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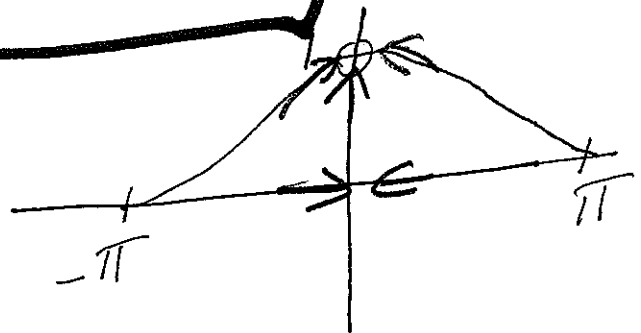
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HW

Find limits

2-methods

① Graphically

EX: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$



② Algebraically

too messy for $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x}$

See next page(s)
for other examples.

①

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

$$\frac{\text{"\#"}}{\text{"\#"}}$$

Both $\neq 0$

✓

$$\frac{\text{"\#"}}{0}$$

DNE

$$\frac{\text{"0"}}{0}$$

simplify

Function f is nice at $x=a$
if I can estimate
 $f(a \pm 0.001)$ with $f(a)$

Ex $f(x) = x^2$

$$f(2.001) = (2.001)^2 \sim 2^2 = f(2)$$

$$f(2.001) \sim f(2)$$

f is nice at 2

Hence can evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ by plugging in a if

nice =
continuous

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 3} = \frac{3^2 - 1}{3 + 3} = \frac{9 - 1}{6} = \frac{8}{6} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 3} = DNE \leftarrow$$

" $3^2 - 1$ " \neq "nonzero"
 $\frac{\quad}{0}$ zero

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x^2 - 1)(x - 3)}{x - 3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x^2 - 1 = 8$$

" $\frac{0}{0}$ " \Rightarrow simplify

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x - 3}{x^2 - 1} = 0$$

" $\frac{0}{8}$ "

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x - 4)^2}{x^5 (x - 8)^9 (x - 3)^3} = DNE$$

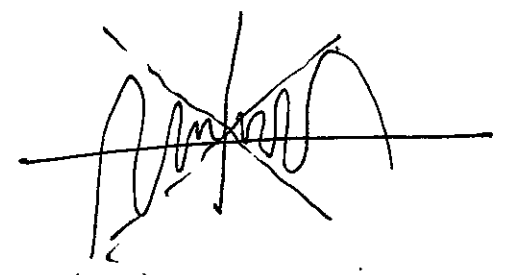
" $\frac{\neq 0}{0}$ " $\neq 0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x - 4)^2 (x - 3)}{x^5 (x - 8)^9 (x - 3)^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x - 4)^2}{x^5 (x - 8)^9 (x - 3)} = DNE$$

Challenge example: $g(x) = x \sin \frac{1}{x}$

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not on exam

$$-|x| \leq x \sin \frac{1}{x} \leq |x|$$



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (-|x|) = 0, \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (|x|) = 0.$$

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x \sin \frac{1}{x}) = 0$

Standard example:

Suppose $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ Find $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ where $x > 0$

h is a variable
but everything
else = constants
 ~~x~~ is constant

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h}$$

trick $\frac{0}{0}$ simplify

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h} \right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h) - x}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h \cdot 1}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

$$f(\text{blah}) = \sqrt{\text{blah}}$$

$$f(\square) = \sqrt{\square}$$

$$f(\square_{x+h}) = \sqrt{\square_{x+h}}$$

$$f(x+h) = \sqrt{x+h}$$

query for **x**
replace w/ **x+h**

Suppose $c \in \mathcal{R}$ and suppose $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$ exist.
Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [cf(x)] = c \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)} \text{ if } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \neq 0$$

