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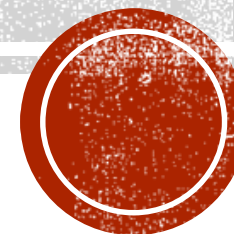
# FINDING LIMITS FROM TABLES & GRAPHS

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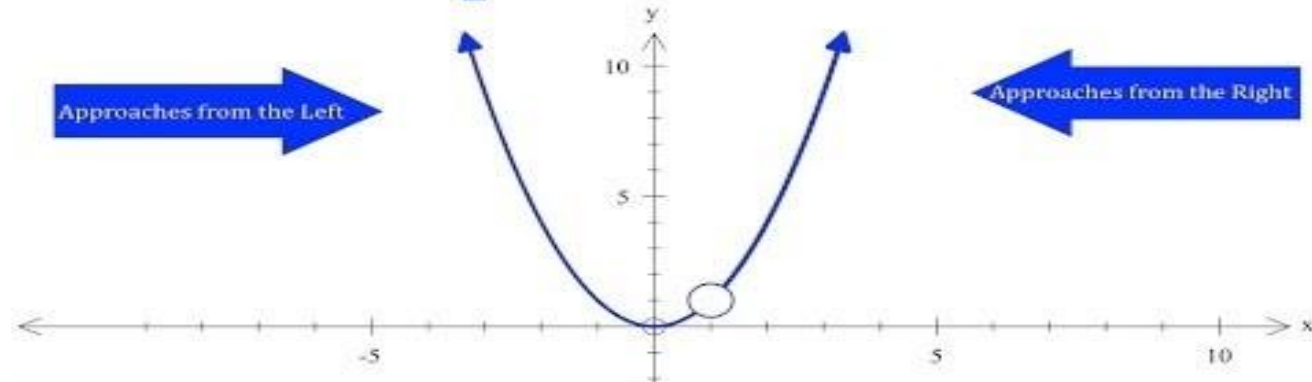
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# WHAT IS A LIMIT?

## Concept of a Limit



# DEFINITION OF A LIMIT

If  $f(x)$  becomes arbitrarily close to a unique number  $L$  as  $x$  approaches  $c$  from either side, then the **limit** of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches  $c$  is  $L$ . This is written as

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$$

↑  
x-value

← y-value



# LIMITS FROM A TABLE

x	8.9	8.99	8.999	8.9999	9	9.001	9.01	9.1
f(x)	5.98329	5.99883	5.99983	5.999983	6	6.00016	6.00166	6.016
g(x)	15.21	15.9201	15.99201	15.999200	und	16.00080	16.0801	16.81
h(x)	5.98329	5.99883	5.99983	5.999983	6	16.00080	16.0801	16.81

Find the following limits:

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} f(x)$

6

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} g(x)$

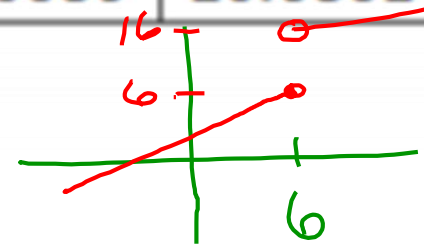
left  $x \rightarrow 9^- = 16$   
 $x \rightarrow 9^+ = 16$   
 right

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(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} h(x)$

left: 6  
 right: 16

DNE



# EX 1: EVALUATING LIMITS FROM A GRAPH

★ Remember...  
 c<sup>-</sup> from left  
 c<sup>+</sup> from right  
 c from both sides

a.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$  *from left*  
 b.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$  *right*  
 c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  *both*

0

2

DNE

d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$   
 e.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$   
 f.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$

