

**Limits Evaluate each limit.**

1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} 5$

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2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\frac{5}{2}} (-x + 2)$

 $\frac{9}{2}$ 

3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^3 - x^2 - 4)$

0

4)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( -\frac{x^2}{2} + 2x + 4 \right)$

 $\frac{11}{2}$ 

5)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} -\sqrt{x+3}$

 $-\sqrt{6}$ 

6)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3}{2}} -\sqrt{2x+4}$

 $-\sqrt{7}$ 

7)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-4}{x^2-6x+8}$

1

8)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3}{2}} \frac{-x-3}{x^2+x+1}$

 $-\frac{18}{19}$ 

9)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \sin(x)$

0

10)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3\pi}{4}} 2\cos(x)$

 $-\sqrt{2}$ **Critical thinking questions:**

11) Give an example of a limit that evaluates to 4.

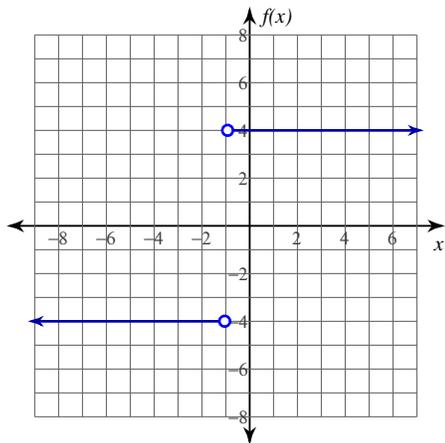
Many answers. Ex:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} x$ 

12) Give an example of a limit of a quadratic function where the limit evaluates to 9.

Many answers. Ex:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x^2$

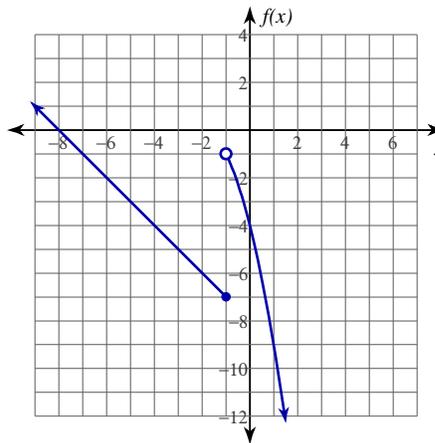
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1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{4x + 4}{|x + 1|}$



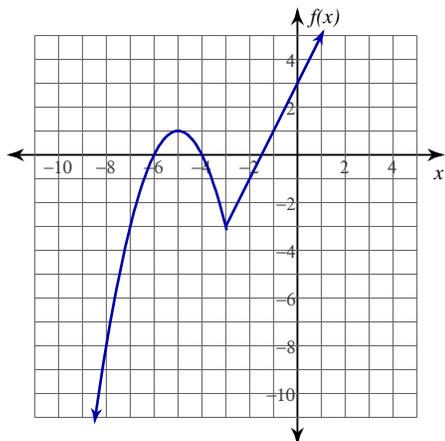
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2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x), f(x) = \begin{cases} -x - 8, & x \leq -1 \\ -x^2 - 4x - 4, & x > -1 \end{cases}$



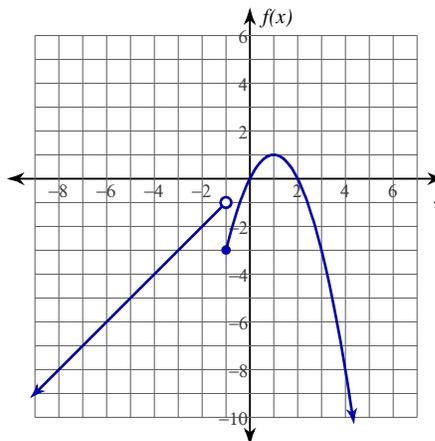
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3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x), f(x) = \begin{cases} -x^2 - 10x - 24, & x \leq -3 \\ 2x + 3, & x > -3 \end{cases}$



