

Continuity (3.4)

" $f(x)$ is continuous at c " means

$$x \approx c \Rightarrow f(x) \approx f(c)$$

Equivalent definitions

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

② $0 \neq \varepsilon \approx 0 \Rightarrow \text{st}(f(c + \varepsilon)) = f(c)$

③ $0 \neq \Delta x \approx 0 \Rightarrow \text{st}(f(c + \Delta x)) = f(c)$

④ $0 \neq \delta \approx 0 \Rightarrow f(c + \delta) \approx f(c)$

Eg.

$f(t) = t^2$ is continuous at 5.

② $0 \neq \varepsilon \approx 0 \Rightarrow \text{st}((5 + \varepsilon)^2) = (5 + 0)^2 = 25 = 5^2 = f(5)$

① $\lim_{t \rightarrow 5} t^2 = 25 = 5^2$

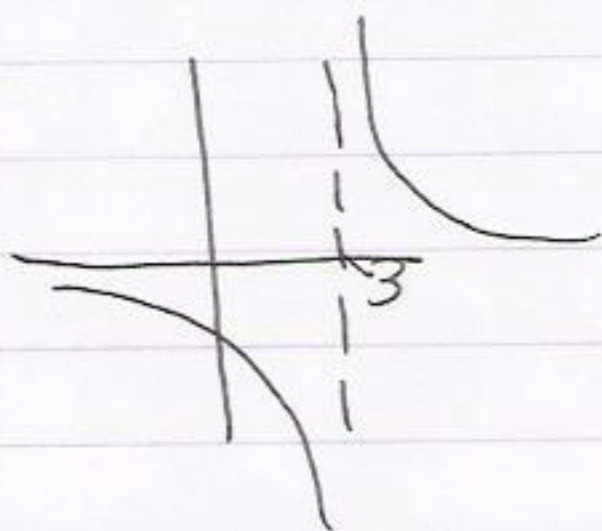
There are 3 ways $f(x)$ can fail to be continuous at c :

- w.g.
- ① $f(c)$ is undefined/DNE
 - ② $\lim f(x)$ DNE (does not exist) On Next PG. \rightarrow
 - ③ $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \neq f(c)$ on Next PG. \rightarrow

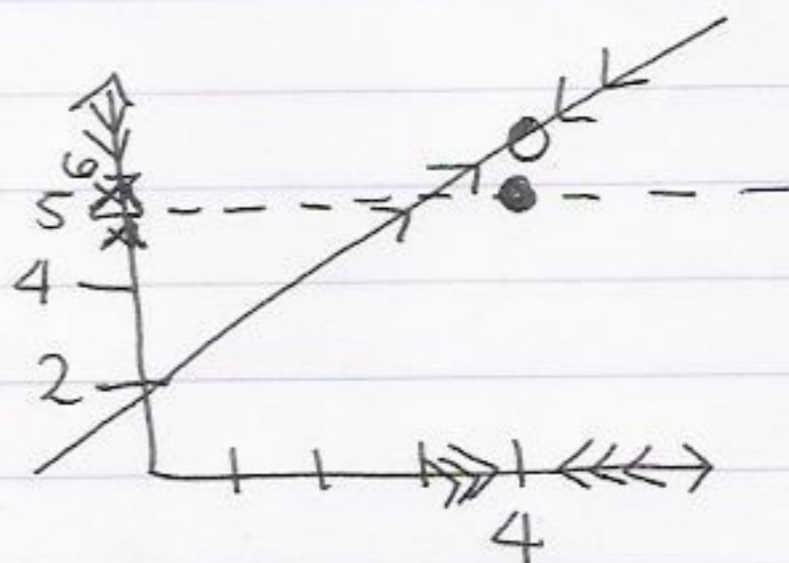
$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1}$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = \text{st}\left(\frac{(1 + \varepsilon)^2 - 1}{1 + \varepsilon - 1}\right) = \text{st}\left(\frac{2\varepsilon + \varepsilon^2}{\varepsilon}\right) = 2$

$\text{st}(2 + \varepsilon) = 2 + 0 = 2$ But $f(1) = \frac{1^2 - 1}{1 - 1} = \frac{0}{0}$ is undefined

e.g. ② $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-3}$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{1}{x-3} = \text{st}\left(\frac{1}{3+\varepsilon-3}\right) = \text{st}\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right) \leftarrow \text{DNE}$
 \uparrow
 $0 \neq \varepsilon \approx 0$ because $\frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ is infinite



e.g. ③ $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+2 & x \neq 4 \\ 5 & x = 4 \end{cases}$



$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = \text{st}(f(4+\varepsilon)) = \text{st}(4+\varepsilon+2) = 4+0+2 = 6 \neq 5 = f(4)$
 \uparrow
 $0 \neq \varepsilon \approx 0$

continuous functions are nice for limits:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$$

So, which functions are continuous and which x-values?

