To factor using a GCF that has negative and rational exponents. To factor the sum and difference of cubes.

## REVIEW: Types of Factoring

## 1) Greatest Common Factor (GCF): (REVIEW)

Always take out a Greatest Common Factor first. To do this see if all numbers can be divided by the same number. If there are the same variable in all of the terms, take out the lowest exponent:
a) $-2 x^{2}+12 x-4$
b) $\frac{5}{3} x+\frac{3}{2} x^{3}$
c) $12 x y z-24 x^{2} y^{3}+3 x y+15 x^{5} z^{3}$

## 2) Polynomials of the form $x^{2}+b x+c$ and $a x^{2}+b x+c$ (REVIEW)

- Take out GCF
 value
- $\mathbf{a x}^{\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{b x + c}}$ - Use the window/box method: https://goo.gl/dMqSeB or decomposition https://goo.gl/jg9P7e or guess and check
a) $x^{2}-5 x-14$
b) $-3 x^{2}+15 x-18$
c) $\frac{5}{6} x^{2}+\frac{11}{12} x-\frac{1}{2}$
d) $2 x^{2}-4 x-10$


## 3) Difference of Squares (REVIEW)

Ex. Factor
a) $2 x^{4}-18 x^{2}$
b) $x^{4}-16 y^{4}$

## 4) Factoring 4 or more terms (REVIEW)

- Take out GCF

METHOD 1: Use synthetic division to factor
Ex. Fully factor the following:
a) $2 x^{3}-5 x^{2}-4 x+3$
b) $2 x^{3}-x^{2}+6 x-3$

Method 2: Factor by Grouping

## 5) Factoring with Rational or Negative Exponents (NEW)

To take out the GCF when the exponents are fractions, take out the smallest exponents.
Ex.
a) $2 x^{\frac{3}{2}}+4 x^{\frac{1}{2}}-6 x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
b) $12 x^{\frac{1}{4}}+6 x^{\frac{-2}{3}}-\frac{1}{4} x^{\frac{-1}{2}}$
b) $-\frac{5}{3} x^{\frac{1}{2}}+\frac{2}{9} x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$

## NEW: SUM \& DIFFERENCE OF CUBES

## CHARACTERISTICS OF A SUM OR DIFFERENCE OF TERMS

- Two Terms
- The terms are separated by a + or a - sign
- Each term is a perfect cube


## FORMULA FOR FACTORING A SUM OR DIFFERENCE OF CUBS

- $x^{3}+y^{3}=(x+y)\left(x^{2}-x y+y^{2}\right)$
- $\quad x^{3}-y^{3}=(x-y)\left(x^{2}+x y+y^{2}\right)$

Ex \#1: Factor the following
a) $8 x^{3}-27$
b) $1000 x^{12}+343 y^{6}$
c) $\frac{2}{3} x^{3}-18$
d) $(x+6)^{3}-y^{3}$
e) $27+(2 a-5)^{3}$
f) $2 a^{\frac{7}{2}} b^{\frac{-1}{2}}-\frac{1}{4} a^{\frac{1}{2}} b^{\frac{5}{2}}$

## Summary

- ALWAYS, ALWAYS look for a GCF first, no matter how many terms
- If there are three terms you should try window/box method or decomposition
- If there are more than three terms with a degree larger than 2, try synthetic division or grouping.
- If there are two terms, you should see if you could factor as DIFFERENCE OF SQUARES or SUM/DIFFERENCE OF CUBES
- If co- efficients are rational exponents always take out a GCF that is the smallest rational exponent
- If the first term is negative, YOU MUST FACTOR OUT a negative coefficient.
- Leave all factors FULLY SIMPLIFIED.


## NEW: CRAZY GCF (This will be used a Lot this year

Ex \#2: Factor the following (Complete on looseleaf)
a) $\left(x^{3}+2\right)^{1 / 3}+\left(x^{3}+2\right)^{-5 / 3}$
b) $-12 x^{3}(3 x+5)^{3}+3 x^{2}(3 x+5)^{4}$
e) $\frac{5}{2}\left(2 x^{2}+3\right)^{2}(5 x-1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}+8 x(5 x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}\left(2 x^{2}+3\right)$
c) $\quad 6 x\left(x^{2}+1\right)^{2}(2-3 x)^{4}-12(2-3 x)^{3}\left(x^{2}+1\right)^{3}$
f) $\frac{3}{10}(x-1)^{-2}(2 x+1)^{-\frac{3}{4}}-\frac{9}{10}(x-1)^{-2}(2 x+1)^{\frac{1}{4}}$
d) $2 x^{3}(x-2)^{-1}(x+1)^{\frac{3}{4}}-4 x^{2}(x-2)(x+1)^{-\frac{1}{4}}$

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## CALCULUS 30: UNIT 1 DAY 2 - RATIONALIZING

To rationalize numerators or denominators of a given expression.

