 1 \\ 3x-1, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

2. Is $f(x)$ continuous at $x = 1$? Justify your answer

$$\textcircled{1} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} x+1 = 1+1 = 2$$

$$\textcircled{1} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 3x-1 = 3-1 = 2$$

$$\textcircled{1} f(1) = 1+1 = 2$$

$$\textcircled{1} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = f(1)$$

$\textcircled{1} \therefore f(x)$ is cont.
at $x=1$

OR

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} g(x) = 3 \textcircled{1}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} g(x) = 5 \textcircled{1}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) = \text{DNE} \textcircled{1}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) \neq g(1) \textcircled{1}$$

$\therefore g(x)$ is not cont.
at $x=1$ $\textcircled{1}$

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3. Consider the function $f(x) = 2x^3$.

(a) What is the average rate of change of f on the interval $[0.75, 1.25]$?

(b) Find an equation for the line tangent to f at $x = 1$.

$$\text{a. } \frac{f(1.25) - f(0.75)}{1.25 - 0.75} = 6.125$$

$$\text{b. } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2(a+h)^3 - 2a^3}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2(a^3 + 3a^2h + 3ah^2 + h^3) - 2a^3}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2a^3 + 6a^2h + 6ah^2 + 2h^3 - 2a^3}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{6a^2h + 6ah^2 + 2h^3}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(6a^2 + 6ah + 2h^2)}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 6a^2 + 6ah + 2h^2 = 6a^2$$

$$(1, 2) \quad y - 2 = 6(x - 1)$$

$$a = 1 \quad h = 6$$

