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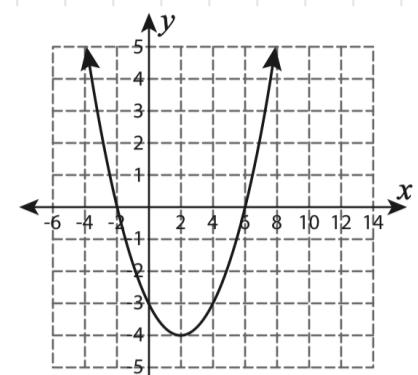
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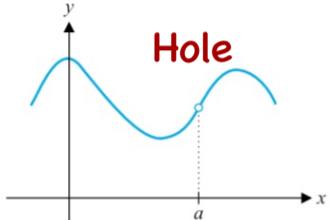
# Continuity

## Continuity at point

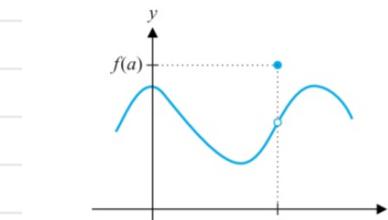
Graphically : A function  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  if its graph has no hole or break at  $a$ . Otherwise, we say that  $f$  is discontinuous.



- We will classify such discontinuities as : Point, Jump and infinite.

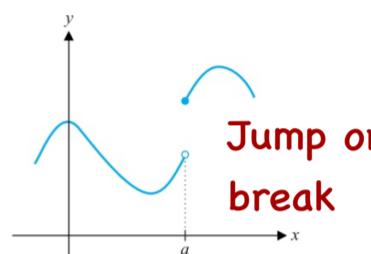


$f(a)$  undefined  
Point discontinuity



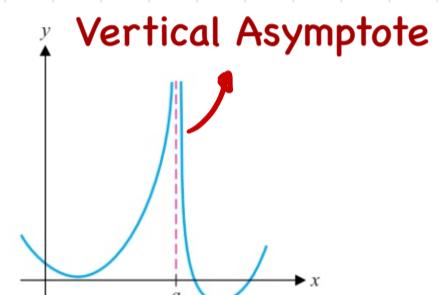
$f(a)$  is defined.  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists.  
but  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \neq f(a)$

Point discontinuity



$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \text{ DNE}$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$

Jump discontinuity



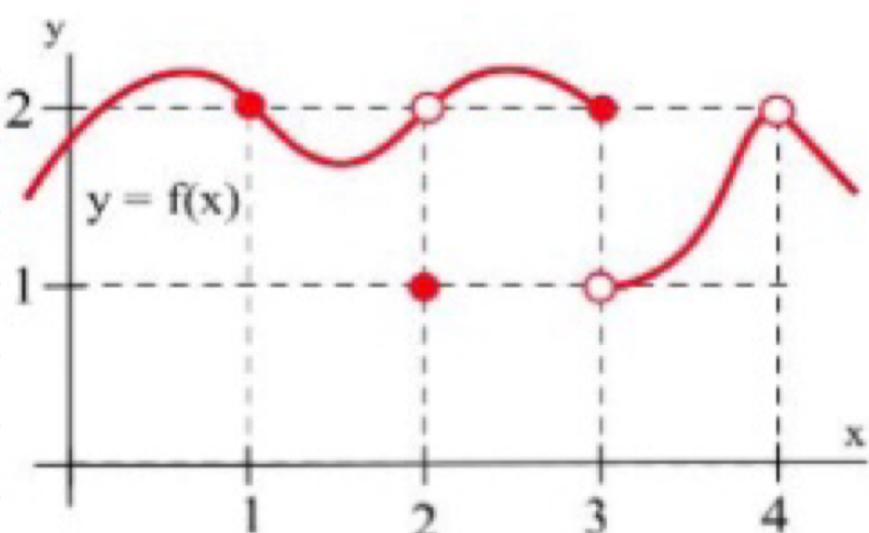
$f(a)$  undefined  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \text{ DNE}$