## RATIONALIZAING A NUMERATOR OR DENOMINATOR

- Will turn that numerator or denominator into a RATIONAL expression (will remove the roots)
- To rationalize the numerator or the denominator, multiply both the numerator and the denominator by the conjugate of the numerator or denominator that you are rationalizing
- REMEMBER: The CONJUGATE of a binomial is a binomial that is identical to the original binomial but containing the opposite middle sign

Ex \#1: State the conjugate of each of the following:
a) $\sqrt{a}-\sqrt{b}$
b) $\sqrt{x+4}+2$

## Ex \#2:

a) Rationalize the numerator of $\underline{\sqrt{x+4}-2}$
$x$
b) Rationalize the denominator of

$$
\frac{5}{\sqrt{x+3}+\sqrt{x}}
$$

To be able to understand graphically what a limit is, to find the limit graphically, to learn graphically when a limit doesn't exisit and to learn the proper notation to writing limits (Textbook Section 1.2).

Most of us understand what the word limit means outside of the world of mathematics

- the speed that you are allowed to drive on a highway
- the amount of weight you can bench press in the gym
- how far you can argue with your parents
- how high a ball will bounce if you let it drop from your hand

Ex \#1: Given the function $f(x)=x^{2}$, determine the limit as $x$ approaches 2 .

- Mathematically this would be written as follows: If $\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{x}^{2}$, find $\lim _{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$
- To find this answer, you must try approaching the indicated x value of two from BOTH the left and the right side of the graph. This means you must complete the following two calculations:
- $\lim _{x \rightarrow 2^{-}} f(x)=\square$
(this means to "drive" from the left towards $\mathrm{x}=2 \mathrm{ON}$ the graph and see how high you are on the $y$ axis)
O $\lim _{x \rightarrow 2^{+}} f(x)=\square$
(this means to "drive" from the right towards a value of $x=2$ ON the graph and see how high you are on the $y$ axis
- If both of your answers in the above step were the same, you have found the limit! Therefore $\lim _{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)=\square$

NOTE: the function does not actually have to exist at the value of the limit - there can be a hole or an asymptote at the actual location!


Limits are the "backbone" of understanding that connect algebra and geometry to the mathematics of calculus. In basic terms, a limit is just a statement that tells you what height a function INTENDS TO REACH as you get close to a specific $x$-value.

| PROPER LIMIT NOTATIONS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TYPE OF LIMIT | PROPER NOTATION | VERBALLY: |
| Right-hand limit |  |  |
| Left-hand limit |  |  |
| General limit |  |  |

Ex \#2: Using the given graph, calculate each limit or value:
(a) $f(-6)$
(b) $f(0)$
(c) $f(3)$
(d) $f(-4)$
(e) $f(-3)$
(f) $\lim _{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$
(g) $\lim _{x \rightarrow-5} f(x)$
(h) $\lim _{x \rightarrow 0^{-}} f(x)$
(i) $\lim _{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$
(i) $\lim _{x \rightarrow-4^{+}} f(x)$
(k) $\lim _{x \rightarrow-4^{-}} f(x)$
(1) $\lim _{x \rightarrow-4} f(x)$
(m) $\lim _{x \rightarrow 2^{+}} f(x)$
(i) $\lim _{x \rightarrow 2^{-}} f(x)$
(o) $\lim _{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$
(p) $\lim _{x \rightarrow-2^{+}} f(x)$
(q) $\lim _{x \rightarrow-2} f(x)$
(r) $\lim _{x \rightarrow-2} f(x)$
(s) $\lim _{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$ (t) $\lim _{x \rightarrow-\infty} f(x)$


- NOTE: If a limit goes to either $\pm \infty$, the BEST answer (and the one I expect) will be to first show that it goes to either $\pm \infty$ and THEN conclude that the limit DNE for that reason. IF you just say $\pm \infty$ or just say DNE you will not get full points. If the limit DNE because the limits on either side of an asymptote change between $\pm \infty$, for full marks you need to show that the limit from the left does not equal the limit from the right and then conclude the limit DNE.
Ex \#3: Explain the difference between the limit of a function and the value of a function