-2

0

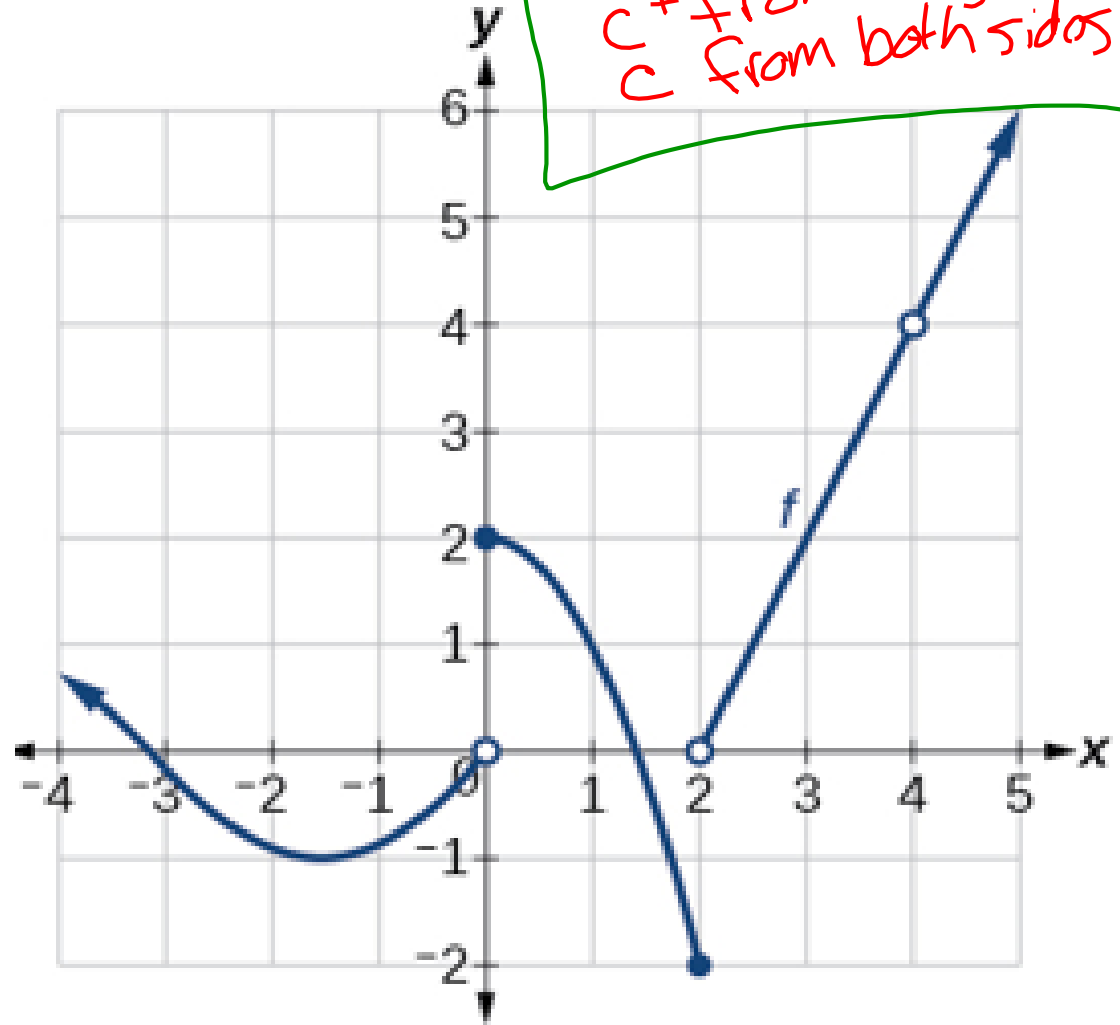
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g.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x)$   
 h.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x)$   
 i.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x)$