Defn: f is continuous at a if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$
(i.e., if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} x)$)

plug
in a
to find
limit

In other words, f is continuous at a if

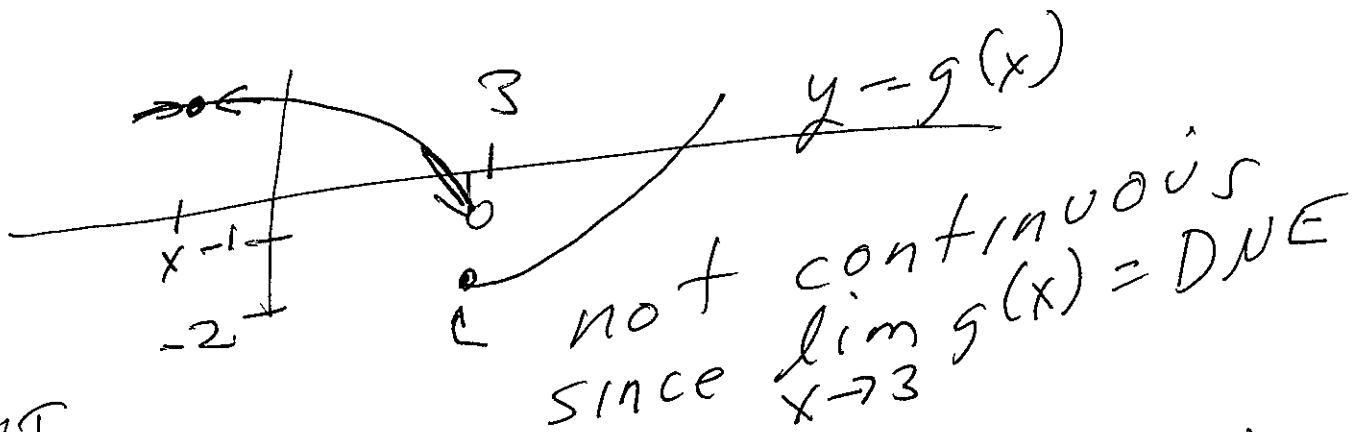
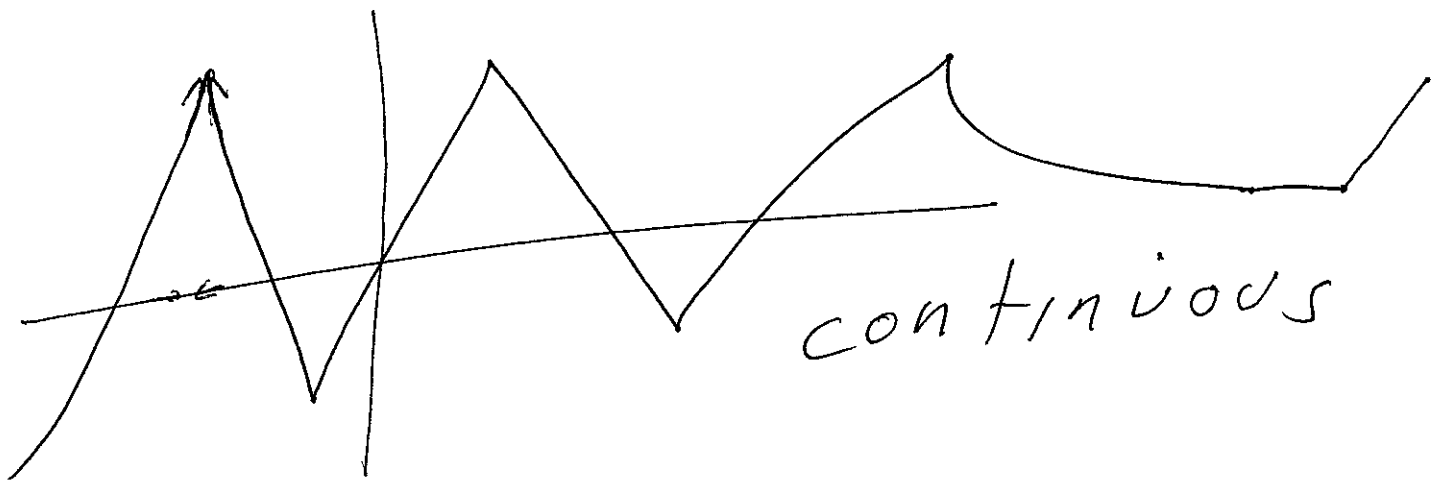