Ex \#4: The following is a table of values for the function $y=\frac{x^{3}-8}{x-2}$. Use the table to predict $\lim _{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^{3}-8}{x-2}$

| $\mathbf{x}$ | $y=\frac{x^{3}-8}{x-2}$ |
| :---: | :--- |
| 1.9 | 11.41 |
| 1.999 | 11.994001 |
| 1.9999 | 11.9994001 |
| 2 | Undefined |
| 2.0001 | 12.000600001 |
| 2.001 | 12.006001 |
| 2.01 | 12.0601 |

## DEFINITION OF A LIMIT

- If, as $x$ approaches $b$ from both the right and the left, $f(x)$ approaches the single real number $L$, then $L$ is called the limit of the function $f(x)$ as $x$ approaches $b$ and we write

$$
\lim _{x \rightarrow b} f(x)=L
$$

- In order for $\lim _{x \rightarrow b} f(x)$ to exist, the limit as you approach b from either side must be the same number. That is that $\lim _{x \rightarrow b^{+}} f(x)=\lim _{x \rightarrow b-} f(x)=L$ where $L$ is a real number
- If $\lim _{x \rightarrow b^{+}} f(x) \neq \lim _{x \rightarrow b-} f(x)$ then we say that "THE LIMIT DOES NOT EXIST" or DNE
- If the limit of the graph at a value b seems to approach infinity, we can say that $\lim _{x \rightarrow b} f(x)=\infty, \therefore D N E$. Some texts will just answer $\infty$, some texts will just answer DNE but the best answer (and the answer I would like is $\infty, \therefore D N E$. Just answering $\infty$ is a bit problematic in that $\infty$ is not a number as required. Just answering DNE is somewhat ambiguous.

Ex \#5: Use the graph to find the limit, if it exists. If the limit does not exist, explain why.


| A. $\lim _{x \rightarrow-3} f(x)$ | B. $\lim _{x \rightarrow-\infty} f(x)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| C. $\lim _{x \rightarrow 6} f(x)$ | D. $\lim _{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ |

E. Does $\lim _{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$ exist? Why or why not?

Mean girls Video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oDAKKQuBtDo

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## CALCULUS 30:UNIT 1 DAY4 - STRATEGIES FOR EVALUATING LIMITS

To be use and choose from different methods to solve limits as $x$ approaches a specific value (Textbook 1.2).

- When we don't have the graph of the function that we are finding the limit of, we need to use algebraic techniques in order to find the limit
- Today you will learn 5 different techniques. Sometimes only one of the five methods will work and sometimes more than one will work (in that case you want to work to try and find the most efficient method).


## METHOD 1: SUBSITUTION

- This method involves directly substituting the value that the variable is approaching into the expression
- This method should always be the first thing you try (but you can't use it if the value that the variable is approaching is itself a non-permissible value of the expression)

Ex \#1: Find the following limits:
https://www.desmos.com/calculator/7abk3gyxrn https://www.desmos.com/calculator/6lzuwjbqm3
a) $\lim _{x \rightarrow 3}\left(x^{2}-5 x+4\right)$
b) $\lim _{x \rightarrow-3} \frac{x+9}{x-3}$
c) $\lim _{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{\log _{3} x}{\sin \left(\frac{\pi x}{18}\right)}$
d) $\lim _{\theta \rightarrow \frac{2 \pi}{3}} \frac{\cos \theta}{\theta}$

## https://www.desmos.com/calculator/wpkamhkmoc

## METHOD 2: FACTOR AND REDUCE

- If you have a rational function, you may be able to factor the numerator and denominator and reduce the function by cancelling. At that point you may be able to use the first method of SUBSTITUTION to find the limit.

