

**Math 151**  
**Week-In-Review 3**  
 2.3 and 2.5  
 Todd Schrader

**Problem Statements**

Section 2.3

1. Evaluate the following limits.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2(8^2) - 10(8) + 5 = \boxed{53} \\
 \text{(a) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} (2x^2 - 10x + 5) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} 2x^2 - \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} 10x + \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} 5 \\
 &= 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} x^2 - 10 \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} x + \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} 5 \\
 &= 2(64) - 10(8) + 5 = 128 - 80 + 5 = \boxed{53}
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{1}{x-5} = \boxed{\infty}$      $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-5}$      $f(5)$  DNE

$\frac{1}{5-5} = \frac{1}{0}$  ← non-zero over zero     $x = 5.1$      $\frac{1}{5.1-5} = \frac{1}{0.1}$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{x^2 - 25}{(x-5)^2}$      $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 25}{(x-5)^2}$      $f(5)$  DNE

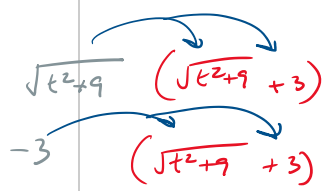
$\frac{25-25}{(5-5)^2} = \frac{0}{0}$      $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{(x+5)(x-5)}{(x-5)(x-5)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{x+5}{x-5} = \boxed{\infty}$

$\frac{5+5}{5-5} = \frac{10}{0}$      $x = 5.1$      $\frac{10}{5.1-5} = \frac{10}{0.1}$

$\frac{(x+5)(x-5)}{(x-5)} = \frac{x+5}{1}$     if  $x \neq 5$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(d) } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(5+h)^2 - 5^2}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\underline{25} + 10h + h^2 - \underline{25}}{h} \\
 \frac{(5+0)^2 - 5^2}{0} = \frac{0}{0} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{10h + h^2}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{h}(10+h)}{\cancel{h}} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 10+h = 10+0 = \boxed{10}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(e) } \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{t^2+9} - 3)}{t^2} \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{t^2+9} + 3)}{(\sqrt{t^2+9} + 3)} & \\
 \frac{\sqrt{0^2+9} - 3}{0^2} = \frac{0}{0} & \\
 = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\begin{matrix} \text{First} & & \text{Outer} & & \text{Inner} & & \text{Last} \\ \sqrt{t^2+9} & \sqrt{t^2+9} + & \sqrt{t^2+9} \cdot 3 & - & 3 \sqrt{t^2+9} & - & 3(3) \end{matrix}}{t^2 (\sqrt{t^2+9} + 3)} & \\
 = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(t^2+9) - 9}{t^2 (\sqrt{t^2+9} + 3)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t^2}{t^2 (\sqrt{t^2+9} + 3)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t^2+9} + 3} & \\
 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{0^2+9} + 3} = \frac{1}{3+3} = \boxed{\frac{1}{6}} &
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{3}{3+3} + \frac{\sqrt{7-3} - 2}{\sqrt{4-3} - 1} = \frac{3}{6} + \frac{0}{0}$$

$$(f) \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left( \frac{3}{x+3} + \frac{\sqrt{7-x} - 2}{\sqrt{4-x} - 1} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{3}{x+3} + \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sqrt{7-x} - 2}{\sqrt{4-x} - 1} = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{3}{x+3} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sqrt{7-x} - 2}{\sqrt{4-x} - 1} \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{4-x} + 1)}{(\sqrt{4-x} + 1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(\sqrt{7-x} - 2)(\sqrt{4-x} + 1)}{(4-x) - 1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(\sqrt{4-x} + 1)(\sqrt{7-x} - 2)}{3-x} \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{7-x} + 2)}{(\sqrt{7-x} + 2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(\sqrt{4-x} + 1)(7-x - 4)}{(3-x)(\sqrt{7-x} + 2)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(\sqrt{4-x} + 1)(3-x)}{(3-x)(\sqrt{7-x} + 2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sqrt{4-x} + 1}{\sqrt{7-x} + 2} = \frac{\sqrt{4-3} + 1}{\sqrt{7-3} + 2} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

2. Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  for the function below.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 5-x & \text{if } x < -4 \\ x+13 & \text{if } -4 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 12 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f(-2) = -2 + 13$$

$$f(1) = 12$$

$$f(0) =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -4^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -4^-} 5-x = 5 - (-4) = 9$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} x+13 = 0+13 = 13$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -4^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -4^+} x+13 = -4+13 = 9$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} 12 = 12$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} f(x) = 9$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) \text{ DNE}$$



3. Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x)$  for the function below.