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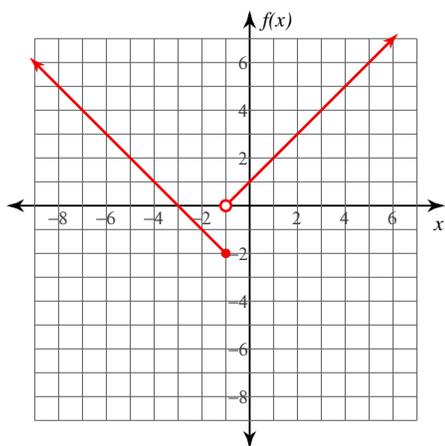
4)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x), f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & x < -1 \\ -x^2 + 2x, & x \geq -1 \end{cases}$



Does not exist.

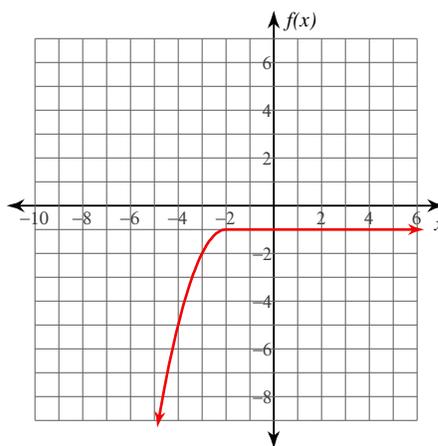
Evaluate each limit. You may use the provided graph to sketch the function.

$$5) \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x), f(x) = \begin{cases} -x - 3, & x \leq -1 \\ x + 1, & x > -1 \end{cases}$$



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$$6) \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x), f(x) = \begin{cases} -x^2 - 4x - 5, & x \leq -2 \\ -1, & x > -2 \end{cases}$$



-1

Evaluate each limit.

$$7) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x), f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \leq 0 \\ -x^2 + 4x - 3, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

-3

$$8) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|x|}{x}$$

-1

$$9) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [-2x + 1]$$

0

$$10) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x), f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{2} + \frac{9}{2}, & x < 1 \\ x^2 - 6x + 10, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

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$$11) \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{3|x+1|}{x+1}$$

Does not exist.

$$12) \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x), f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & x \leq -2 \\ -\frac{x}{2} + 3, & x > -2 \end{cases}$$

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Critical thinking questions:

13) Give an example of a two-sided limit of a piecewise function where the limit does not exist.

Many answers. Ex:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x), f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 1 \\ x, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$

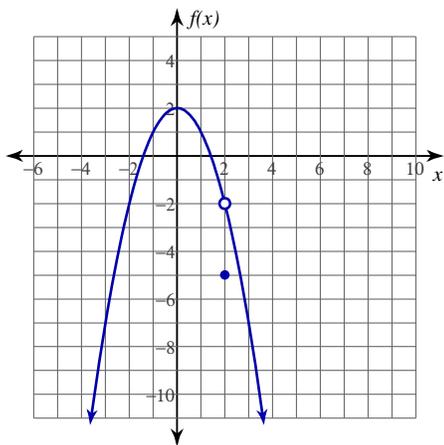
14) Given an example of a two-sided limit of a function with an absolute value where the limit does not exist.

Many answers. Ex:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x|}{x}$

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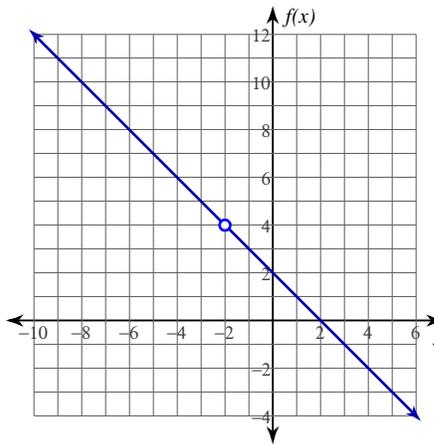
**Limits Evaluate each limit.**