4

4

4



# EX 2: EVALUATING LIMITS FROM A GRAPH

a.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} h(x)$   
*left*

b.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} h(x)$   
*right*

c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} h(x)$   
*DNE*

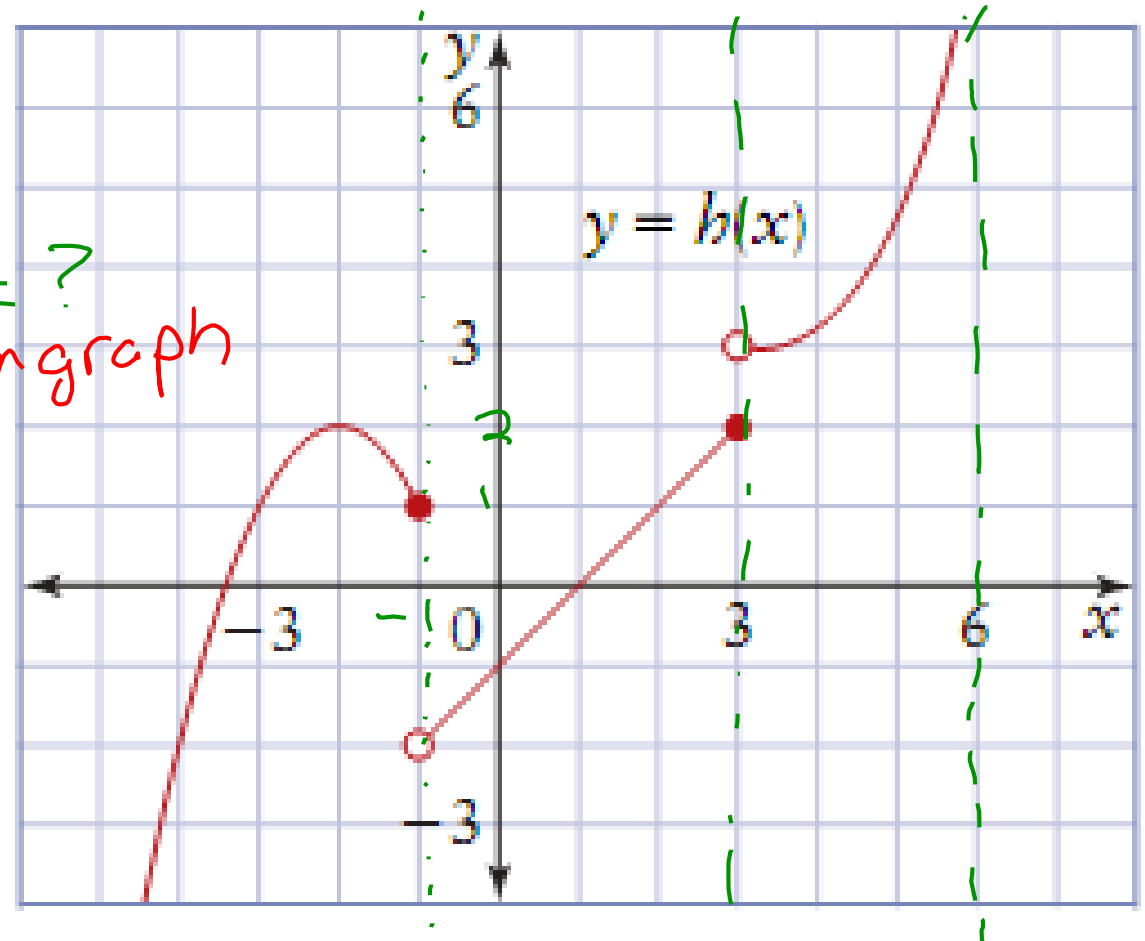
d.  $h(-1)$   $h(x) = ?$   
*actual pt. on graph*

e.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} h(x)$   
*2*

f.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} h(x)$   
*3*

g.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} h(x)$   
*DNE*

h.  $h(3)$   
*2*



i.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 6^-} h(x) = \infty$



# EX 3: EVALUATING LIMITS FROM A GRAPH

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} g(x) = -2$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = -1$