Infinite discontinuity

removable discontinuity

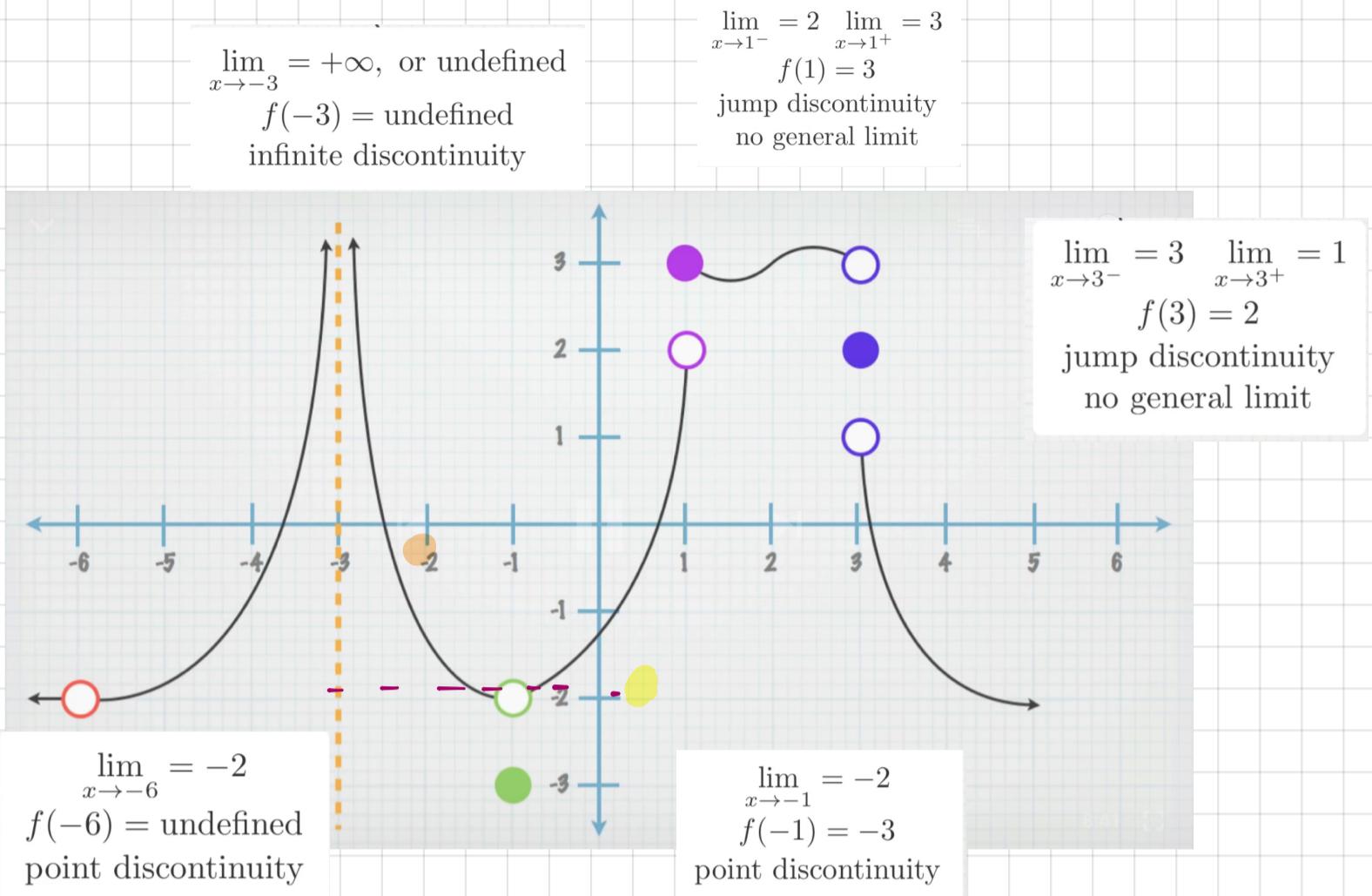
Non-removable discontinuity

Example 1: Use the following graph to fill the table



$a$	$f(a)$	$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$
1	2	2
2	1	2
3	2	does not exist
4	undefined	2