1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x), f(x) = \begin{cases} -x^2 + 2, & x \neq 2 \\ -5, & x = 2 \end{cases}$



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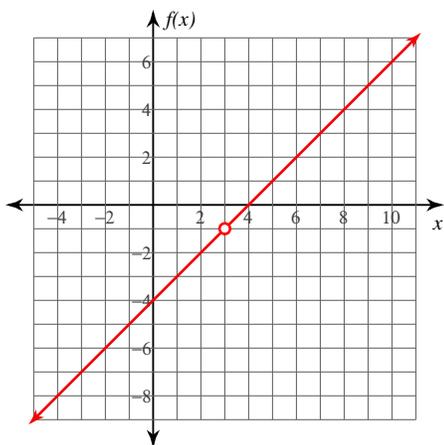
2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} -\frac{x^2 - 4}{x + 2}$



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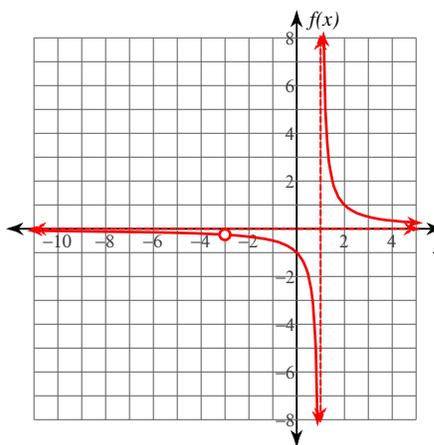
**Evaluate each limit. You may use the provided graph to sketch the function.**

3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 7x + 12}{x - 3}$



-1

4)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x + 3}{x^2 + 2x - 3}$



$-\frac{1}{4}$

**Evaluate each limit.**

5)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x), f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 1, & x \neq 0 \\ 2, & x = 0 \end{cases}$

1

6)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x), f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 + \frac{x}{2}, & x \neq 3 \\ 2, & x = 3 \end{cases}$

$\frac{7}{2}$

$$7) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} -\frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1}$$

-2

$$8) \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} -\frac{x^2 - 5x}{x - 5}$$

-5

$$9) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} -\frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x - 2}$$

-3

$$10) \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{x^2 + 3x - 10}{x + 5}$$

-7

$$11) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{-4 + x} + \frac{1}{4}}{x}$$

-\frac{1}{16}

$$12) \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x}{\frac{1}{3 + x} - \frac{1}{3}}$$

0

$$13) \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x - 5}{\sqrt{x + 4} - 3}$$

6

$$14) \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sqrt{x + 6} - 3}{x - 3}$$

\frac{1}{6}

### Critical thinking questions:

15) Give an example of a limit of a rational function where the limit at -1 exists, but the rational function is undefined at -1.

Many answers. Ex:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 1}$

16) Give two values of  $a$  where the limit cannot be solved using direct evaluation. Give one value of  $a$  where the limit can be solved using direct evaluation.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x}{\frac{1}{-2 + x} + \frac{1}{2}}$$

No direct eval:  $a=0,2$  Direct eval:  $a=\text{any other number}$

Limits Evaluate each limit.

$$1) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right)}{x}$$

0

$$2) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right)}{x}$$

1

$$3) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(x)}{3x}$$

$\frac{1}{3}$

$$4) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{\sin(4x)}$$

$\frac{1}{4}$

$$5) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(2x)}{4x}$$

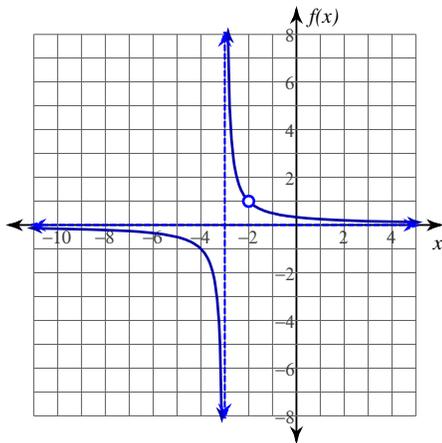
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$$6) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2(2x)}{x^2}$$

