## 1.7 What's up with these functions?

- 1. All of these functions do something weird at x=0. Investigate the functions using your intuition, plugging in values, or using graphs. In particular, be prepared to share with the class:
  - What is f(0)? Does it even exist?
  - What happens to the function near x = 0? Plug in nearby points or use a graph to support your reasoning.

(a) 
$$f(x) = \frac{|x|}{x}$$

(b) 
$$g(x) = \frac{4x^2 - 5x}{x}$$

(c) 
$$h(x) = \frac{x^2 + 5}{x^2}$$

(d) 
$$k(x) = \begin{cases} e^x & \text{if } x < 0\\ 1 - x & \text{if } x \ge 0 \end{cases}$$

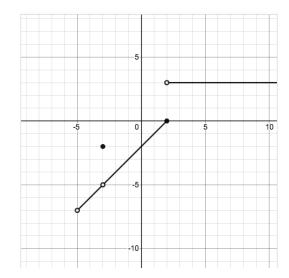
(e) 
$$l(x) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

## **Definitions:**

• A function f is continuous at c if  $\lim_{x\to c} f(x) = f(c)$ , which means ...

• The limit L of a function f at c exists if  $\lim_{x\to c^+} f(x) = \lim_{x\to c^-} f(x)$ , which means...

- 2. The piecewise function f(x) is graphed below.
  - (a) For what value(s) of x is this function not continuous?
  - (b) For what value(s) of x does the limit not exist?



- (c) Find the following:
  - (a)  $\lim_{x \to -3^+} f(x) =$
- (b)  $\lim_{x \to -3^{-}} f(x) =$
- (c)  $\lim_{x \to -3} f(x) =$
- (d) f(-3) =
- (e)  $\lim_{x \to 2^+} f(x) =$
- (f)  $\lim_{x \to 2^{-}} f(x) =$
- (g)  $\lim_{x\to 2} f(x) =$
- (h) f(2) =

**Intermediate Value Theorem:** Suppose f is continuous on a closed interval [a, b]. If k is any number between f(a) and f(b), then there exists at least one number c in [a, b] such that f(c) = k.