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Using the definition of continuity at a point, explain why the following functions are NOT continuous at the given points. Be as specific as possible. **DO NOT USE GRAPHS.**

SCORE: ___ / 6 POINTS

[a] $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{4}{x^2} & \text{if } x \neq 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 2 \end{cases}$ at $x = 2$

[b] $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 2 & \text{if } x < -1 \\ 3x^{-1} - 2 & \text{if } -1 \leq x < 1 \\ 2 - x^3 & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$ at $x = 1$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1 - \frac{4}{x^2}}{x + 2} = \frac{0}{4} = 0 \neq 1$$

$$f(1) \text{ DNE}$$

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

Is the following proof valid? Explain briefly why or why not.

SCORE: ___ / 2 POINTS

Prove that $f(x) = 1 - \frac{4}{x^2} = 0$ for some $x \in (-1, 3)$.

Proof: Since $f(-1) = 1 - \frac{4}{1} = -3$ and $f(3) = 1 - \frac{4}{9} = \frac{5}{9}$, and since $-3 < 0 < \frac{5}{9}$,

by the Intermediate Value Theorem, $f(x) = 1 - \frac{4}{x^2} = 0$ for some $x \in (-1, 3)$.

IT IS NOT VALID, $f(x)$ IS NOT CONTINUOUS AT $0 \in (-1, 3)$ SINCE $f(0)$ DNE. SO THE IVT DOES NOT APPLY.

For the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2 - 9x + 4) = -10$, find a value of δ for ε . **Specifically, show the scratch work to find the value of δ in the proof of the limit. YOU DO NOT NEED TO WRITE A COMPLETE PROOF OF THE LIMIT.** SCORE: ___ / 3 POINTS

$$\text{IF } 0 < |x - 2| < \delta, \text{ THEN } |x^2 - 9x + 4 - (-10)| < \varepsilon$$

$$|x^2 - 9x + 14| < \varepsilon$$

$$|x - 7| |x - 2| < \varepsilon$$

$$\text{IF } \delta \leq 1, |x - 2| < \delta$$

$$6\delta < \varepsilon$$

$$\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{6}$$

$$\text{SO } \delta = \text{MINIMUM}\left(1, \frac{\varepsilon}{6}\right)$$

$$\text{SO } -1 < x - 2 < 1$$

$$-6 < x - 7 < -4$$

$$4 < |x - 7| < 6$$