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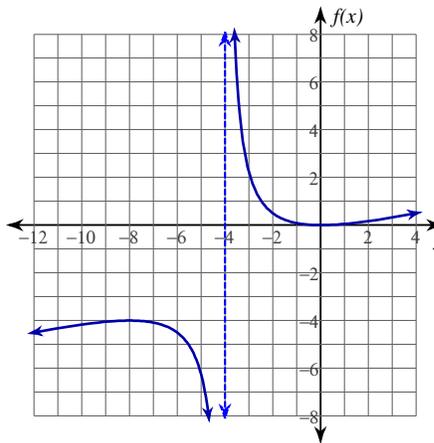
Limits Evaluate each limit.

1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} \frac{x+2}{x^2+5x+6}$



$\infty$

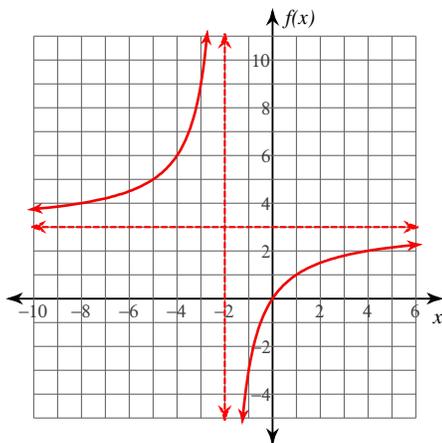
2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x^2}{4x+16}$



Does not exist.

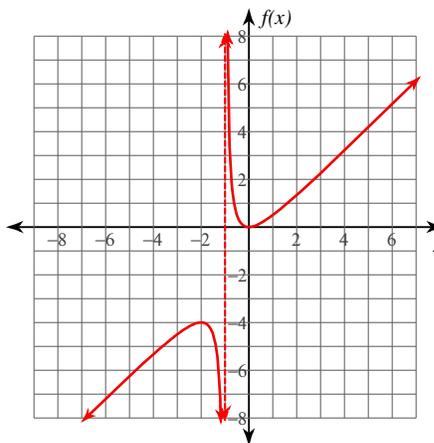
Evaluate each limit. You may use the provided graph to sketch the function.

3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \frac{3x}{x+2}$



$-\infty$

4)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{x^2}{x+1}$



$\infty$

**Evaluate each limit.**

5)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \frac{2x}{x+3}$   
 $\infty$

6)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \frac{1}{x^2 - 4}$   
 $-\infty$

7)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} -\frac{4x}{x-3}$   
 $\infty$

8)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} -\frac{3}{x-1}$   
Does not exist.

9)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} \frac{x+2}{x^2+x-2}$   
 $-\frac{1}{3}$  (distractor case, limit exists)

10)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} -\frac{2}{x+3}$   
 $\infty$

11)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}^-} 2\sec(2x)$   
 $\infty$

12)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3\pi}{4}^+} 2\tan(2x)$   
 $-\infty$

**Critical thinking questions:**

13) Give an example of a right-sided limit that goes to  $\infty$  as  $x$  goes to 5.

Many answers. Ex:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{1}{x-5}$

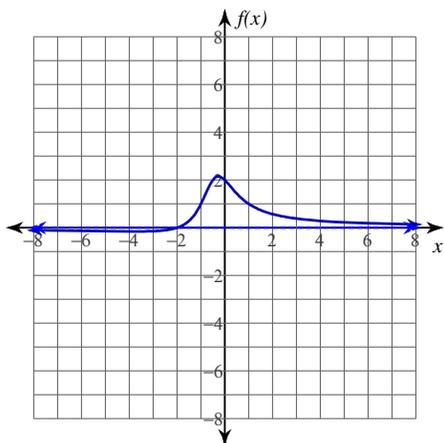
14) Give an example of a left-sided limit that goes to  $\infty$  as  $x$  goes to 5.