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} g(x) = 3$

4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} g(x) = 2$

5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} g(x) = -1$

6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x)$   
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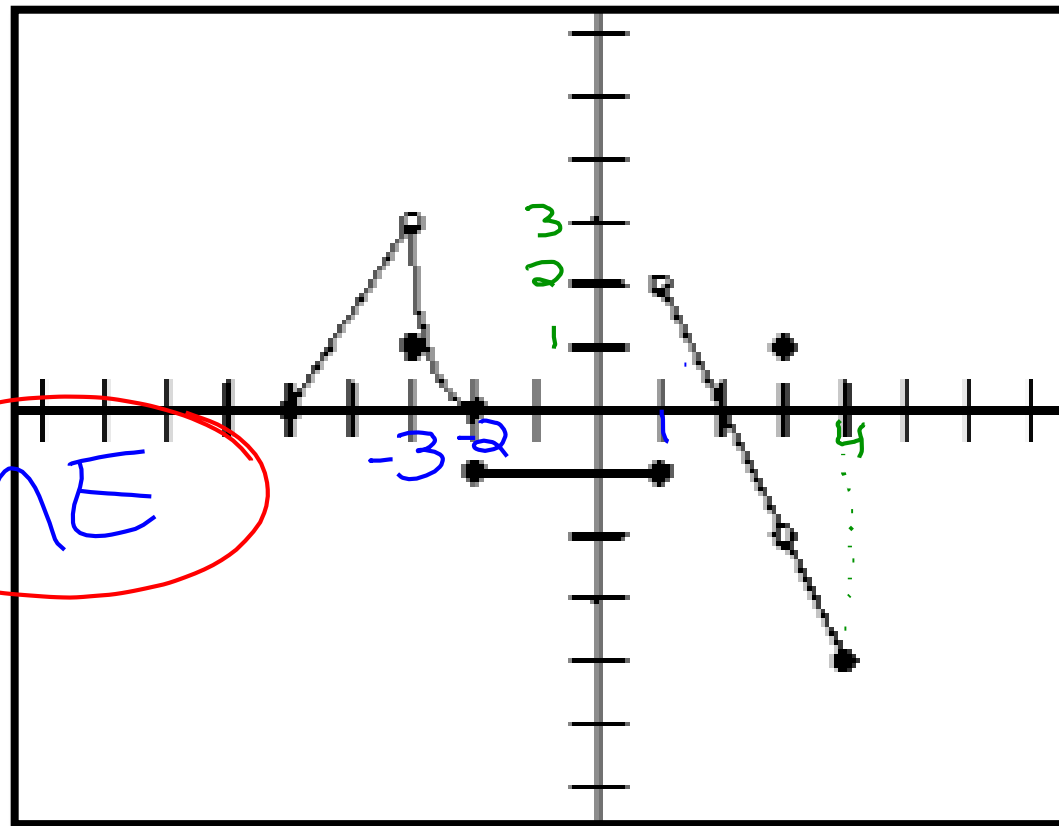
7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} g(x)$   
 $= -1$

