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AP Calculus: Limits of Difference Quotients

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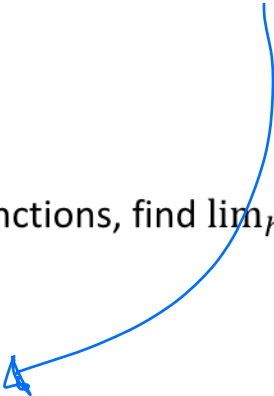
Find $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ for $f(x) = 3x^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3(x+h)^2 - 3x^2}{h} &= \frac{3(x^2 + 2xh + h^2) - 3x^2}{h} = \frac{\cancel{3x^2} + 6xh + 3h^2 - \cancel{3x^2}}{h} \\ &= \frac{h(6x + 3h)}{h} \end{aligned}$$

Classwork

For each of the following functions, find $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$

1. $f(x) = 3x^2$


$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 6x + 3h = 6x$$

$$4. f(x) = 1 - x - x^2$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - (x+h) - (x+h)^2 - (1 - x - x^2)}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - x - h - (x^2 + 2xh + h^2) - 1 + x + x^2}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{1} - \cancel{x} - h - \cancel{x^2} - 2xh - h^2 - \cancel{1} + \cancel{x} + \cancel{x^2}}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h - 2xh - h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(-1 - 2x - h)}{h} = -1 - 2x$$

$$5. f(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h} \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})}{(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} \right)$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{x+h} - \cancel{x}}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2x}$$

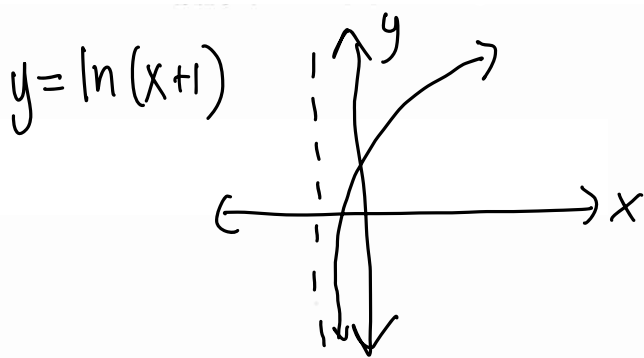
$$2. \quad f(x) = \frac{2}{x}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\frac{2}{x+h} - \frac{2}{x}}{h x(x+h)} \right)$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{2x} - \cancel{2x} - 2h}{xh(x+h)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2h}{x\cancel{h}(x+h)}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2}{x(x+h)} = \frac{-2}{x^2}$$

Homework 09-18



AP Calc: Continuity

1. For what value(s) of x is each of the following functions discontinuous?

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

(c) $h(x) = \sqrt{2x-1}$ none

(b) $g(x) = \frac{x+1}{x^2-4x+3}$

(d) $f(x) = \ln(x+1)$ none

at $x = 1$
and $x = 3$

For each of the following, find a value for the constant k , that will make the function continuous.

2. $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 1, & x < 3 \\ 2kx, & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$ $k = \frac{4}{3}$

3. $g(x) = \begin{cases} 4 - x^2, & x < -1 \\ kx^2 - 1, & x \geq -1 \end{cases}$ $k = 4$

4. $h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin x}{2x}, & x \neq 0 \\ k, & x = 0 \end{cases}$ $k = \frac{1}{2}$

5. $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{5 - \sqrt{x}}{x - 25}, & x \neq 25 \\ k, & x = 25 \end{cases}$ $k = -\frac{1}{10}$

6. Given $g(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \leq -1 \\ -x, & -1 < x < 0 \\ 1, & x = 0 \\ -x, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 1, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$

Is g continuous at $x = -1$? 0 ? 1 ? Explain.

$g(-1) = 1$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} g(x) = 1$
at $x = -1$
CONTINUOUS
because
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} g(x) = g(-1)$

at $x = 0$?
not continuous
because
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) \neq g(0)$

$g(1) = 1$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} g(x) = -1$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} g(x) = 1$
at $x = 1$
not continuous
because
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x)$ DNE

In exercises 7 and 8, use the graph of the function with domain $-1 \leq x \leq 3$.

7. Determine

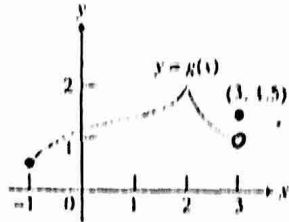
(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} g(x) = 1.5$ (b) $g(3) = 1.5$

(c) whether $g(x)$ is continuous at $x = 3$.

(d) the points of discontinuity of $g(x)$.

$x = 3$

no because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} g(x) \neq g(3)$



8. Determine

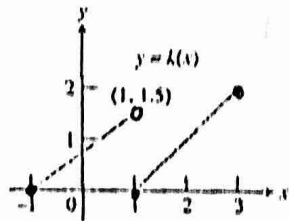
(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} k(x) = 0$ (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} k(x) = 0$ (c) $k(1) = 0$

(d) whether $k(x)$ is continuous at $x = 1$.

(e) the points of discontinuity of $k(x)$.

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6. $f(x) = 4 - 2x^2 + 5x$