Ex \#2: Find the following limits:
https://www.desmos.com/alculator/gchsbibgvb
a) $\lim _{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x^{2}-6 x+5}{x-5}$
b) $\lim _{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{10 x^{2}-10 x}{x^{3}-1}$
https://www.desmos.com/calculator/ulpykmbicw

## METHOD 3: SIMPLIFYING

- If direct substitution leaves you with a zero in the denominator and you can't factor, apply your knowledge of adding/subtracting/multiplying/dividing fractions until you simplify the expression into one that substitution will work to find the limit

Ex \#3: Find the following limits: https://www.desmos.com/calculator/8kytudylan
a) $\lim _{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\frac{1}{x+1}-\frac{1}{2}}{x-1}$
b) $\lim _{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(-2+h)^{3}-2(-2+h)+4}{h}$

## https://www.desmos.com/calculator/zwn3noae95

## METHOD 4: RATIONALIZING

- If your function has radicals in either its numerator or its denominator, rationalize to remove the radical by multiplying the numerator and denominator by the CONJUGATE

Ex \#4: Find the following limits:
a) $\lim _{r \rightarrow 6} \frac{\sqrt{3+r}-3}{r-6}$
b) $\lim _{h \rightarrow 6} \frac{6-h}{\sqrt{10-h}-\sqrt{h-2}}$

## METHOD 5: SIGN ANALYSIS

- This method will work with rational functions IF the number that the variable is approaching is ALSO THE LOCATION OF AN ASYMPTOTE of the function - ie we are approaching some number $a$ and there is a vertical asymptote at $x=a$.
- When you find $f(a)$ and get $\frac{k}{0}$ OR you end up with $\frac{k}{0}$ after factoring/canceling, then $\lim _{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ does not exist. (This means that we wouldn't be able to use substitution in this situation because the value that the variable is approaching is also a non-permissible value and will produce a zero in the denominator )
- In order to find the limit, we need to find out how the graph is behaving on either side of the asymptote - we don't actually need any specific value to find the behavior, just the sign. We perform a sign analysis of the function $f(x)$ to see if the graph is approaching $+\infty$ or $-\infty$ on either side of the asymptote
- If the sign analysis shows that the function is approaching $+\infty$ on both sides of $a$, we can say that $\lim _{x \rightarrow a} f(x)=+\infty, \therefore$ Does Not Exist

NOTE: We use this definition because it gives us a good image of how the graph looks, but technically ${ }^{+\infty}$ is not a defined limit because $+\infty$ is a concept, not a NUMBER (limits are defined to be a REAL NUMBER L)

- If the sign analysis shows that the function is approaching $-\infty$ on both sides of $a$, we can say that $\lim _{x \rightarrow a} f(x)=-\infty, \therefore$ Does Not Exist
- If the sign analysis shows that one side is approaching $+\infty$ and one side approaching $-\infty$, the limit doesn't exist because

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\lim _{x \rightarrow a^{-}} f(x) \neq \lim _{x \rightarrow a^{+}} f(x)
$$

Ex \#5: Find the following limits:
https://www.desmos.com/calculator/r8jd3qws4q
a) $\lim _{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x}{x^{2}-4}$

## CALCULUS 30: UNIT 1 DAY5 - LIMITS at INFINITY

To be able to use and choose from different methods to solve limits as x approaches infinity.
The Symbol for infinity $\infty$ does not represent a real number. We use $\infty$ to describe the behavior of a function when the values in its domain or range outgrow all finite bounds.
For example, when we say "the limit of $f$ as $\mathbf{x}$ approaches infinity" we mean the limit of $f$ (or the height of the $\mathbf{y}$ value) as $x$ moves increasingly far to the right on the number line.

When we say "the limit of $f$ as $\mathbf{x}$ approaches negative infinity $(-\infty)$ " we mean the limit of $f$ (or the height of the $y$ value) as $x$ moves increasingly far to the left on the number line.

Ex \#1: Given that $f(x)=\frac{x+1}{x}$, use a graph and tables to find the following: https://www.desmos.com/calculator/ayhomicac
a) $\lim _{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$
b) $\lim _{x \rightarrow-\infty} f(x)$

| $x$ | 1 |
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| 0 | - EFRER |
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c) Identify all horizontal asymptotes

## QUESTION:

- What happens if I take a number such as 6, and continually try dividing it by larger and larger numbers? What will the answer eventually approach? $\frac{6}{2}, \frac{6}{4}, \frac{6}{6}, \frac{6}{8}, \ldots . \frac{6}{1000}, \frac{6}{100000000}, \ldots, \frac{6}{\infty}$
- What happens if I take the same question but square all of the numbers on the bottom?
$\frac{6}{2^{2}}, \frac{6}{4^{2}}, \frac{6}{6^{2}}, \frac{6}{8^{2}}, \ldots \ldots \frac{6}{1000^{2}}, \frac{6}{100000000^{2}}, \ldots, \frac{6}{\infty^{2}}$