## Example 2:



Algebraically A function  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  iff

1.  $f(a)$  is defined
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exist
3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$

## Discontinuity:

A function  $f$  fails to be continuous at  $a$

if one or more of the following conditions

holds :

إنفال قابل للإزالة

1. If  $f(a)$  is not defined.

إنفال غير  
قابل للإزالة

2. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  does not exist

إنفال قفز

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$  or

إنفال لانهائي

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

3. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \neq f(a)$  إنفال قابل للإزالة

### Example 1:

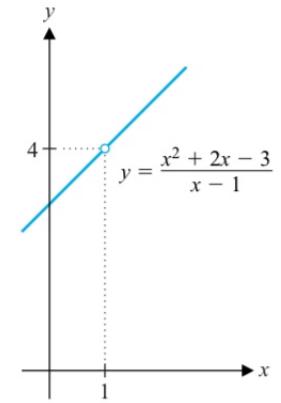
Determine whether the given functions are continuous at  $a=1$

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

$$f(1) = \frac{(1)^2 + 2(1) - 3}{1 - 1} = \frac{0}{0} \text{ undefined.}$$

$f$  is discontinuous at  $a=1$

$f$  has removable discontinuity at  $a=1$



$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 3}{x - 1}, & x \neq 1 \\ 5, & x = 1 \end{cases}$$

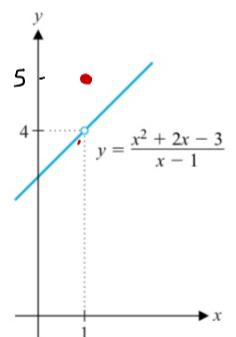
$$1) - f(1) = 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2) - \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 3}{x - 1} = \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(x+3)}{x-1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x + 3 = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$3) - \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) \neq f(1)$$

$\therefore f$  is discontinuous at  $a=1$

$f$  has removable discontinuity at  $a=1$



$$h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2+2x-3}{x-1}, & x \neq 1 \\ 4 & x = 1 \end{cases}$$

1) -  $f(1) = 4$

$$\begin{aligned} 2) - \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 3}{x-1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(x+3)}{x-1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x + 3 = 4 \end{aligned}$$

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

$\therefore f$  is continuous at  $x = 1$

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3-1}{x-1} & x < 1 \\ -x^2 + 2x + 2 & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$h(1) = (-1)^2 + 2(1) + 2 = 3$$

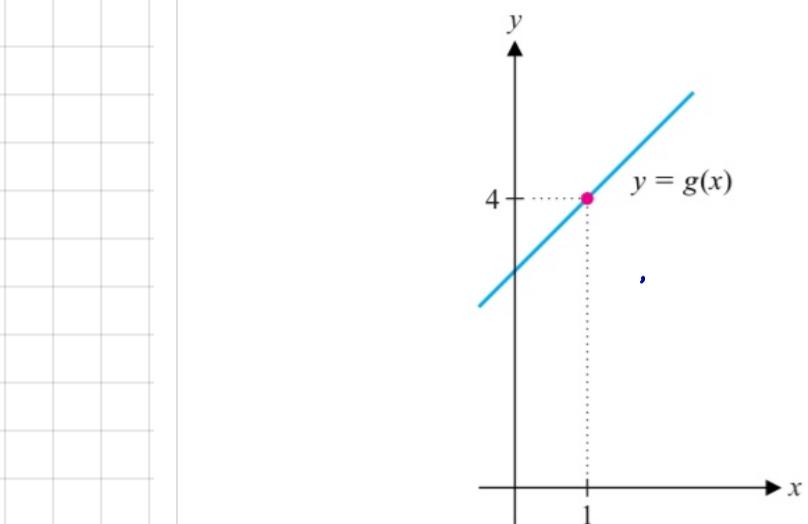
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} h(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} -x^2 + 2(1) + 2 = 3.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} h(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x^3-1}{x-1} \quad [0/0] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{(x^2+x+1)(x-1)}{(x-1)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} x^2 + x + 1 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} h(x) = 3$$

$$\therefore h(1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} h(x)$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous at  $x = 1$