8.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} g(x)$   
DNE

$x \rightarrow 4^- = -4$   
 $x \rightarrow 4^+ = \text{DNE}$

9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x)$   
○

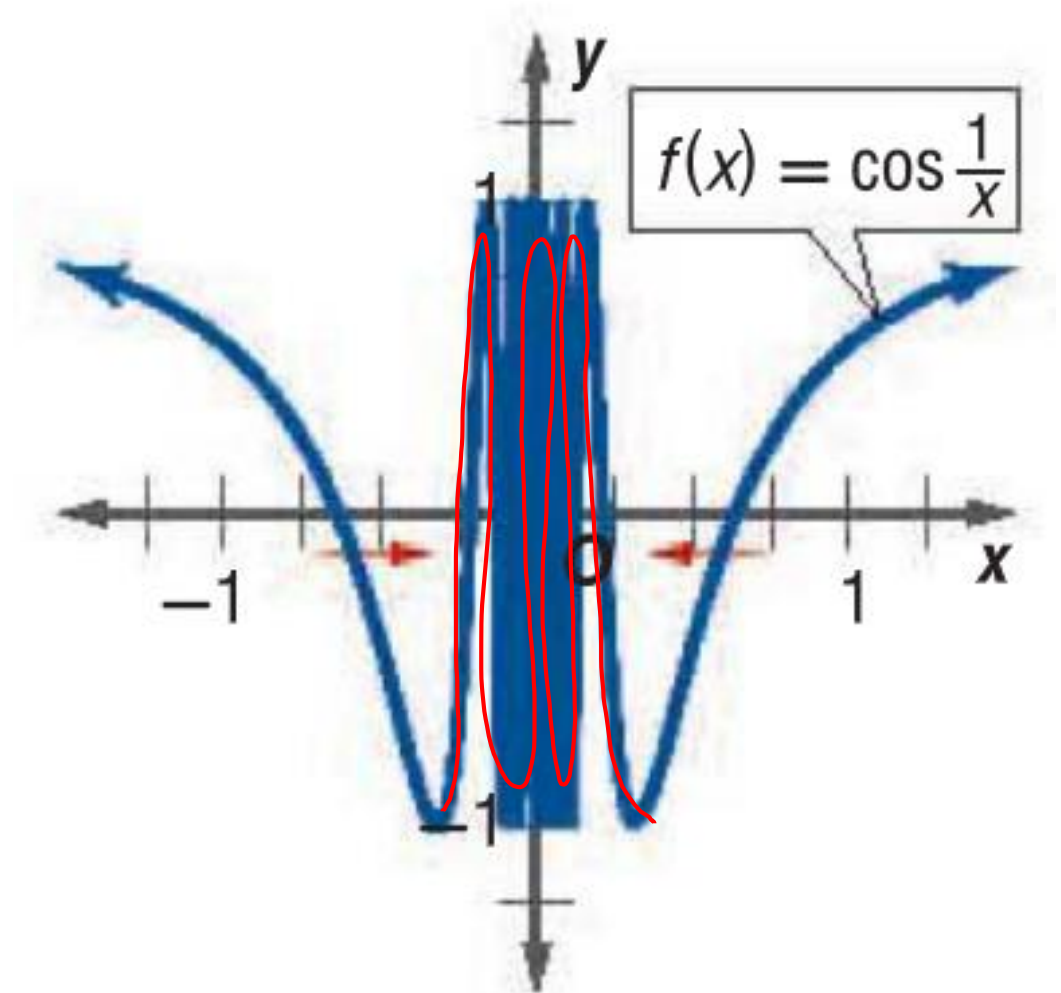
10.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} g(x)$  ○



# EXAMPLE WITH OSCILLATION

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos \frac{1}{x}$$

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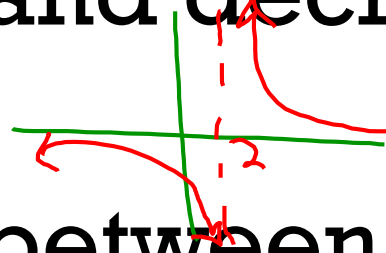


# CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH LIMITS DO NOT EXIST

The limit of  $f(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow c$  does not exist under any of the following conditions:

1.  $f(x)$  approaches a different number from the right side of  $c$  than it approaches from the left side of  $c$ .

2.  $f(x)$  increases and decreases without bound as  $x$  approaches  $c$ .



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} = \text{DNE}$$

3.  $f(x)$  oscillates between two fixed values as  $x$  approaches  $c$ .



# EX 4: EVALUATE THE LIMIT

a.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} h(x)$

4

b.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} h(x)$

4

c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} h(x)$

4

d.  $h(-3)$

DNE

e.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} h(x)$

1

f.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} h(x)$

-1

g.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} h(x)$

DNE

h.  $h(0)$

1

i.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} h(x)$

2

j.  $h(2)$

DNE

k.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} h(x)$

3

l.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} h(x)$

DNE

