

Unit #6: Continuity

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Topic: Continuity Review

*Objective: SWBAT repair the skills needed to answer questions about continuity and the definitions of the derivative.*

**NO CALCULATOR ALLOWED**

*Directions: Read each question carefully and show all work!*

1) Let  $f$  be the function defined by the following:

$$\begin{cases} \sin x, & x < 0 \\ x^2, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 2 - x, & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ x - 3, & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

For what values of  $x$  is the function NOT continuous?

2) For each of the following, determine any points of discontinuity and identify the type of discontinuity.

a)  $g(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 8x}{x^2 - 3x - 4}$

b)  $g(x) = \begin{cases} |2x - 3|, & \text{if } x < 1 \\ x^2 - 2, & \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$

3) For  $(x) = \begin{cases} ax + 1, & x \leq -2 \\ 5 + ax^2, & x > -2 \end{cases}$ , find the value of  $a$  which makes the function continuous at  $x = -2$ .

4) If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} ax^2 - 3b, & x > 2 \\ -3, & x = 2 \\ 3bx - a, & x < 2 \end{cases}$ , what values of  $a$  and  $b$  make the function continuous at  $x = 2$ ?

5) a) If  $f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 4$ , is there a number  $x = c$  on the interval  $[0,2]$  such that  $f(c) = 3$ . Justify your answer.

b) If  $f(x) = -3x^3 - 1$ , is there a number  $x = c$  on the interval  $[1,3]$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ . Justify your answer.

6) For  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1, & x < -3 \\ 2 - x, & x \geq -3 \end{cases}$ , is the function continuous at  $x = -3$ ? Justify your answer using the definition of continuity.

7) Give a formula for the extended function of  $f(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 12}{7x - 14}$  that is continuous at  $x = 2$ . Show all work that leads to your answer.

8) A toy car travels on a straight path. During the time interval  $0 \leq t \leq 60$  seconds, the toy car's velocity  $v$ , measured in feet per second, is a continuous function. Selected values are given below.

$t(\text{sec})$	0	15	25	30	35	50	60
$v(t)$ (ft/sec)	-10	-15	-10	-7	-5	0	13

Is there a time  $t$  from  $0 \leq t \leq 60$ , such that  $v(t) = -2$ ? Justify your answer.

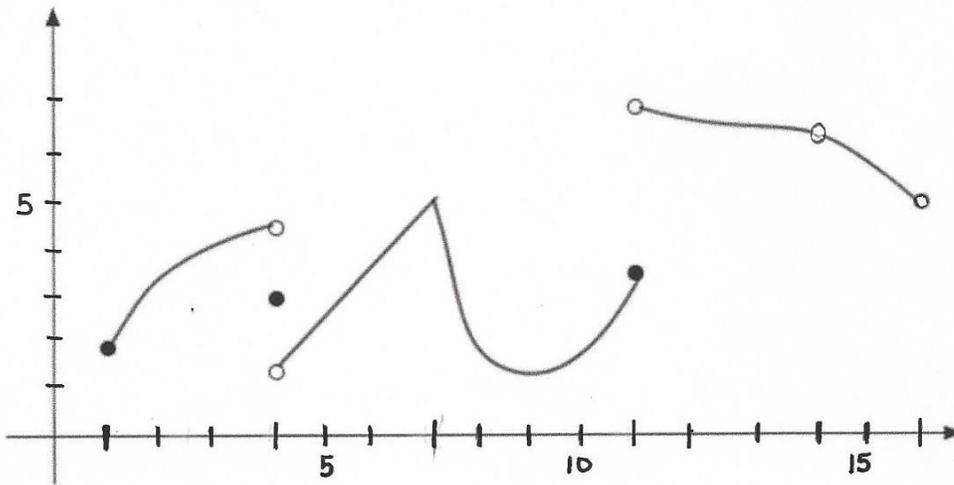
9) Let  $h(x)$  be a continuous function. Selected values of  $g$  are given in the table below.

$x$	2	3	5	8	14
$h(x)$	-1	0	6	5	-2

What is the least number of solutions the equation  $h(x) = 3$  has on the closed interval  $[2,14]$ ? Explain your reasoning.

10) Find the average rate of change of  $f(x) = 4x^2 - 3x$  over the interval  $[-3,5]$ .

11) Using the graph below, determine if each of the following statements is TRUE or FALSE.



- a)  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[1,4)$  \_\_\_\_\_
- b)  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 7$  and  $x = 9$  \_\_\_\_\_
- c)  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 11$  \_\_\_\_\_
- d)  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $(4,11]$  \_\_\_\_\_
- e)  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 2$  \_\_\_\_\_
- f)  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $(11,16)$  \_\_\_\_\_

12) Given  $y = \sqrt{x + 3}$

a) Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve when  $x = -2$ .

b) Find the equation of the normal line to the curve when  $x = -2$ .

13) If  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 5$ , find  $f'(x)$  using

a) the formal definition of the derivative.

b) the alternate definition of the derivative

14) At  $x = 3$ , the function given by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & x < 3 \\ 6x - 9, & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$  is

- (a) continuous, but not differentiable
- (b) differentiable, but not continuous
- (c) neither continuous nor differentiable
- (d) both continuous and differentiable

15) Which of the following point(s) of discontinuity of  $f(x) = \frac{3x + 6}{x^2 - 3x - 10}$  is/are not removable?

- (a)  $x = -2$       (b)  $x = -2$  and 5      (c)  $x = 5$       (d) none of these

16) Find an equation of the line tangent to the curve  $y = x^2 - x$ , at the point (2,2).