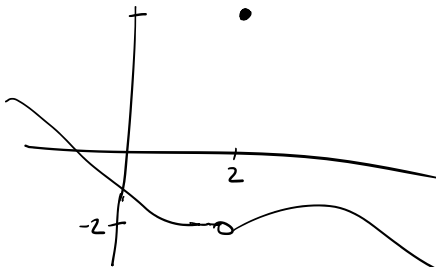
$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{8-x}{x-2} & \text{if } x < 2 \\ x+3 & \text{if } x = 2 \\ \frac{x^2+2x-8}{x^2-7x+10} & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

$$g(2) = 2+3 = 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} g(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{8-x}{x-2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{8-x}{x-2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{8-4x}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{(x-2)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{4(2-x)}{x(x-2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{-4(x-2)}{x(x-2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{-4}{x} = \frac{-4}{2} = -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} g(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x^2+2x-8}{x^2-7x+10} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{(x-2)(x+4)}{(x-2)(x-5)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x+4}{x-5} = \frac{2+4}{2-5} = \frac{6}{-3} = -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} g(x) = \boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x) = -2}$$



4. Evaluate the following limits.

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} \frac{14-2x}{|x-7|}$

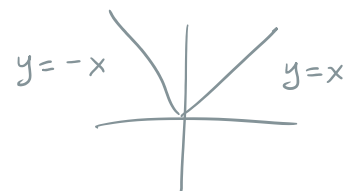
$$|x-7| = \begin{cases} x-7 & \text{if } x-7 \geq 0 \\ -(x-7) & \text{if } x-7 < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} \frac{14-2x}{|x-7|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} \frac{2(7-x)}{-(x-7)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} \frac{-2(x-7)}{-(x-7)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} 2 = \boxed{2}$$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} \frac{14-2x}{|x-7|}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} \frac{14-2x}{|x-7|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} \frac{-2(x-7)}{x-7} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} -2 = \boxed{-2}$$

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} \frac{14-2x}{|x-7|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} \frac{14-2x}{x-7} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} -2 = \boxed{-2}$$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} \frac{14-2x}{|x-7|}$  DNE because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} f(x)$

$$\frac{1}{0} - \frac{1}{0} ?$$

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$x = -0.1$$

$$\frac{2}{-0.1}$$

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{|x|}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{-x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{2}{x} = \boxed{-\infty}$$

(e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{|x|}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1-1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{0}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} 0 = \boxed{0}$$

(f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{|x|}$  DNE

5. Prove  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sqrt{x} e^{\sin(\pi/x)} = 0$ .

Squeeze Theorem

$$-1 \leq \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{x}\right) \leq 1$$

$$e^{-1} \leq e^{\sin(\frac{\pi}{x})} \leq e^1$$

$$\sqrt{x} \cdot e^{-1} \leq \sqrt{x} e^{\sin(\frac{\pi}{x})} \leq \sqrt{x} \cdot e$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sqrt{x} e^{-1} \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sqrt{x} e^{\sin(\frac{\pi}{x})} \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sqrt{x} \cdot e$$

$$0 \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sqrt{x} e^{\sin(\frac{\pi}{x})} \leq 0$$

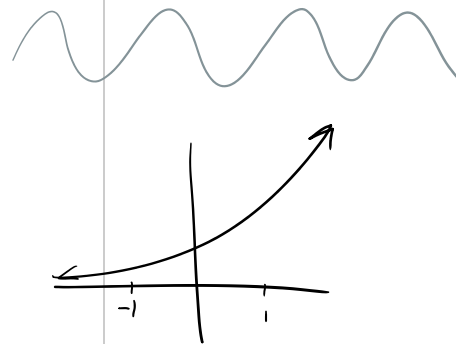
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sqrt{x} e^{\sin(\frac{\pi}{x})} = 0 \text{ by Squeeze Theorem}$$

