Continuity & One-Sided Limits Homework

Use the graph to determine the limit, and discuss the continuity of the function.



Find the limit (if it exists). If it does not exist, explain why.

7.
$$\lim_{x \to 5^{+}} \frac{x-5}{x^2-25}$$
9.
$$\lim_{x \to -3^{-}} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2-9}}$$
12.
$$\lim_{x \to 2^{+}} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2}$$
10.
$$\lim_{x \to 4^{-}} \frac{\sqrt{x}-2}{x-4}$$
14.
$$\lim_{\Delta x \to 0^{+}} \frac{(x+\Delta x)^2 + x + \Delta x - (x^2+x)}{\Delta x}$$
18.
$$\lim_{x \to 1^{+}} f(x)$$
, where $f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & x \le 1\\ 1-x, & x > 1 \end{cases}$
19.
$$\lim_{x \to \pi} \cot x$$
20.
$$\lim_{x \to \frac{\pi}{2}} \sec x$$
24.
$$\lim_{x \to 1} 1 - \left[-\frac{x}{2} \right]$$
22.
$$\lim_{x \to 2^{+}} 2x - 2$$

Discuss the continuity of each function.





27.

Find the x-values (if any) at which *f* is not continuous. Which of the discontinuities are removable?

35. $f(x) = 3x - \cos x$ 40. $f(x) = \frac{x-3}{x^2 - 9}$ 41. $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x^2 - 3x - 10}$ 45. $f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & x \le 1 \\ x^2, & x > 1 \end{cases}$ 48. $f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x, & x \le 2 \\ x^2 - 4x + 1, & x > 2 \end{cases}$ 51. $f(x) = \csc 2x$

Find the constant *a*, or the constants *a* and *b*, such that the function is continuous on the entire real line.

59.
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2, & x \le -1 \\ ax + b, & -1 < x < 3 \\ -2, & x \ge 3 \end{cases}$$
 60.
$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - a^2}{x - a}, & x \ne a \\ 8, & x = a \end{cases}$$

Describe the interval(s) on which the function is continuous.

70.



Discuss the continuity of the composite function h(x) = f(g(x)).

61.
$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x^2 \\ g(x) &= x - 1 \end{aligned}$$
 63.
$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{1}{x - 6} \\ g(x) &= x^2 + 5 \end{aligned}$$

Use the Intermediate Value Theorem and a graphing calculator to approximate the zero of the function in the interval [0,1]. Repeatedly "zoom in" on the graph of the function to approximate the zero accurate to two decimal places. Use the *zero* or *root* feature to approximate the zero accurate to four decimal places.

79.
$$f(x) = x^3 + x - 1$$
 81. $g(t) = 2\cos t - 3t$

Verify that the Intermediate Value Theorem applies to the indicated interval and find the value of *c* guaranteed by the theorem.

- 83. $f(x) = x^2 + x 1$, [0,5], f(c) = 1185. $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 + x - 2$, [0,3], f(c) = 4
- 86. $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + x}{x 1}, \quad \left[\frac{5}{2}, 4\right] \quad f(c) = 6$

$$\lim_{\Delta x \to 0^+} \frac{(x + \Delta x)^2 + x + \Delta x - (x^2 + x)}{\Delta x}$$