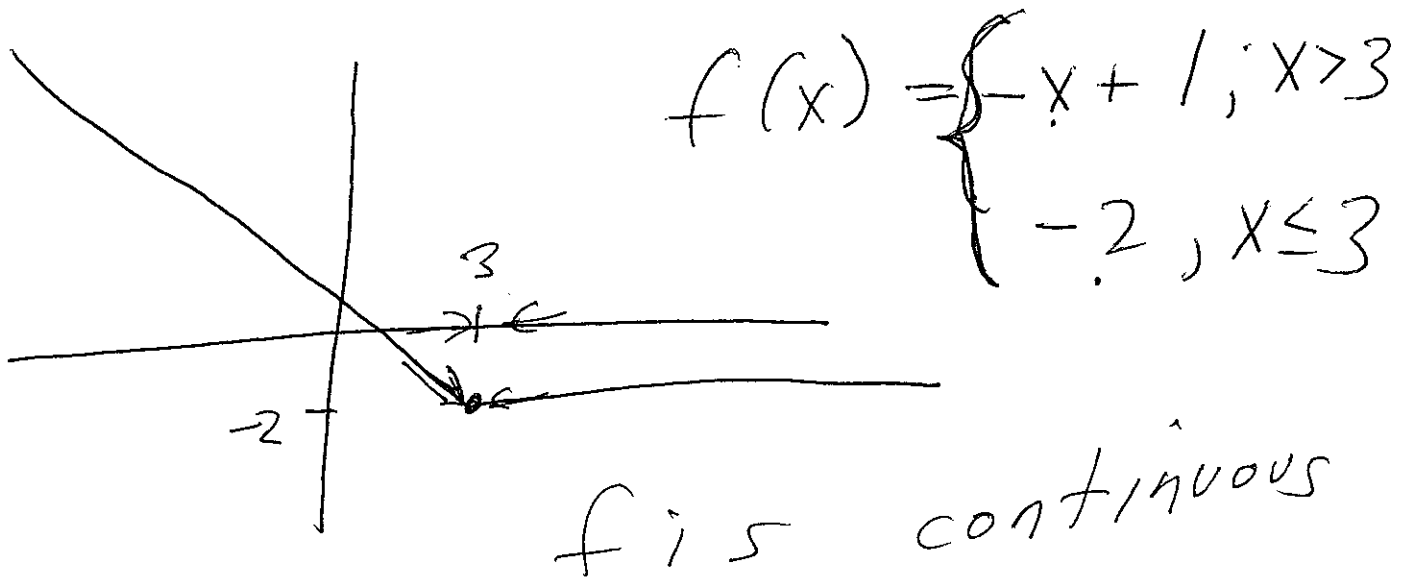
- $$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1.) f(a) \text{ exists, } \checkmark \\ 2.) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \text{ exists, } \checkmark \text{ and} \\ 3.) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a) \checkmark \end{array} \right.$$