$$\sqrt{0} \cdot e^{\sin(\frac{\pi}{0})}$$

$$0 \cdot e^{\sin(\infty)}$$

$$0 \cdot e^{\text{DNE}}$$

$$0 \cdot (\text{DNE})$$

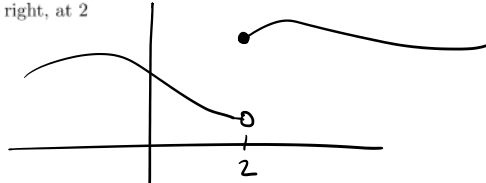




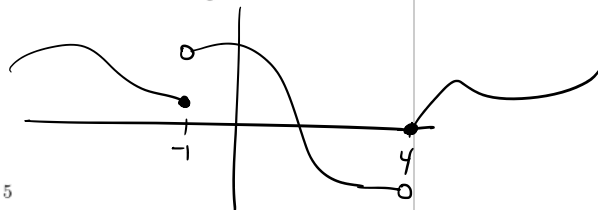
Section 2.5

6. Sketch the graph of a function that is continuous except for at the stated discontinuities.

(a) Discontinuous, but continuous from the right, at 2

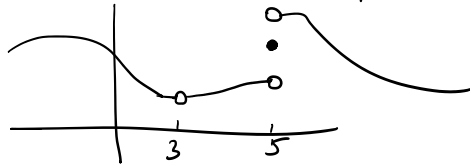


(b) Discontinuities at  $-1$  and  $4$ , but continuous at the left at  $-1$  and from the right at  $4$

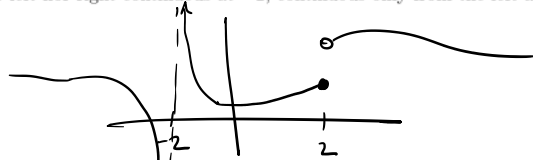


(c) Removable discontinuity at 3, jump discontinuity at 5

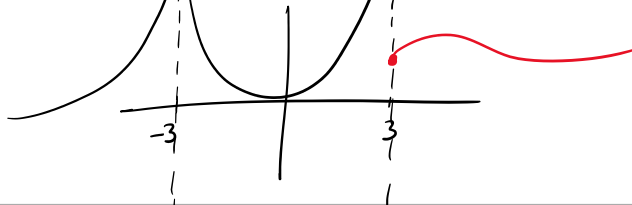
*Hole*



(d) Neither left nor right continuous at  $-2$ , continuous only from the left at 2



(e) Infinite discontinuity at  $-3$ , infinite discontinuity at 3, but continuous from the right at 3





7. Prove  $f(x)$  is continuous at 5 for the following function.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{14-x} & \text{if } x < 5 \\ 8-x & \text{if } x = 5 \\ 23-4x & \text{if } x > 5 \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{1} f(5) = 8 - 5 = 3$$

$$\textcircled{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x) \text{ exists}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \sqrt{14-x} = \sqrt{14-5} \\ &= \sqrt{9} = 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x) = 3$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} 23-4x = 23-4(5) = 3$$

$$\textcircled{3} \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x) \stackrel{?}{=} f(5) \quad \checkmark$$

Therefore  $f(x)$  is  
continuous @  $x=5$



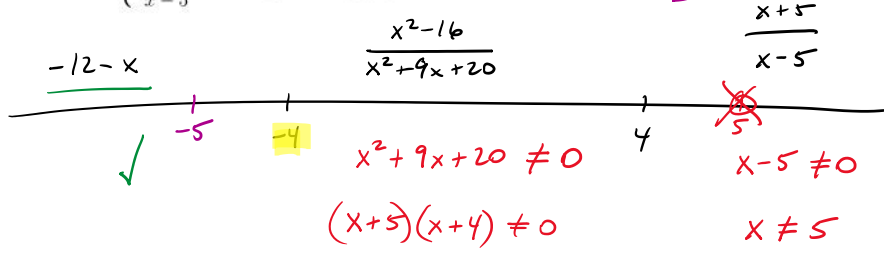


8. Determine the values of  $x$  for which the following function is discontinuous.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -12-x & \text{if } x \leq -4 \\ \frac{x^2-16}{x^2+9x+20} & \text{if } -4 < x \leq 4 \\ \frac{x+5}{x-5} & \text{if } x > 4 \end{cases}$$

