

1. (a) What is wrong with the following equation?

$$\frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x - 2} = x + 3$$

- (b) In view of part (a), explain why the equation

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x + 3$$

is correct.

2. Evaluate the limit, if it exists.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{t} - \frac{1}{t^2 + t} \right)$$

3. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^4 \cos\left(\frac{2}{x}\right) = 0$.

4. Is there a number a such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{3x^2 + ax + a + 3}{x^2 + x - 2}$$

exists? If so, find the value of a and the value of the limit.

5. Sketch the graph of a function f that is continuous except for the stated discontinuity.

Neither left nor right continuous at -2, continuous only from the left at 2.

6. A parking lot charges \$3 for the first hour (or part of an hour) and \$2 for each succeeding hour (or part), up to a daily maximum of \$10.
- (a) Sketch a graph of the cost of parking at this lot as a function of the time parked there.
- (b) Discuss the discontinuities of this function and their significance to someone who parks in the lot.

7. Explain why the function is discontinuous at the given number a . Sketch the graph of the function.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - x}{x^2 - 1} & \text{if } x \neq 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases} \quad a = 1$$

8. Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that there is a root of a given equation in the specified interval.

$$\sqrt[3]{x} = 1 - x, \quad (0, 1)$$

Optional Challenge Problems

1. Find values of a , b , and c so that the following function is continuous.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 6 - 3bx & \text{if } x \leq -2 \\ cx^2 - ax + 4 & \text{if } -2 < x \leq -1 \\ 6 - bx & \text{if } -1 < x \leq 1 \\ ax^2 + c & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

2. Evaluate the following limit. (For those that have had calculus before, feel free to confirm your answer using L'Hôpital's Rule, but solve it another way. This is an algebra challenge!)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 64} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x} - 4}{\sqrt{x} - 8}$$