

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] $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x-1 & \text{if } x < 2 \\ 3 & \text{if } x = 2 \\ 5-2x & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$ at $x = 2$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (5-2x) = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) \text{ DNE}$$

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

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

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

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

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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 DISCONTINUOUS AT $x=0 \in (-1, 3)$
SINCE $f(0)$ DNE. SO THE IVT DOES NOT APPLY

For the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x^2 - 8x + 5) = -10$, 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.

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IF $0 < |x-3| < \delta$, THEN $|x^2 - 8x + 5 - (-10)| < \varepsilon$

$$\text{IF } \delta \leq 1 \Rightarrow |x-3| < 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } -1 &< x-3 < 1 \quad \frac{1}{4} \\ -3 &< x-5 < -1 \quad \frac{1}{4} \\ 1 &< |x-5| < 3 \quad \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |x^2 - 8x + 15| &< \varepsilon \\ |x-3||x-5| &< \varepsilon \quad \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3\delta &< \varepsilon \quad \frac{1}{2} \\ \delta &= \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \quad \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } \delta = \text{MINIMUM}(1, \frac{\varepsilon}{3}) \quad \frac{1}{2}$$