Defn: f is continuous is f is continuous at a for every a in the domain of f .

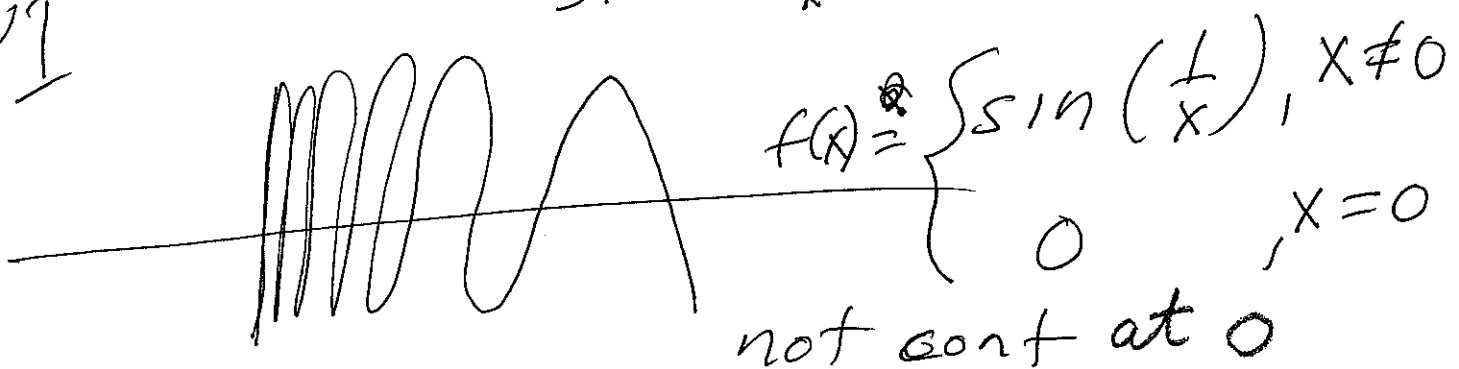
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