## DIVIDING BY INFINITY

- Any number that is divided by a very large number (like $\infty$ ) will get so close to zero that we may as well say it is equal to zero
- $\lim _{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x}=0 \quad$ (additionally this is true for higher powers of $\mathrm{x}: \lim _{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^{2}}=0, \lim _{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^{3}}=0, \ldots$ )

Ex \#2: Find the following limits. Explain what the result of the limit means about the graph of each rational function
a) $\lim _{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 x-3}{x^{2}-1}$
b) $\lim _{x \rightarrow-\infty} \frac{2 x^{2}+5}{3 x^{2}-4 x+1}$
c) $\lim _{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4 x^{3}-2 x^{2}}{6-5 x}$

FINDING THE LIMIT OF A RATIONAL EXPRESSION AS $x \rightarrow \infty$ or $x \rightarrow-\infty$

- Multiply the numerator and denominator by the reciprocal variable (or divide each term) with the highest degree in the denominator, simplify and apply the limit.
- If the degree of the numerator is the same as the degree of the denominator, the answer to the limit as $x \rightarrow \pm \infty$ will be equal to $\qquad$
- If the degree of the numerator is less than the degree of the denominator, the answer to the limit as $x \rightarrow \pm \infty$ will be equal to $\qquad$
- If the degree of the numerator is greater than the degree of the denominator, the answer to the limit as $x \rightarrow \pm \infty$ will be equal to $\qquad$


## FINDING THE LIMIT OF A RADICAL EXPRESSION AS $x \rightarrow \infty$ or $x \rightarrow-\infty$

- NOTE: Because $\sqrt{x^{2}}= \pm x$, we can really say that $\sqrt{x^{2}}=|x|$
- With a radical expression we need to factor out a GCF from under the root sign that you will be able to take the exact root of. If there is a non radical numerator or denominator, you need to take out a GCF of the highest power of its variable
- You need to consider whether the question is asking for $x \rightarrow \infty$ or $x \rightarrow-\infty$ as this will direct you as to whether you are using $\pm x$ when the question has a $\sqrt{x^{2}}$ or a $|x|$

Ex \#2: Find the following limits:
a) $\lim _{x \rightarrow-\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^{2}-5 x}}{3 x+2}$
b) $\lim _{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{2}+4}{\sqrt{4 x^{4}+x^{2}+1}}$

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## CALCULUS 30: UNIT 1 DAY 6: REVIEW

## Interval Notation:

- CLOSED intervals contain their boundary points
- OPEN intervals contain NO boundary points.
- NOTE: IF you learned this in French Immersion you learned it slightly differently. Please take note of this method for University!

| Open or closed? | Interval notation | Set notation | Graph of all points $x$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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|  |  |  | $\xrightarrow[-2]{4}$ |
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|  |  |  | $\underset{-2}{4} \quad{ }_{-1} \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad \underset{2}{\longrightarrow}$ |
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|  |  |  | $\xrightarrow[-2]{ }$ |
|  |  |  | $\xrightarrow[-1]{4}$ |
|  |  |  |  |

- Union $(A \cup B)$ consists of all elements that are in A or in B or in both.
- Intersection $(A \cap B)$ consists of all elements that are found in both $A$ and $B$.


## CALCULUS 30: UNIT 1 DAY 6 - LIMITS FOR ABSOLUTE VALUE \& PIECEWISE FUNCTIONS

## To find the limits of absolute value functions and piecewise functions.

A piecewise function is defined by more than one equation. Each equation corresponds to a different part of the domain of the function.
$f(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{cc}-\frac{3}{2} x-1, & \text { if } x<-2 \\ x+1, & \text { if }-2 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 3, & \text { if } x>1\end{array}\right.$


Ex \#1: Sketch the following piecewise function:
a)

$$
f(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
-1, \quad x \in(-\infty,-3) \\
2 x+4, \quad x \in[-3,1) \\
-(x-1)^{2}+7, \quad x \in[1, \infty)
\end{array}\right.
$$



Ex \#2: Find the equation of the following piecewise function.