حل case 0/0  
بالقسمة المطولة

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + x + 1 \\ \hline x-1 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{r} x^3 + 1 \\ -x^3 + x^2 \\ \hline x^2 + 1 \\ -x^2 + x \\ \hline x + 1 \\ -x - 1 \\ \hline 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$$\therefore x^3 + 1 = (x^2 + x + 1)(x - 1)$$

Try to use  
 $(x^3 - a^3) =$   
 $(x-a)(x^2 + ax + a^2)$

or 8- حل case 0/0 بطرق أخرى تعرف بطريقة لوبيتال سوف ندرسها لاحقا

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

تقاضل المقام

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x^n] = nx^{n-1}$$

### Example 2:

Discuss the continuity of the following function at the given number

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

$f(2)$  undefined.

$\therefore f$  is discontinuous at  $x=2$ .

$f$  has removable discontinuity

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} x+1 & , x < 2 \\ 2x-1 & , x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$1) F(2) = 2(2)-1 = 3$$

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

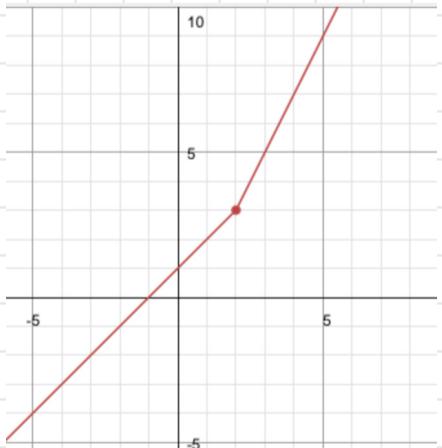
Exist  
and  
equal

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

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 3$$

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

$\therefore f$  is discontinuous at  $a=2$



$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1 & , x < 2 \\ 2x+1 & , x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

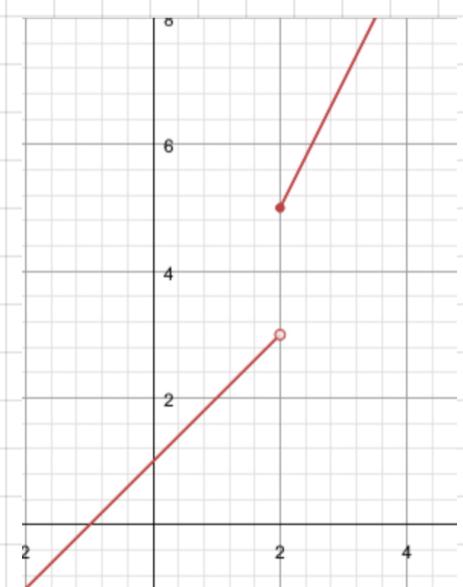
$$1) F(2) = 2(2)-1 = 3$$

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

$$\text{Exist but not equal } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} 2x+1 = 5$$

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

$\therefore f$  has jump discontinuity



**Example 3:** Find the value of  $a$  that makes the given function continuous

$$1) \ h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - a^2}{x-a}, & x \neq a \\ 6, & x = a \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h(a) = 6 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^2 - a^2}{x-a} \quad [\text{Factor out } (x-a)] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{(x-a)(x+a)}{x-a} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} x+a = 2a \\ \Rightarrow 6 &= 2a \Rightarrow a = 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$1) \ f(x) = \begin{cases} 5x-2, & x \geq 2 \\ ax^2+2, & x < 2 \end{cases}$$

- $f$  is continuous at  $x=2$  iff  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = f(2)$

$$1) \ f(2) = 5(2) - 2 = 8$$

$$2) \ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (5x-2) = 5(2) - 2 = 8$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} ax^2 + 2 = a(2)^2 + 2 = 4a + 2$$

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  exist iff  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$

$$4a + 2 = 8 \Leftrightarrow 4a = 6 \Leftrightarrow a = \frac{6}{4} = \frac{3}{2}$$