

# 1.4 Continuity

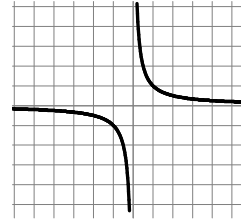
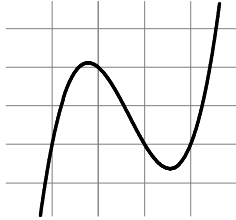
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## Notes

### Defining Continuity:

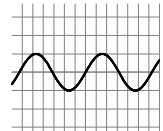
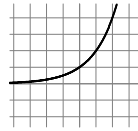
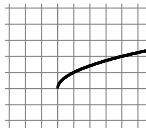
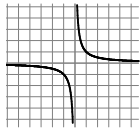
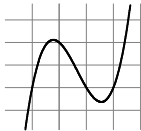


### Formal Definition of Continuity:

For  $f(x)$  to be continuous at  $x = c$ , the following three conditions must be met:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Continuous function...or continuous on its domain?



### Types of Discontinuities:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

For each function identify the  $x$  value and type of each discontinuity.

1.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 8x + 12}{x^2 + 3x - 10}$

2.  $f(x) = \sqrt{2x - 3}$

3.  $g(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 2x + 1, & x < -1 \\ x + 2, & -1 \leq x < 2 \\ 2^x, & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$

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## Finding the Domain

Two scenarios to watch for when looking for a **restriction** on the domain.

1.  $f(x) = \frac{x - 5}{x + 1}$

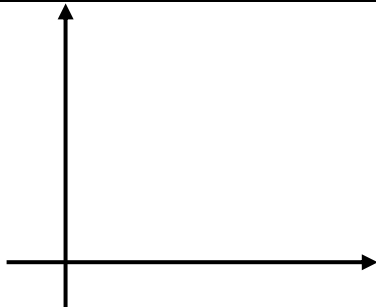
2.  $f(x) = \sqrt{7x + 3}$

Find the domain of each function.

4.  $f(x) = \frac{3x}{x\sqrt{x+5}}$

5.  $h(x) = \frac{5}{2-\sqrt{x}}$

## Intermediate Value Theorem (for continuous functions) - IVT



6. Use the IVT to answer the following questions if  $f(x) = x^3 - 2x - 5$ .

- a. Find  $f(1)$ .
- b. Find  $f(2)$ .
- c. Find  $f(3)$ .
- d. Does the function have a zero? How do you know?

Now summarize what you learned!

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**Practice**

**Identify and classify each point of discontinuity of the given function.**

$$1. f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$$

$$2. f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^2+3x}$$

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

$$4. f(x) = \sqrt{2-6x}$$

$$5. f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x^2-2x-8}$$

$$6. f(x) = \frac{4x+5}{3}$$

$$7. f(x) = \begin{cases} 3-2x, & x < 2 \\ x-3, & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$8. f(x) = \begin{cases} 5x+1, & x \leq -1 \\ x+3, & x > -1 \end{cases}$$

$$9. f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-1}{x+1}, & x < 4 \\ x-3, & x > 4 \\ 5, & x = 4 \end{cases}$$

$$10. f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{e} + 3, & x < e \\ \ln x^4, & x \geq e \end{cases}$$

**Find the domain of each function.**

$$11. s(x) = \frac{\sqrt{6x-2}}{5}$$

$$12. w(t) = \frac{6}{\sqrt{2t+10}}$$

$$13. f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{6-2x}}$$

$$14. v(t) = \frac{3t}{t\sqrt{t+7}}$$

$$15. g(x) = \frac{x+1}{x^2+5x+4}$$

$$16. g(w) = \frac{2}{4-\sqrt{w}}$$

17.  $s(t) = \sqrt[3]{t-8}$

18.  $h(t) = \frac{\sqrt{4-t}}{t-5}$

19.  $g(x) = x^2 + 11x + 30$ 

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Below is a table of values for a continuous function  $f$ . Use this table to answer questions 20-22.

$x$	3	4	5	6	7
$f(x)$	4	1	-3	-1	6

20. On the interval  $3 \leq x \leq 7$ , must there be a value of  $x$  for which  $f(x) = 5$ ? Explain.

21. On the interval  $3 \leq x \leq 7$ , **could** there be a value of  $x$  for which  $f(x) = 7$ ? Explain.

22. What is the minimum number of zeros  $f$  must have on the interval  $3 \leq x \leq 7$ ?

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Below is a table of values for a continuous function  $g$ . Use this table to answer questions 23-26.

$x$	0	2	15	32	50
$g(x)$	-1	10	17	-10	8

23. On the interval  $0 \leq x \leq 15$ , must there be a value of  $x$  for which  $g(x) = -3$ ? Explain.

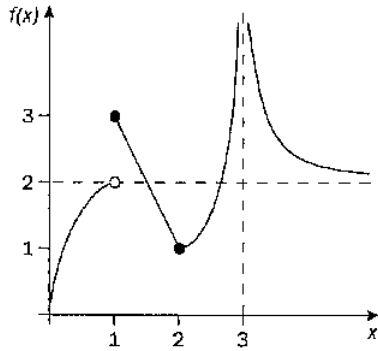
24. On the interval  $0 \leq x \leq 50$ , must there be a value of  $x$  for which  $g(x) = 11$ ? Explain.

