

Continuity of a function at a point.

By Definition, $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = c$ iff all of the following are true:

1. $f(c)$ is defined
2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ exists
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$

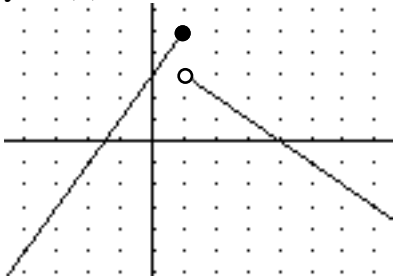
Try the following on your own:

1. Draw a graph where (1) is true, but (2) and (3) are not
2. Draw a graph where (2) is true, but (1) and (3) are not
3. Draw a graph where (1) and (2) are true, but (3) is not
4. Draw a graph where (3) is true, but not (1) or (2)

By definition, $f(x)$ has a **Removable Discontinuity** at $x = c$ if by creating a new or different value for $x = c$, the function would be continuous at c .

Otherwise a function that is not continuous at $x = c$ has a **Non-Removable Discontinuity** at $x = c$.

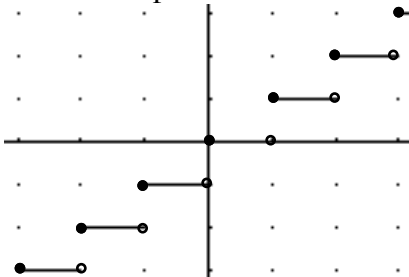
$y = f(x)$



$f(1) = 5$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ Does Not Exist \square Non-Removable Discontinuity at $x = 1$

$f(x) = [x]$ is called the **Greatest Integer Function**. It is often referred to as a **Step Function**:

See the Graph below



$f(2.5) = 2$, $f(3) = 3$, $f(0) = 0$, $f(-2.7) = -3$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1.5} f(x) = 1$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 1$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 2$

In our class, we will accept that the Following Functions are Continuous at every point **in their domain**:

1. Polynomial Functions
2. Rational Functions
3. Radical Functions
4. Trigonometric Functions

Discuss the continuity of the following piecewise function.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 3x - 3 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

1. $f(0) = -3$. Therefore the function is defined at 0.

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ Does Not Exist

3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ cannot equal $f(0)$

The Function **is not continuous at $x = 0$** ,

The Function **is continuous for all $x \neq 0$** because these values give polynomials.

Discuss the continuity of the following piecewise function.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 3x & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ 5x - 1 & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

1. $f(1) = 4$. Therefore the function is defined at $x = 1$.

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 4$

3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = f(1) = 4$

The Function **is continuous at $x = 1$** .

The Function **is continuous for all $x \neq 1$** because these values give polynomials.

The Function is **everywhere continuous**.

When viewing the assignment, recall that:

\exists . Means "Such That"

\in Means "Is An Element Belonging To"

Also recall that when a Domain is not specifically stated, the domain will be all "Legal Real Numbers".

1. $g(x) = \sqrt{25 - x^2} \quad \text{.}\exists. x \in [-5, 5]$

2. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3 - x, & x \leq 0 \\ 3 + x/2, & x > 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{.}\exists. x \in [-1, 4]$

3. $g(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - 4} \quad \text{.}\exists. x \in [-1, 2]$

4. $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 1$

5. $f(x) = \frac{x - 3}{x^2 - 9}$

6. $f(x) = \frac{|x + 2|}{x + 2}$

7. $f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & x \leq 1 \\ x^2, & x > 1 \end{cases}$

8. $f(x) = \tan x \quad \text{.}\exists. x \in [0, \pi]$

9. Find the value for a that makes $f(x)$ continuous on all real numbers.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3, & x \leq 2 \\ ax^2, & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

10. On the Polar - Plane, Sketch a graph of the Polar Equation: $r = 2 + 2 \cos 2\theta$

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12. Use the Difference Quotient to find $\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x)$