Ex \#3: Given the function $f(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}(x+3)^{3}, x \geq-2 \\ (x+1)^{3}, x<-2\end{array}\right.$, determine the following limits:
a) $\lim _{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$
b) $\lim _{x \rightarrow-3} f(x)$
c) $\lim _{x \rightarrow-2} f(x)$

## REVIEW: ABSOLUTE VALUE AS A PIECEWISE FUNCTION

- Recall that absolute value graphs can also be written as piecewise functions. In general,

$$
y=|x| \quad \text { can also be written as } \quad y=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
x, x \geq 0 \\
-x, x<0
\end{array}\right.
$$

Ex \#4: Evaluate the following limits:
a) $\lim _{x \rightarrow-1^{+}} \frac{\left|x^{2}-2 x-3\right|}{x+1}$
b) $\quad \lim _{x \rightarrow-1^{-}} \frac{\left|x^{2}-2 x-3\right|}{x+1}$
b) $\lim _{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\left|x^{2}+x-20\right|}{(x-4)}$

- Remember when taking the limit of absolute value and piecewise functions you need to approach the limit from both the positive and negative sides of the $x$ value. If the limit from the left does not equal the limit from the right, the limit at that value does not exist.



To learn what is meant by a continuous function and to learn about the three different types of discontinuities..:

## CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS: Informal Definition

A function is considered to be continuous on an interval if in that interval you could trace the graph of the function with your pencil and not have to lift it from the page

## CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS: Formal Definition

- A function $f(x)$ is considered to be continuous at a specific $x$ value of " $a$ " if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

1. $f(a)$ exists (Note: it is a real \#)
2. $\lim _{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ exists (Note: In order for a limit to exist $\lim _{x \rightarrow a^{+}} f(x)=\lim _{x \rightarrow a^{-}} f(x)$,
3. 

$\lim _{x \rightarrow a} f(x)=f(a)$
"The right limit at $\mathrm{a}=$ The left limit at $\mathrm{a}=$ The actual height of the function at a "

## THERE ARE THREE DIFFERENT WAYS THAT A FUNCTION CAN BE DISCONTINUOUS:

## 1. INFINITE DISCONTINUITY

- This is where the graph has a vertical asymptote and where the limit of a graph approaches $\infty$ or $-\infty$
- They can be found algebraically by finding where the values of $x$ where the denominator of a rational function will be zero
- At least one of the one sided limits does not exist




## 2. REMOVABLE DISCONTINUITY

- On the graph there will be a hole
- This happens in equations where a factor in the numerator cancels with a factor in the denominator
- The ordered pair of the hole can be found algebraically by cancelling the common factor and then substituting the $x$ value of that factor into the resulting equation

- The two sided limit exists at the hole but does not equal the functions value


## 3. JUMP DISCONTINUITY

- On the graph this will look like the graph changes or jumps from one part of a graph to another at a specific x value
- These will usually be piecewise or absolute value functions
- The left sided limit does not equal the right sided limit


Ex \#1: Identify and classify the discontinuities in $m(x)$. Use Calculus to explain why the discontinuity exists.


Ex \#3: Use CALCULUS to determine whether or not the following functions are continuous (using PC 30 methods will not earn you any credit). If it is not continuous, identify the $x$ value or the point where the discontinuity occurs and classify the discontinuity.
a) $f(x)=\frac{x^{2}-4}{x-2}$
b) $f(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}x^{2}, x \neq 2 \\ 1, x=2\end{array}\right.$
c) $f(x)=\frac{\left|x^{2}-3 x+2\right|}{x-2}$
d) $f(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}x+1, x \leq 2 \\ \frac{x-5}{x-3}, x>2\end{array}\right.$
e) $f(x)=\sqrt{x-25}$
f) $f(x)=\sqrt[3]{x-5}$
e) $y=\tan x$

## Summary:

Infinite Discontinuity: Occurs at a asymptote which means $\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{a})$ does not exist and $\lim _{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ Does Not Exist because $\lim _{x \rightarrow a^{-}} f(x)= \pm \infty \therefore D N E$ and $\lim _{x \rightarrow a^{+}} f(x)= \pm \infty \therefore D N E$

Removable Discontinuity: Occurs when the limit exists so $\lim _{x \rightarrow a^{+}} f(x)=\lim _{x \rightarrow a^{-}} f(x)$ but $\lim _{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \neq f(a)$

Jump Discontinuity: Occurs when the limit does not exist so $\lim _{x \rightarrow a^{+}} f(x) \neq \lim _{x \rightarrow a^{-}} f(x)$ but $f(a)=\lim _{x \rightarrow a^{+}}$or $f(a)=\lim _{x \rightarrow a^{-}}$

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