

Panel 1

Math 1401: Last time

Continuity:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(a) \checkmark \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \checkmark \\ = \end{array} \right.$

Graphical meaning:  
gap or hole  $\Rightarrow$  not cont

Types of Discontinuities:  
removable, jump, essential

Limits to infinity:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^\pm} f(x) = \pm\infty$   $\leftarrow$  vertical asymptote  $c=1/4$

$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x-2}{x^2-4} & x \neq 2 \\ c & x = 2 \end{cases}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{x^2-4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{x+2} = \frac{1}{4}$

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$f(x) = \begin{cases} cx & \text{if } x < 1 \\ x^2 - 9 & \text{if } 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 7 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$  Where is  $f$  cont.?

Take  $c = -8$ , then

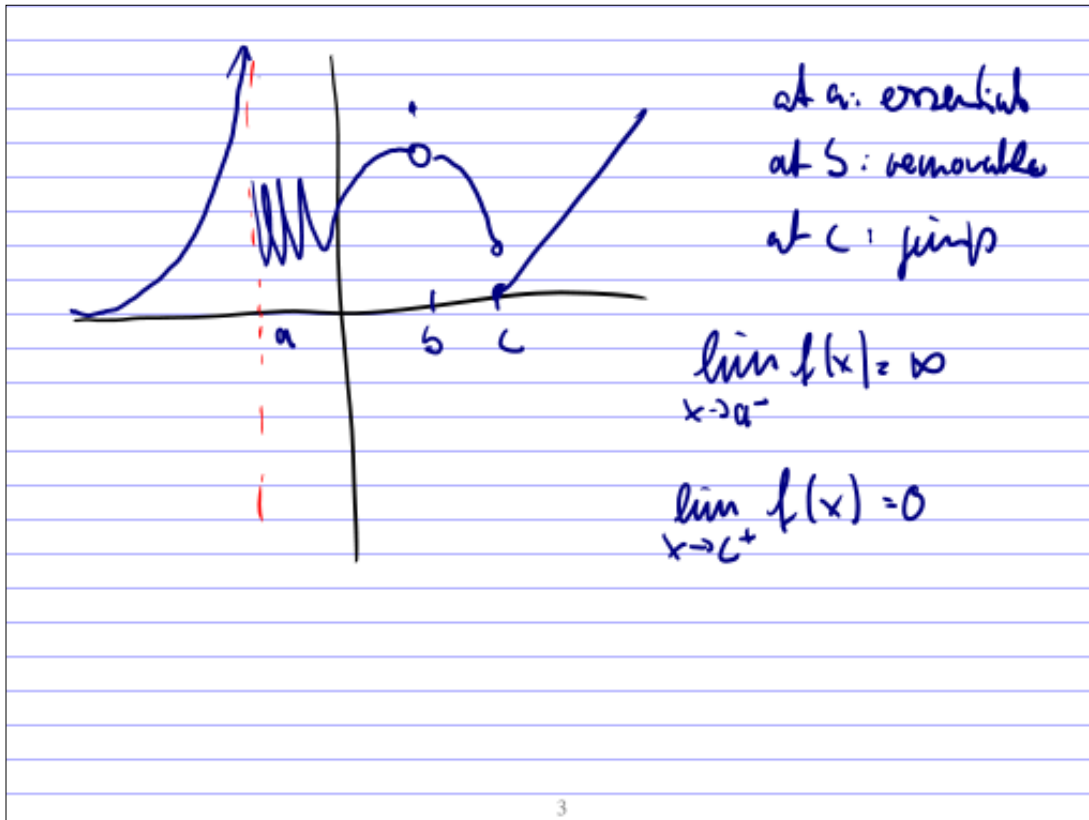
$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} cx = c$   $f$  is cont. at  $x=1$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} x^2 - 9 = -8$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} x^2 - 9 = -5$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 7$  Not cont. at  $x=2$ , in fact, it is a jump

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Quiz #3a

① Consider the graph below.

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

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

c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} f(x) = \infty$

c) is  $f$  cont. at  $x=a$ ? If not, what type: rem.

d) is  $f$  cont. at  $x=0$ ? If not, what type: jump

e) is  $f$  cont. at  $x=b$ ? If not, what type: ess.

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② Where is the following function continuous?

$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x-1}}{x^2 - 5x + 6}$$

$(x-2)(x-3)$

$x \geq 1$  except  $x=2,3$   
 $[1,2) \cup (2,3) \cup (3,\infty)$

③ If  $g(x) = \begin{cases} cx-1 & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ x^2 & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$  Find a value for  $c$ , if any, so that  $f$  is continuous at  $x=1$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} cx-1 = c-1$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} x^2 = 1$

$c-1=1$   
 $c=2$

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2. For the function  $g$  whose graph is given, state the following

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x)$  (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} g(x)$  *later*  
 (c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} g(x) = \infty$  (d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = -\infty$   
 (e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} g(x) = -\infty$  (f) The equations of the asymptotes

$x=3$   
 $x=0$   
 $x=-2$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x) = -\infty$        $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) = \text{d.n.e.}$

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$$\begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{x^2-1} = +\infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1}{x^2-1} = -\infty \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{x^2-1} = +\infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1}{x^2-1} = -\infty \end{array}} \right\} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{x^2-1} = \text{d.n.e.}$$
  

$$\begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{(x-1)^3} = +\infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1}{(x-1)^3} = -\infty \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{(x-1)^3} = +\infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1}{(x-1)^3} = -\infty \end{array}} \right\} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{(x-1)^3} = \text{d.n.e.}$$
  

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Def: Let  $f$  be defined in  $[a, \infty)$ . Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$$

means that  $f(x)$  gets close to  $L$  as  $x$  gets ever larger.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0 \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^3 = \infty \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^3 = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^4 = +\infty$$

Panel 9

Algebraic limits at infinity Factor highest powers!

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^2 - x - 2}{5x^2 + 4x + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2(3 - \frac{1}{x} - \frac{2}{x^2})}{x^2(5 + \frac{4}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2})} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x^2 - 2}{5x^2 - 3x^2 + 9} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2(3 - \frac{2}{x^2})}{x^2(5 - \frac{3}{x} + \frac{9}{x^2})} = \frac{3}{5} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^3 - 7x^2 + 9}{4x + 7} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3(5 - \frac{7}{x} + \frac{9}{x^2})}{x(4 + \frac{7}{x})} = \frac{5x^2}{4} = \infty$$

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Algebraic limits at infinity: Shortcut Rules for limits at infinity:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 7x + 4}{8 - 6x^2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 - 7x + 7}{5x^2 - 9x} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 - x^4}{x^3 - 2} = \pm \infty = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{5 - x^4}{x^3 - 2} = \pm \infty = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{5 - x^4}{x^2 - 2} = -x^2 = +\infty$$

if  $\deg(\text{top}) < \deg(\text{bottom})$ :  
 $\Rightarrow 0$

if  $\deg(\text{top}) > \deg(\text{bottom})$ :  
 $\Rightarrow \pm \infty$

if  $\deg(\text{top}) = \deg(\text{bottom})$ :  
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\#}{\#}$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7x^3 - 5x^2 + 7x - 9}{3x - 3x^2 - 3x^3 - 3x^4} = \frac{-5}{3} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7x^3 + 7x - 9}{1 - x^5} = 0$$

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Limits Graphically

① a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = -1$   
 b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 1$   
 c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = 1$   
 d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = 1$

② a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x)$       b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x)$       c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x)$

③ a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x)$       b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$       c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$

④ a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$       b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$       c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$