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Math 103L: Continuity (Section 10.2 and 10.4)

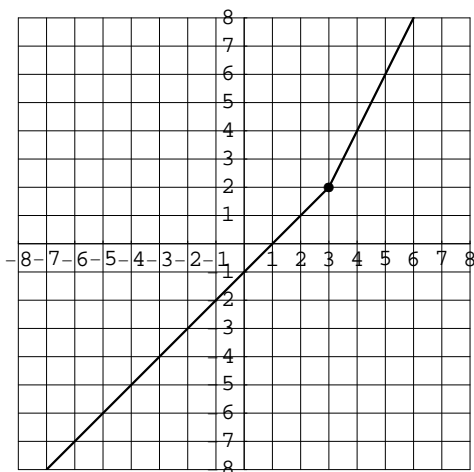
These problems are a sample of the kinds of problems that may appear on the final exam. Some answers are included to indicate what is expected. Problems that require a summary statement are marked with **Sum**. The summary statements should be written in complete sentences and they should include the units of measurement for all quantities mentioned in the summary.

1. Consider the following function.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x - 1, & \text{if } x \leq 3 \\ 2x - 4, & \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases}$$

- (a) Sketch a graph of $y = f(x)$.

Answer:



- (b) Where is this function continuous? Explain why using limits.

Answer:

The function is continuous at every value of x . The only possible exception is at $x = 3$ and at that point,

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

and

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

So $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$ exists and equals the value of the function $f(3) = 2$.

- (c) Where is this function differentiable? (No explanation necessary)

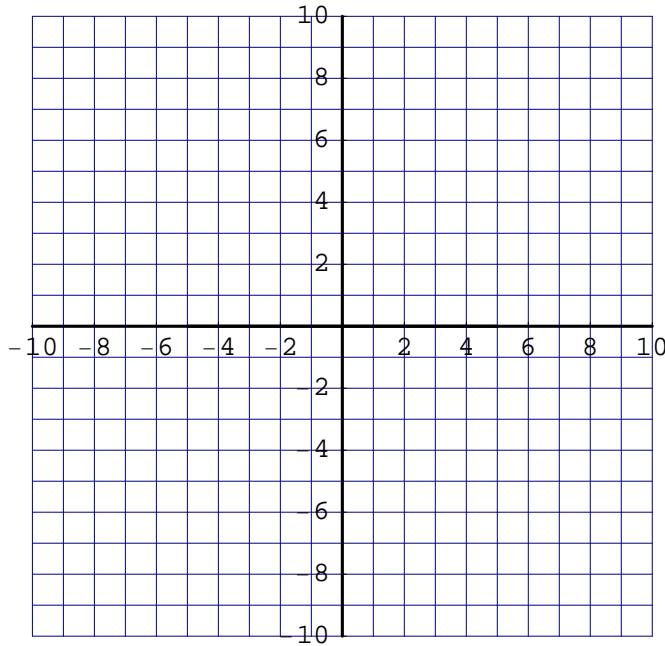
Answer:

The function is differentiable at every value of x except at $x = 3$. The function is not differentiable at $x = 3$.

2. Consider the following function.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 3x - 2, & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 3 \\ x + 4, & \text{if } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

(a) On the axes below graph $y = f(x)$.



(b) Using the graph and the function find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$.

(c) Using the graph and the function find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x)$.

(d) Where is this function continuous?

(e) Where is this function differentiable?

3. Consider the revenue function $R(x) = 250x - x^2$ for producing x widgets.

- (a) Sum Find the change in revenue when production changes from $x = 10$ to $x = 20$.
- (b) Sum Find the average rate of change of revenue for this change in productions levels.

4. The revenue from the sale of x cellphone towers is given by

$$R(x) = 1000x - 10x^2.$$

The derivative of the revenue function is $R'(x) = 1000 - 20x$.

- (a) Sum What is the change in revenue if production is changed from $x = 5$ to $x = 6$ cellphone towers?
- (b) What is the (instantaneous) rate of change in revenue at $x = 5$?

5. Use the definition of the derivative to find the derivative of $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3$. Here are some steps.

(a) Find

$$f(x+h)$$

(b) Find

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

(c) Find

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$