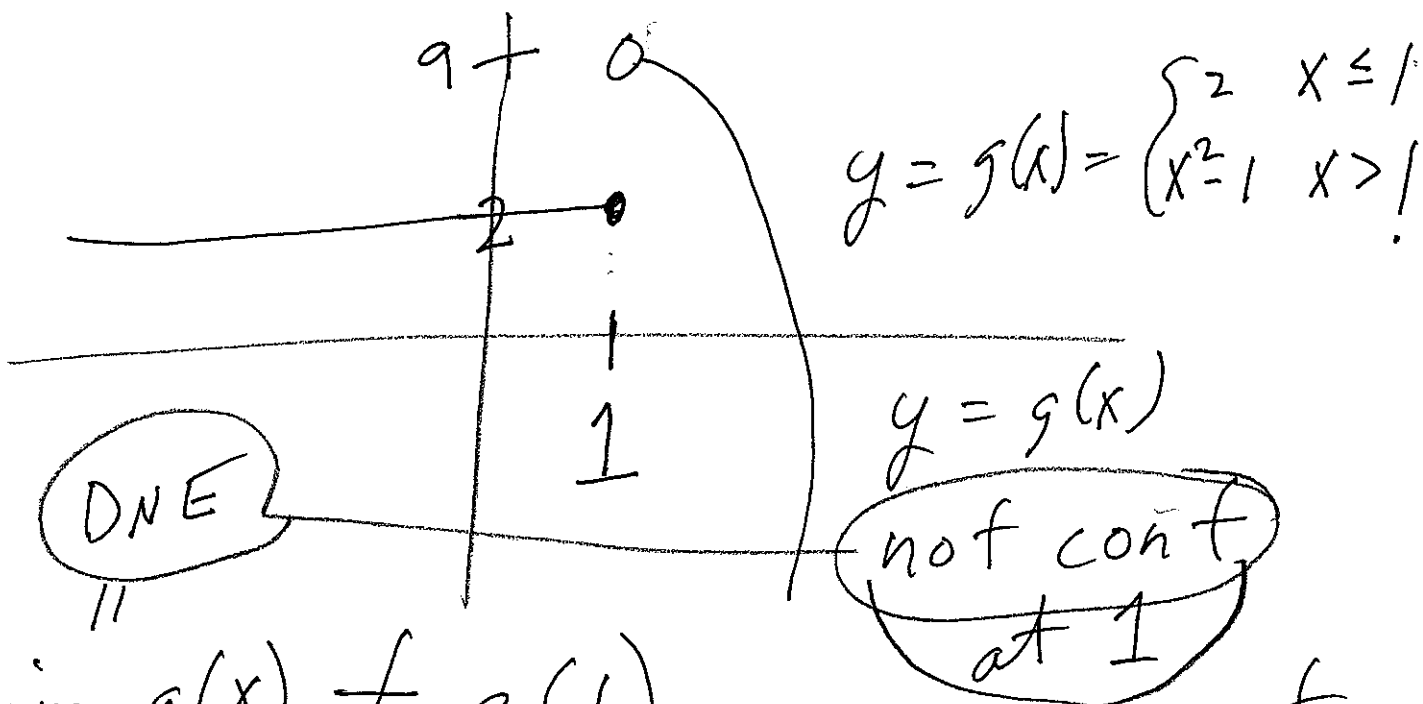
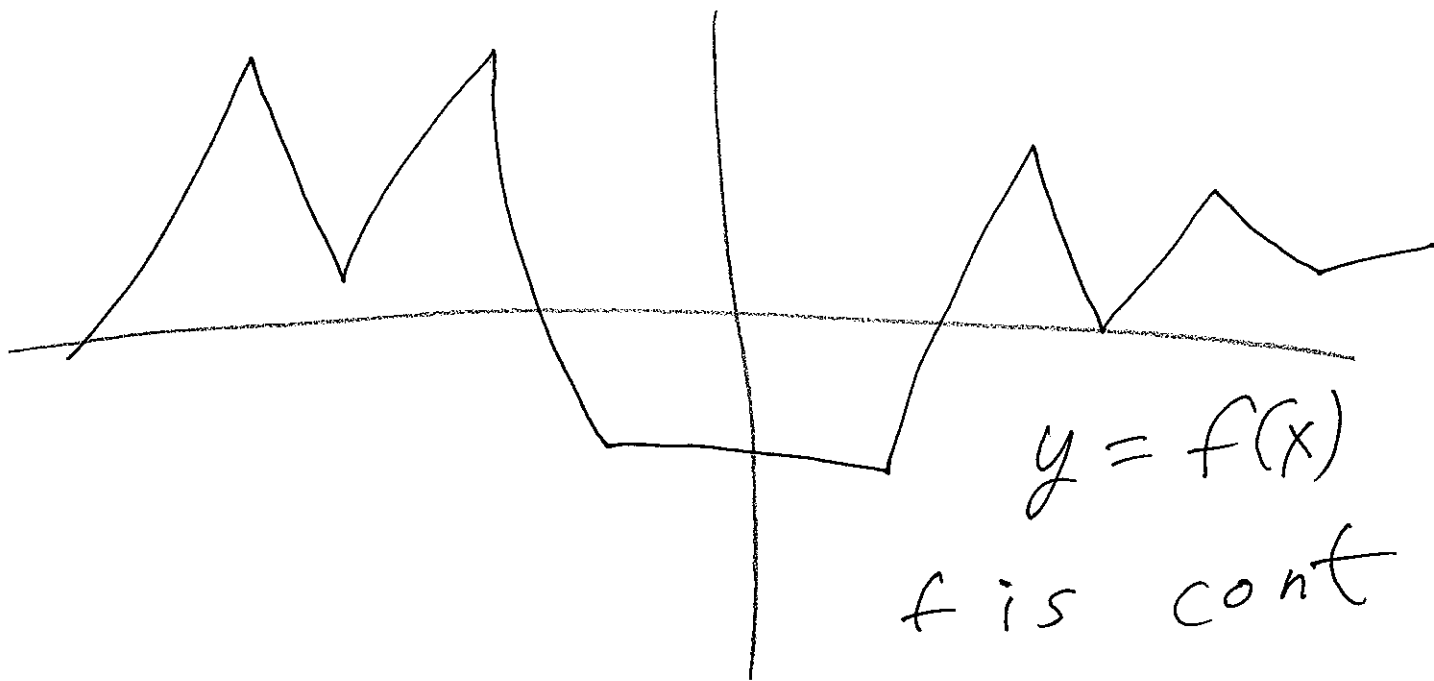
$$f(x) = 2x^3 + \sqrt{\cos(e^x)} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{3}}{\log(x^2 + 1)}$$

