

What are the 3 conditions that must be met for the function  $f(x)$  to be continuous at  $x=a$ ?

[1.]  $f(a)$  is defined  
(no hole)

[2.]  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists

[3.]  $f(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$

What types of functions have Removable versus non-removable discontinuities?

Removable vs Non Removable

hole

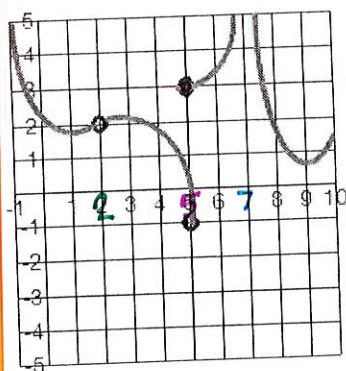
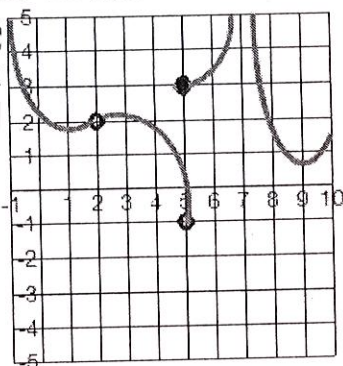
vs

where the limit does not exist

→ gaps

→ vertical asymptotes

Look at the graph. State where the graph is discontinuous and why it is discontinuous. Is the discontinuity non-removable?



$x=2$   
Because  $f(2)$  is undefined

hole

Removable/Nonremovable

$x=5$

Because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x)$  does not exist

Removable/Nonremovable gap

$x=7$

Because  $f(7)$  is undefined

Removable/Nonremovable

Asymptote

Show that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 3, & x > -1 \\ 2x + 6, & x < -1 \\ 2, & x = -1 \end{cases}$$

is continuous everywhere or state where  $f(x)$  is discontinuous and why.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 3, & x > -1 \text{ Right} \\ 2x + 6, & x < -1 \text{ left} \\ 2, & x = -1 \text{ function value} \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = (-1)^2 + 3 = 4$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = 2(-1) + 6 = 4$$

$$f(-1) = 2$$

Continuous

$$(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, \infty)$$

$f(x)$  is discontinuous at

$x = -1$  because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) \neq f(-1)$