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Math 101

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Altiary

## Continuity on open interval

### Definition:

A function  $f$  is continuous on an open interval  $(a, b)$  if it is continuous at each point in the interval.

Remark:- A function  $f$  that is continuous on the entire line  $(-\infty, \infty)$  is everywhere continuous.

**Theorem:** The following types of function are continuous at every point in their domains.

Functions <small>الدوال</small>	Forms <small>الشكل</small>	Domain <small>المجال</small>
Polynomial functions	$p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$	$D = \mathbb{R}$
Rational functions	$r(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$ , $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are polynomials.	$D = \mathbb{R} - \{\text{أصفار المقام}\}$
Radical functions	$f(x) = \sqrt[n]{x}$ $n$ : even  $n$ : odd	$D = \text{ماتحت الجذر} \geq 0$  $D = \mathbb{R}$
Trigonometric functions	$\sin x, \cos x, \tan x, \sec x, \csc x, \cot x$	$D = \mathbb{R}$
Exponential functions	$e^x, a^x \quad a > 0$	$D = \mathbb{R}$
Logarithmic functions	$\ln x, \log_a x$	$D = \text{ما بداخل الدالة} > 0$

**Example 1:** Find the intervals in which each the following function is continuous.

1)-  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 1$

$f(x)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$

2)-  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 - 6x + 9}$

$f(x)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R} - \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{أصفار} \\ \text{المقام} \end{array} \right\}$

$$\therefore x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x-3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3$$

$\therefore f(x)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R} - \{3\} = (-\infty, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$ .

3)-  $f(x) = \sqrt[5]{x+2}$

$f(x)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

4)-  $f(x) = \sqrt{x(x-1)}$

$f$  is continuous iff  $x(x-1) \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x-1 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq 1$$

5)-  $f(x) = \ln(x+4)$

$f$  is continuous iff  $x+4 > 0$

$$x > -4$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous on  $(-4, \infty)$

$$6) - f(x) = \sqrt[4]{x+7}$$

f is continuous iff  $x+7 \geq 0$

$$x \geq -7$$

$\therefore$  f is continuous iff  $[-7, \infty)$

$$7) - f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+1}$$

f is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ , why?!

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

f is continuous iff  $x^2-3x \neq 0$

$$x(x-3) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \neq 0 \text{ or } x-3 \neq 0$$

$$x = 3$$

$\therefore$  f is continuous on  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$

$$9) - f(x) = \sqrt{x^2+25}$$

f is continuous iff  $x^2+25 \geq 0$

$$10) f(x) = \sin(x^2-4)$$

## Continuity on a closed interval

A function  $f$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$  iff

1)  $f$  continuous on  $(a, b)$ .

$$2) \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = f(a)$$

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

**Example 1:** Discuss the continuity of

a)  $f(x) = \sqrt{25 - x^2}$

$f$  is continuous if  $25 - x^2 \geq 0$

$$(5-x)(5+x) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5-x \geq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 5+x \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 \geq x \quad \text{or} \quad x \geq -5$$

$$\Rightarrow x \leq 5 \quad \text{or} \quad x \geq -5$$

$$\Rightarrow -5 \leq x \leq 5$$

$$\therefore D(f) = [-5, 5]$$

1)  $f$  is continuous on  $(-5, 5)$

$$2) \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \sqrt{25 - x^2} = \sqrt{25 - 25} = 0 = f(5)$$

$$3) \lim_{x \rightarrow -5^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -5^+} \sqrt{25 - x^2} = \sqrt{25 - 25} = 0 = f(-5)$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous on  $[-5, 5]$

b)  $g(x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$

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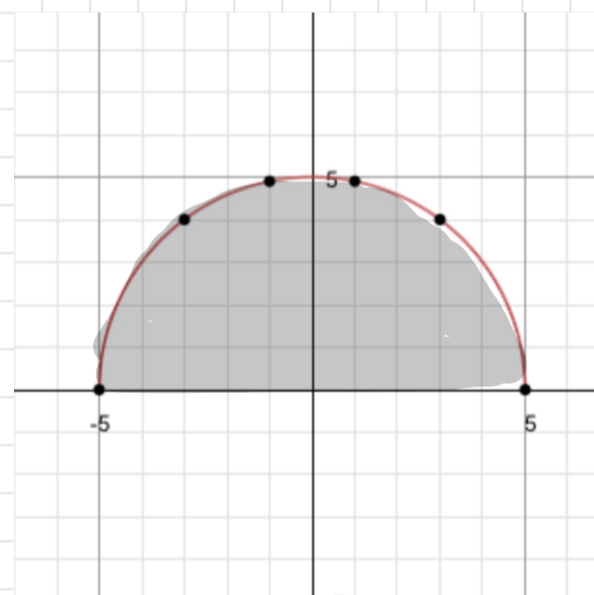
Remember:

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

$$y = \sqrt{25 - x^2}$$

$$y^2 = 25 - x^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 25$$



## One sided continuity

### Right and left continuity:

- A function  $f$  is continuous from the right at  $a$  if

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

- A function  $f$  is continuous from the left at  $a$  if

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

**Example 1:** Discuss the continuity of the following function

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

$f$  is continuous iff  $x \geq 0$

$\therefore f$  is continuous on  $[0, \infty)$

$$g(x) = \sqrt{x-5}$$

$f$  is continuous iff  $x-5 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq 5$$

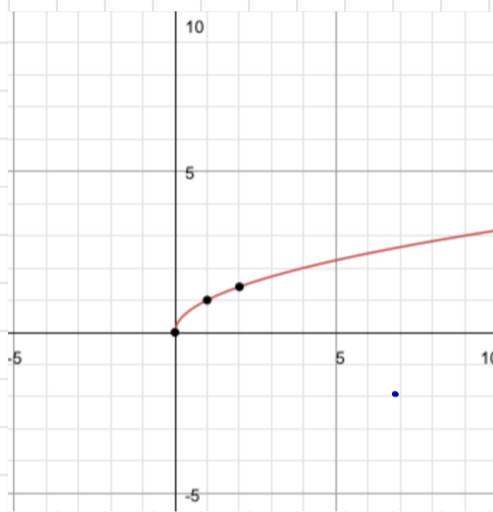
$\therefore f$  is continuous on  $[5, \infty)$

$$h(x) = \sqrt{x+3}$$

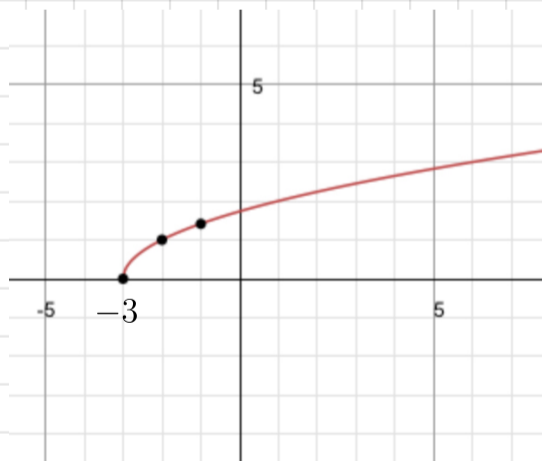
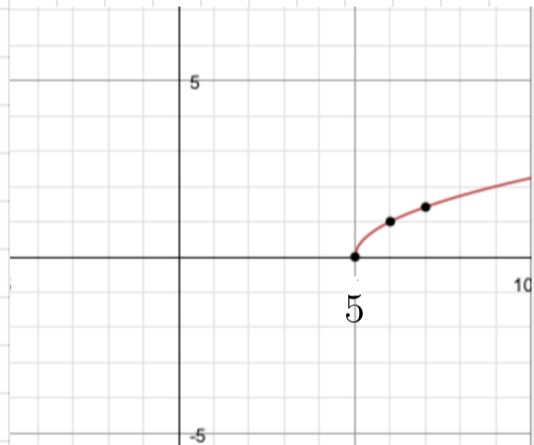
$f$  is continuous iff  $x+3 \geq 0$

$$x \geq -3$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous on  $[-3, \infty)$



**Your Note:**



**Example 2:** Discuss the continuity of the following function

$$f(x) = \sqrt{1-x}$$

$f$  is continuous iff  $1-x \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \geq x$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous on  $(-\infty, 1]$

$$g(x) = \sqrt{5-x}$$

$f$  is continuous iff  $5-x \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 5 \geq x \text{ or } x \leq 5$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous on  $(-\infty, 5]$