Fact: If $f'(c)$ exists, then f is continuous at c .
 Why? Let $0 \neq \Delta x \approx 0$

By definition, $\text{st}\left(\frac{f(c+\Delta x) - f(c)}{\Delta x}\right) = f'(c)$

$$\underbrace{\text{st}(\Delta x)}_0 \text{st}\left(\frac{f(c+\Delta x)-f(c)}{\Delta x}\right) = f'(c) \underbrace{\text{st}(\Delta x)}_0$$

$$\text{st}\left(\frac{\Delta x \cdot f(c+\Delta x) - f(c)}{\Delta x}\right) = 0$$

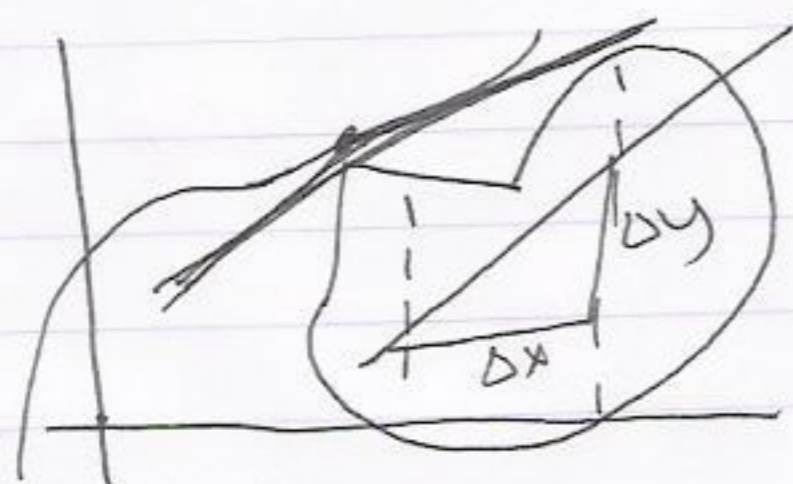
$$\text{st}(f(c+\Delta x) - f(c)) = 0$$

$$\text{st}(f(c+\Delta x)) - \underbrace{\text{st}(f(c))}_{\text{real}} = 0$$

$$\text{st}(f(c+\Delta x)) - f(c) = 0$$

$$\boxed{\text{st}(f(c+\Delta x)) = f(c)} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$$

Picture

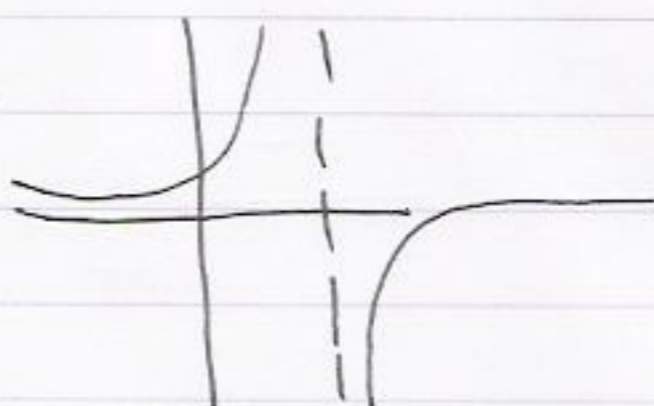


$$f(c+\Delta x) - f(c) = \Delta y \approx f'(c) \Delta x$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{3}} \sin(x) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Sine is differentiable at $\pi/3$ (and everywhere else),
so sine is continuous at $\pi/3$ (and everywhere else)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{1}{x-3} \text{ DNE}$$



$$\left(\frac{1}{x-3}\right)' = \frac{-1}{(x-3)^2}$$

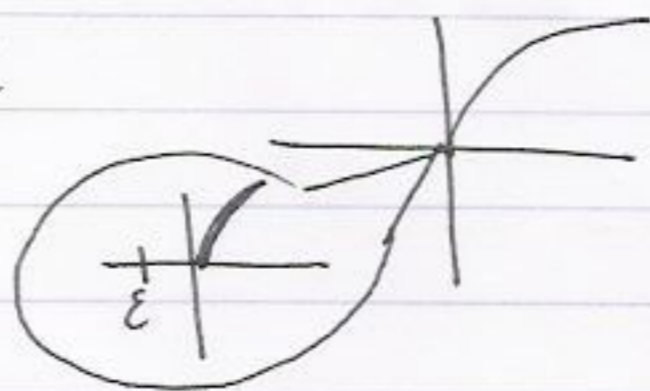
not defined
at $x = 3$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{1}{x-3} = \frac{1}{5-3} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$\left(\frac{1}{x-3}\right)'$ exist at $5=x$, so $\frac{1}{x-3}$ is cts. there

\sqrt{x} is not cts. at 0 because

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{x} \text{ DNE}$$



$\sqrt{0+\epsilon}$ is not defined for $0 > \epsilon \approx 0$, so st $(\sqrt{0+\epsilon})$ is not defined,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{x} \text{ DNE}$$