Ex: Polynomial, rational, root, trigonometric, inverse trigonometric, exponential, logarithmic functions are continuous functions.



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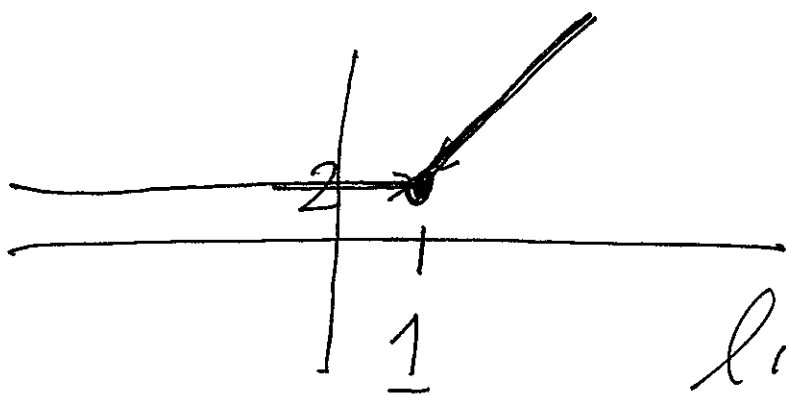


$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) \neq g(1)$$

so its not cont

But g is cont at a for all $a \neq 1$
 Ex: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x) = 2^2 - 1 = 4 - 1 = 3$

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & x \leq 1 \\ x+1 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

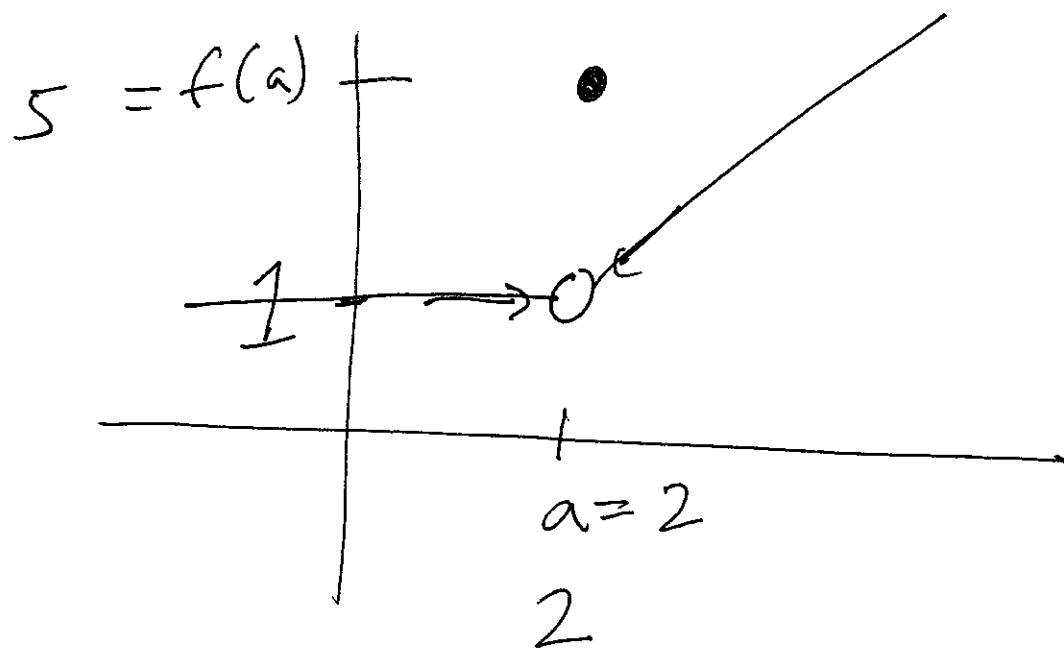


h is cont

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} h(x) = 2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = h(a)$$