25. What is the minimum number of zeros  $g$  must have on the interval  $15 \leq x \leq 50$ ?

26. What is the minimum number of zeros  $g$  must have on the interval  $0 \leq x \leq 50$ ?

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1. The graph of the function  $f(x)$  is shown below:



Which of the following statements is true about  $f$ ?

- I.  $f$  is undefined at  $x = 1$ .
- II.  $f$  is defined but not continuous at  $x = 2$ .
- III.  $f$  is defined and continuous at  $x = 3$ .

- (A) Only I      (B) Only II      (C) I and II      (D) I and III      (E) None of the statements are true.

2. Let  $y = \frac{x^2+4x-21}{x^2-9}$ . This function has a hole. What is the y-value of the hole?

- (A)  $\frac{5}{3}$       (B) 3      (C)  $-\frac{10}{3}$       (D) 0      (E) -3

3. For which value of  $k$  is the following function continuous at  $x = 4$ ?

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin \frac{\pi}{x}, & x \leq 4 \\ k\sqrt{\frac{x}{2}}, & x > 4 \end{cases}$$

- (A)  $k = 2$       (B)  $k = 1$       (C)  $k = -1$       (D)  $k = \frac{1}{2}$       (E)  $k = -\frac{1}{2}$

4.

$x$	0	1	2
$f(x)$	1	$k$	2

The function  $f$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[0, 2]$  and has values that are given in the table above. The equation  $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}$  must have at least two intersections with  $f$  in the interval  $[0, 2]$  if  $k =$

- (A) 0      (B)  $\frac{1}{2}$       (C) 1      (D) 2      (E) 3
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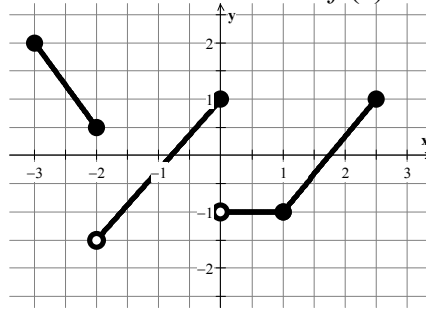
5. For what value of  $k$  will the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - (k+2)x + 6}{x-k}$  have a point discontinuity at  $x = k$ ?

- (A)  $k = -1$       (B)  $k = 0$       (C)  $k = 1$       (D)  $k = 2$       (E)  $k = 3$
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6. Suppose  $f$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[0, 4]$  and suppose  $f(0) = 1, f(1) = 2, f(2) = 0, f(3) = -3, f(4) = 3$ . Which of the following statements about the zeros of  $f$  on  $[0, 4]$  is always true?

- (A)  $f$  has exactly one zero on  $[0, 4]$ .      (B)  $f$  has more than one zero on  $[0, 4]$ .      (C)  $f$  has more than two zeros on  $[0, 4]$ .  
(D)  $f$  has exactly two zeros on  $[0, 4]$ .      (E) None of the statements above is true.

Questions 7 through 9 are based on the function  $f(x)$  shown in the graph below:



7. The function  $f(x)$  has a removable discontinuity at:

- (A)  $x = -2$  only                      (B)  $x = 0$  only                      (C)  $x = 1$  only  
(D)  $x = -2$  and  $x = 0$  only        (E)  $f(x)$  has no removable discontinuities.
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8. On what intervals is  $f(x)$  continuous?

- (A)  $[-3, -2] \cup [-2, 0] \cup [0, 2.5]$                       (B)  $[-3, -2] \cup (-2, 0] \cup [0, 2.5]$   
(C)  $[-3, -2] \cup (-2, 0] \cup (0, 2.5]$                       (D)  $[-3, -2] \cup [-2, 0] \cup (0, 2.5]$   
(E)  $[-3, -2] \cup (-2, 0] \cup (0, 1) \cup (1, 2.5]$
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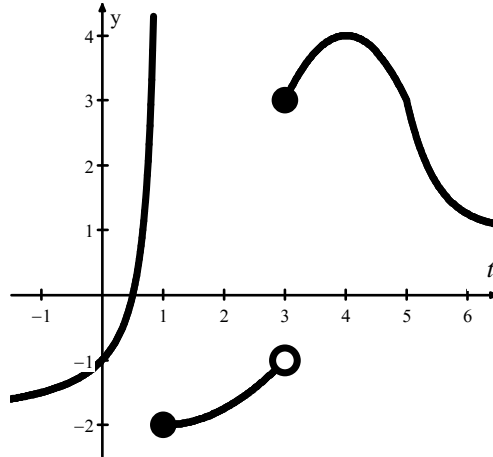
9. The function has a jump discontinuity at:

- (A)  $x = -2$  only                      (B)  $x = 0$  only                      (C)  $x = 1$  only  
(D)  $x = -2$  and  $x = 0$  only        (E)  $f(x)$  has no jump discontinuities.

FREE RESPONSE ON THE BACK!

For this Free Response problem, answer each question as completely as possible. **Do NOT look at the answers until completed!** When done, use the Solution Key to grade your work. Put your score in the box below.

The graph of a function  $f$  is shown below and describes the position of a particle as it moves along the  $y$ -axis with respect to time.



- Describe the movement of the particle on the interval  $[1,3]$ .
- Assume  $f(t) > 1$  for  $t > 6$ , and  $y = 1$  is an asymptote. Describe the movement of the particle as  $t$  approaches infinity.
- Can we use the Intermediate Value Theorem on the interval  $[-1,2]$  to show that  $f$  has a zero in that interval? On the interval  $[2,5]$ ? Explain your reasoning.