Many answers. Ex:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} -\frac{1}{x-5}$

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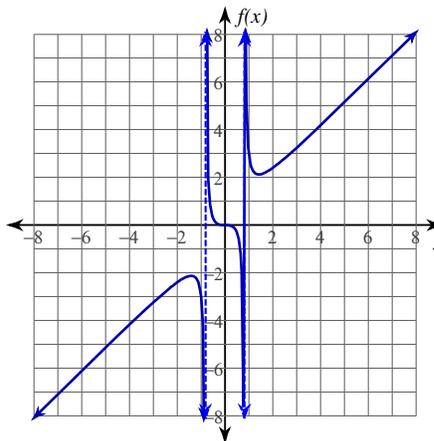
Limits Evaluate each limit.

1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x+2}{x^2+x+1}$



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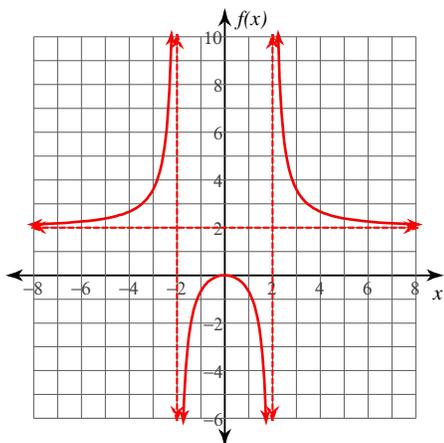
2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x^3}{3x^2-2}$



$-\infty$

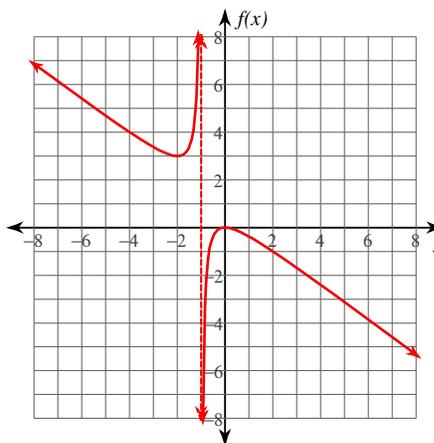
Evaluate each limit. You may use the provided graph to sketch the function.

3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x^2}{x^2-4}$



2

4)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{3x^2}{4x+4}$



$-\infty$

**Evaluate each limit.**

5)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (x^3 - 4x^2 + 5)$   
 $-\infty$

6)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^3}{3x^2 - 4}$   
 $\infty$

7)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3}{4x^2 + 3}$   
 $\infty$

8)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + 1}{2x^2 + 2x + 1}$   
 $0$

9)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{2x^2 + 3}}{2x + 3}$   
 $-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

10)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{2x^2 + 1}}{4x + 2}$   
 $-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$

11)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{\ln x}{x^4} + 1 \right)$   
 $1$

12)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (-e^{-3x} - 1)$   
 $-1$

13)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (e^x - 3)$   
 $\infty$

14)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} -e^{-4x}$   
 $-\infty$

15)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \cos(2x)$

**Does not exist. Oscillates.**

16)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{\cos(-3x)}$

**Does not exist. Oscillates.**

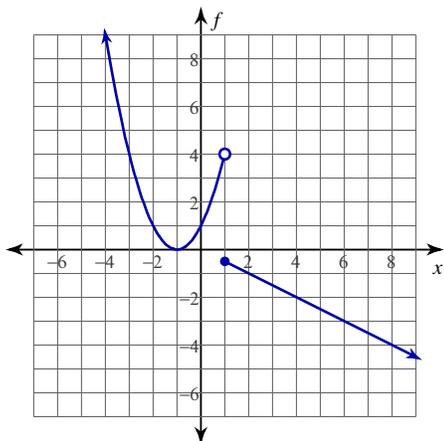
17)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{2x}{\cos \frac{1}{x}}$   
 $-\infty$