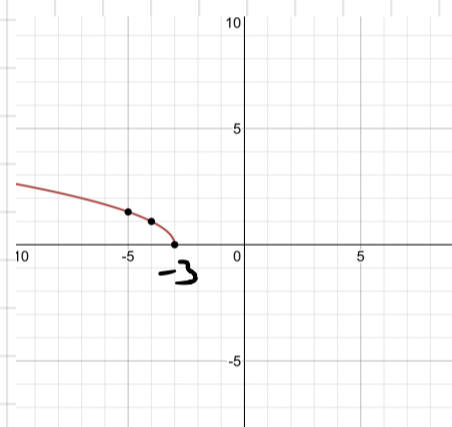
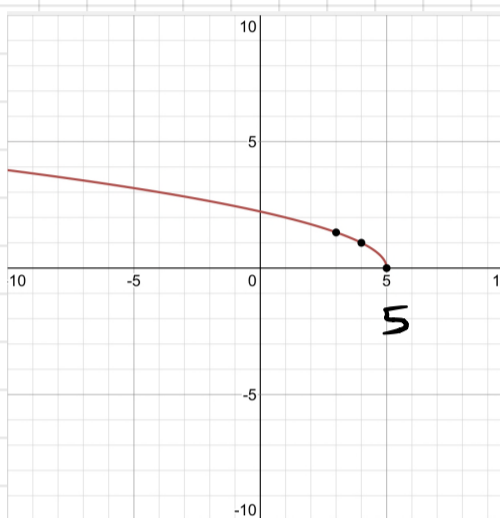
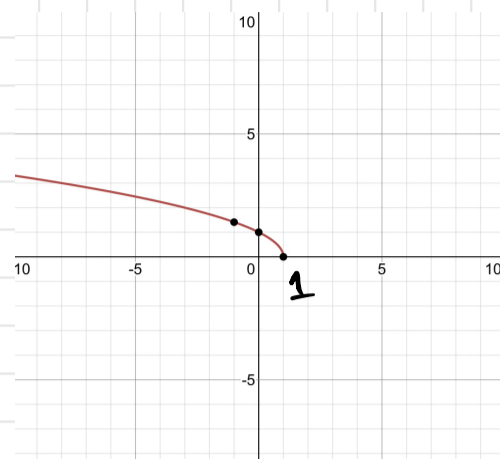
$$h(x) = \sqrt{-3-x}$$

$f$  is continuous iff  $-3-x \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow -3 \geq x \text{ or } x \leq -3$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous on  $(-\infty, -3]$

Your Note:



**Example 3:** Discuss the continuity of the following function at the given number

Your Note:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x} \text{ at } a=0$$

$$1) - f(0) = \sqrt{0} = 0$$

$$2) - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{x} \\ = \sqrt{0} = 0$$

$$3) - \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = f(0)$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous from the right



## Example 4: Greatest integer function

The greatest integer function  $[x]$  is the largest integer less than or equal to  $x$ .

$$[x] = n \iff n \leq x < n+1$$

$$[2.9] = 2$$

$$[0] = 0$$

$$[1.4] = 1$$

$$[3] = 3$$

$$[-2.51] = -3$$

$$[-0.5] = -1$$

$$[-1.01] = -2$$

$$[-2] = -2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} [x] = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} [x] = \text{DNE}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} [x] = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} [x] = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [x] = \text{DNE}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} [x] = 2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} [x] = 2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} [x] = \text{DNE}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} [x] = 3$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow n^-} [x] = n-1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow n} [x] = \text{DNE}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow n^+} [x] = n$$

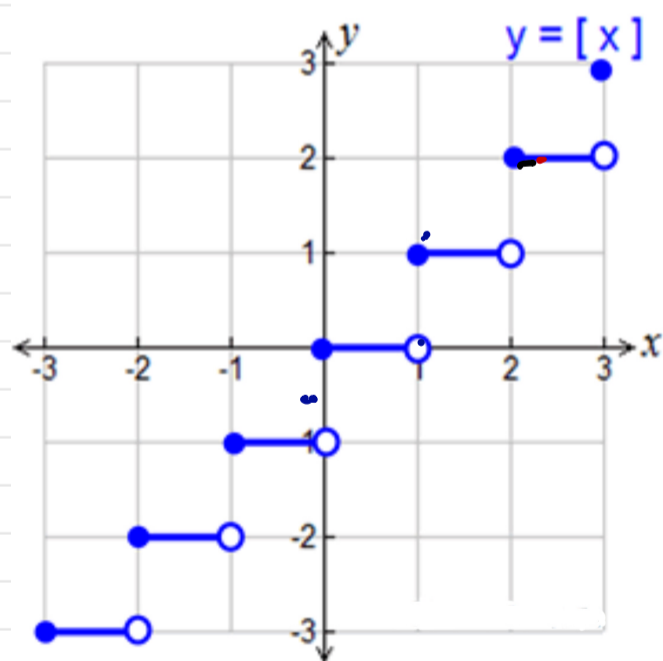
Discuss the continuity of  $g(x) = [x]$  at  $a=n$

$$g(n) = [n] = n$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow n^+} [x] = n$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow n^-} [x] = n-1$$

Exist but not equal



$\therefore g$  is discontinuous at  $a=n$

$\therefore g$  has jump discontinuity.

or

$g$  is continuous from the right

Remark:-

1)- There is a jump at each integer and so

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow n^+} [x] \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow n^-} [x]$$

2) What about if  $a$  is not integer i.e  $a = 1.5$

💡 Does  $g(x) = [x]$  is continuous at  $a = 1.5$

**Theorem 2.4.1: [Properties of Continuity]**

If  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous function at  $a$  and  $k$  is any real number, then the following functions are continuous at  $a$ .

1. Sum and Difference:  $f \pm g$

2. Product:  $fg$

3. Quotient:  $\frac{f}{g}$  provided  $g(a) \neq 0$

4. Constant multiple:  $kf$ .