Discontinuities

@  $x = 4$   
and  
@  $x = 5$



Not an issue

@  $x = -4$

①  $f(-4) = -12 - (-4) = -8$

②  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -4^-} -12 - x = -8$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -4^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -4^+} \frac{x^2-16}{x^2+9x+20} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -4^+} \frac{(x-4)(x+4)}{(x+4)(x+5)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -4^+} \frac{x-4}{x+5} \\ &= \frac{-4-4}{-4+5} = \frac{-8}{1} = -8 \end{aligned}$$

①  $f(4) = \frac{4^2-16}{4^2+36+20} = \frac{0}{72} = 0$

②  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \frac{x^2-16}{x^2+9x+20} = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{x+5}{x-5} = \frac{9}{-1} = -9$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x)$  DNE

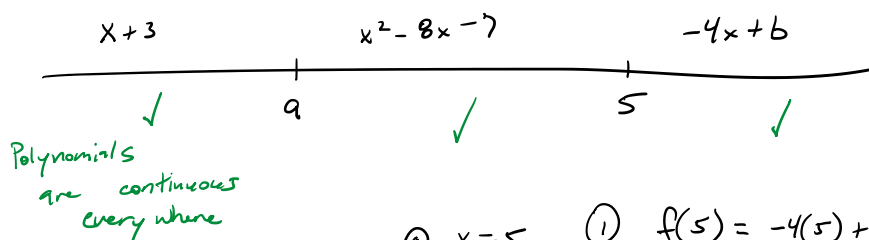
$\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} f(x) = -8$

③  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} f(x) = f(-4)$   
Continuous @  $x = -4$



9. Determine the values of  $a$  and  $b$  that make  $f(x)$  continuous everywhere.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+3 & \text{if } x < a \\ x^2 - 8x - 7 & \text{if } a \leq x < 5 \\ -4x + b & \text{if } x \geq 5 \end{cases}$$



$x = a$

①  $f(a) = a^2 - 8a - 7$

②  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists ✓

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} x + 3 = a + 3$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} x^2 - 8x - 7 = a^2 - 8a - 7$

$a + 3 = a^2 - 8a - 7$

$0 = a^2 - 9a - 10$

$(a - 10)(a + 1) = 0$

~~$a = 10$~~   $a = -1$

③  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = f(-1)$  ✓

②  $x = 5$  ①  $f(5) = -4(5) + b = -20 + b$

②  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} x^2 - 8x - 7 = 25 - 40 - 7 = -15 - 7 = -22$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} -4x + b = -20 + b$

$-22 = -20 + b$

$-2 = b$

③  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x) = f(5)$  ✓

10. Prove there is a solution to the equation  $e^x = 3 - 2x$  on the interval  $(0, 1)$ .

Intermediate Value Theorem.

$$e^x - 3 + 2x = 0$$

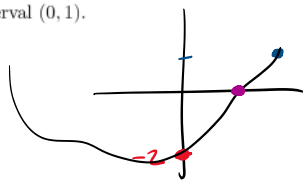
$$f(x) = e^x - 3 + 2x$$

$$f(0) = e^0 - 3 + 2(0) = 1 - 3 + 0 = -2$$

$$f(1) = e^1 - 3 + 2(1) = e + 2 - 3 = e - 1 > 0$$

$$e \approx 2.7$$

Because  $f(x)$  is continuous  $[0, 1]$  and  $f(0) < 0$  and  $f(1) > 0$ , there must exist a value  $c$  in the interval  $(0, 1)$  such that  $f(c) = 0$  by the Intermediate Value Theorem (IVT).



11. Suppose  $f$  is continuous on  $[-1, 4]$  and the only solutions to  $f(x) = 100$  are  $x = 0$  and  $x = 4$ .  
If  $f(1) = 50$ , explain why  $f(3) < 100$ .

If  $f(3) > 100$  then the IVT would tell us there is a solution to  $f(x) = 100$  on the interval  $(1, 3)$ .

We know the only solutions to  $f(x) = 100$  are  $x = 0$  and  $x = 4$ , so  $f(3) < 100$ .

