Knowledge Checks

Chapter 5.6

1. Take f to be a function with the property that

$$\lim_{x \to -1^{-}} f(x) = 5 = \lim_{x \to -1^{+}} f(x)$$

Determine the value of f(-1) so that f is continuous at -1.

2. Sketch a function f that is continuous at x = 3 but not continuous at x = 4.





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7. Take f and g to be functions that are defined on

 $\mathcal{D}(f) = (-\infty, \infty)$ and $\mathcal{D}(g) = [-6, \infty)$

and that are continuous on

 $S_f = (-\infty, 3) \cup (3, 6) \cup (6, \infty)$ and $S_g = [-6, -2) \cup (-2, 0) \cup (0, 2) \cup (2, \infty),$

respectively.

a. Determine whether f is defined at x = 3.

b. Determine whether f is continuous at x = 3 and x = 9.

c. Determine whether *g* is defined at x = -7.

d. Determine whether *g* continuous at x = -2 and x = 2.

e. Determine the maximal set on which f + g is continuous on.

f. Determine the maximal set on which fg is continuous on.



10. Construct a function that is continuous everywhere except at 1, that is strictly increasing to the left of 1, is asymptotically equal to $-2x^2$ to the left, is strictly decreasing to the right of 1, is right continuous at 1, is asymptotically equal to $-3x^3$, and has the property that $\lim_{x \to 1^{-}} f(x) = 2$ and $\lim_{x \to 1^{+}} f(x) = 3.$ 11. Construct a continuous path *c* with domain $[0, \infty)$ that describes the position of a particle that moves to the right on the line segment from (1,3) to (4,5), is at (1,3) at time 0, is never at the same point at different time points, that never reaches (4, 5), but that has the property that $\lim \|(4,5) - c(t)\| = 0.$



12. Take f to be the polynomial that is given by

$$f(x) = x^5 - 4x^3 + 2x - 1.$$

Show that f has at least one real root by using the intermediate value theorem.



13. Use the bisection method to approximate a solution to the equation

 $x^2 = 7$

to within an error of no greater than $\frac{1}{10}$.