since h is cont

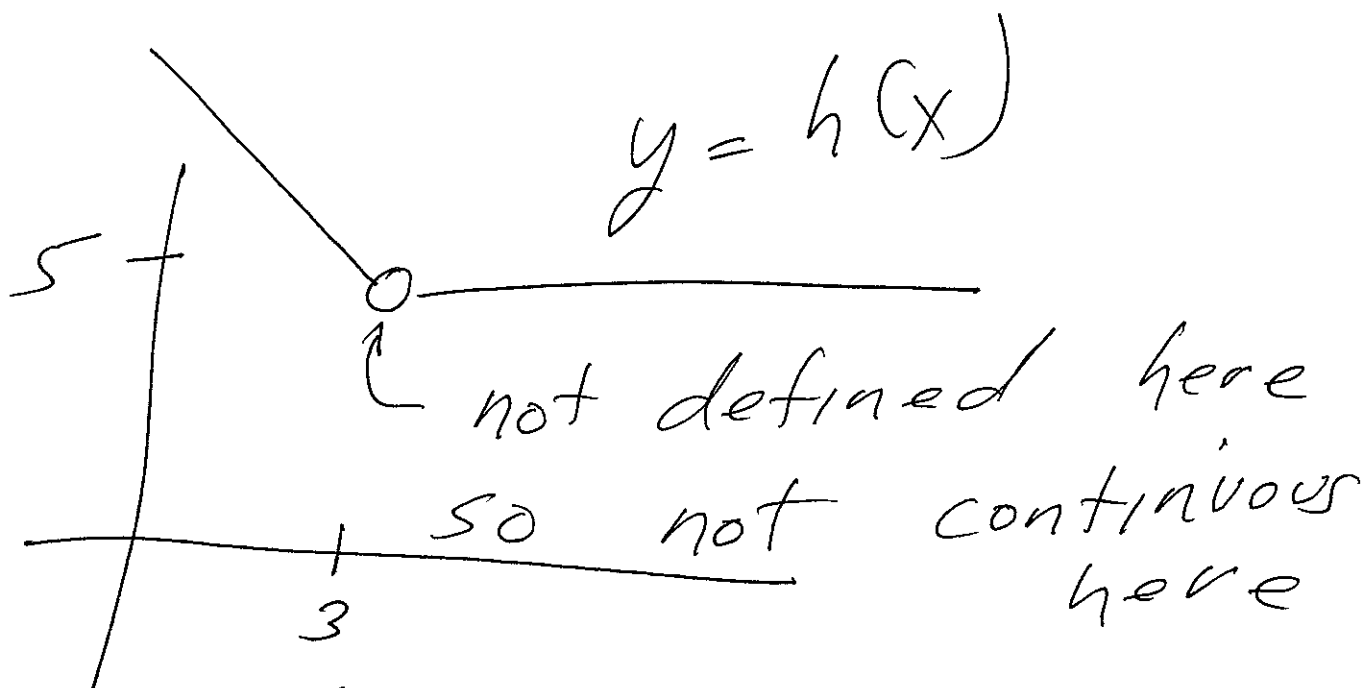


$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 1 \neq f(1)$$

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f is not cont
at $x = 1$

f is not cont.



$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} h(x)$ exist

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

but h is not cont at 3

If f, g continuous at $a, c \in \mathcal{R}$, then $f + g, fg, cf, f/g$ (if $g(a) \neq 0$) are continuous at a .

If g continuous at a and f continuous at $g(a)$, then $f \circ g$ continuous at a .

$$\text{Ex: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - e^{x^3}}{\cos(x)} = \frac{0^2 - e^{0^3}}{\cos(0)} = \frac{0 - 1}{1} = -1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ex: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} e^{\sqrt{x}} - 2\sqrt{x} + 4 &= e^{\sqrt{9}} - 2\sqrt{9} + 4 \\ &= e^3 - 6 + 4 = \boxed{e^3 - 2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ex: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos(\sin(x)) &= \cos(\sin(0)) \\ &= \cos(0) = \underline{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Ex: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos\left(\frac{\sin(x)}{x}\right) = \boxed{\cos(1)}$$

$$\cos\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)\right) \leftarrow \text{skip this step.}$$

$$\text{Ex: } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \underbrace{(h)}_{\text{constant}} \tan(x) \csc(h) = \tan(x) \left[\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \csc(h) \right]$$

h is the variable

constant

$$= \tan(x) \left[\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{\sin h} \right]$$

$$= \tan(x) [1] = \boxed{\tan x}$$

$$\lim \left(\frac{h}{\sin h} \right) = \lim \left(\frac{1}{\frac{\sin h}{h}} \right)$$

$$\frac{h}{\sin h} = \left(\frac{\sin h}{h} \right)^{-1}$$

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$$1^{-1}$$

∥

$$\underline{1}$$

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$$(1)^{-1}$$