

AP Calculus
2.3 Worksheet

All work must be shown in this course for full credit. Unsupported answers may receive NO credit.

1. What is the definition of continuity?

2. Sketch a possible graph for each function described.

a) $f(5)$ exists, but $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x)$ does not exist.

b) The $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x)$ exists, but $f(5)$ does not exist.

3. If $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{2x+5} - \sqrt{x+7}}{x-2} & \text{if } x \neq 2 \\ k & \text{if } x = 2 \end{cases}$, and if f is continuous at $x = 2$, then $k = ?$ Justify your response.

4. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - a^2x & ; x < 2 \\ 4 - 2x^2 & ; x \geq 2 \end{cases}$. Find all values of a that make f continuous at 2. Justify your response.

5. Let f be the function defined by the following:

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

For what values of x is f NOT continuous?

6. If the function f is continuous for all real numbers and if $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x + 2}$, when $x \neq -2$, then $f(-2) =$

7. Let f be the function given by $f(x) = \frac{(x-1)(x^2-4)}{x^2-a}$. For what positive values of a is f continuous for all real numbers?

A) None

B) 1 only

C) 2 only

D) 4 only

E) 1 and 4

8. Let $h(x) = \frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{x^2 + 7x + 10}$.

a) Find the domain of $g(x)$.

b) Find the $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$ for all values of c where $g(x)$ is not defined.

c) Find any horizontal asymptotes and justify your response.

d) Find any vertical asymptotes and justify your response.

e) Write an extension to the function so that $g(x)$ is continuous at $x = -2$.

9. Without using a picture, give a written explanation of why the function $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3$ has a zero in the interval $[2, 4]$.

10. Complete the following questions from the textbook: page 84 – 86 #1, 7, 10, 11 – 22, 25, 28, 29, 47, 48, 58, 59