18)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \cos \frac{1}{x}$   
 $\infty$

# Continuity

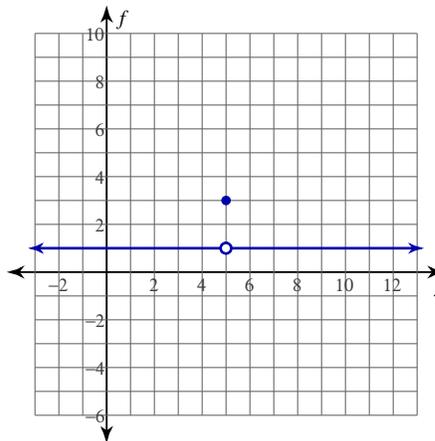
Find the intervals on which each function is continuous.

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



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

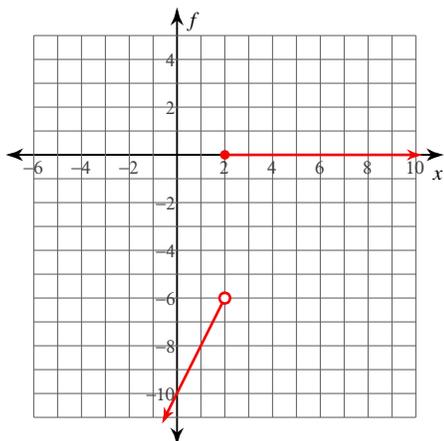
$$2) f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \neq 5 \\ 3, & x = 5 \end{cases}$$



$(-\infty, 5), (5, \infty)$

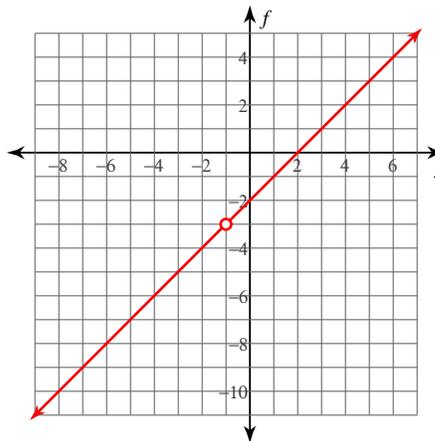
Find the intervals on which each function is continuous. You may use the provided graph to sketch the function.

$$3) f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - 10, & x < 2 \\ 0, & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$



$(-\infty, 2), [2, \infty)$

$$4) f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x + 1}$$



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

Find the intervals on which each function is continuous.

$$5) f(x) = \frac{x^2}{2x+4}$$

$(-\infty, -2), (-2, \infty)$

$$6) f(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{x}{2} - \frac{7}{2}, & x \leq 0 \\ -x^2 + 2x - 2, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

$(-\infty, 0], (0, \infty)$

$$7) f(x) = -\frac{x^2 - x - 12}{x+3}$$

$(-\infty, -3), (-3, \infty)$

$$8) f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x+2}$$

$(-\infty, -2), (-2, \infty)$

Determine if each function is continuous. If the function is not continuous, find the  $x$ -axis location of and classify each discontinuity.

$$9) f(x) = -\frac{x^2}{2x+4}$$

Essential discontinuity at:  $x = -2$

$$10) f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x^2 - x - 2}$$

Removable discontinuity at:  $x = -1$   
Essential discontinuity at:  $x = 2$

$$11) f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x^2 + x + 1}$$

Continuous

$$12) f(x) = -\frac{x^2}{x-1}$$

Essential discontinuity at:  $x = 1$

$$13) f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 4x + 3, & x \neq 0 \\ 3, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Continuous

$$14) f(x) = \begin{cases} -x^2, & x \neq 1 \\ 0, & x = 1 \end{cases}$$

Removable discontinuity at:  $x = 1$

**Critical thinking questions:**

15) Give an example of a function with discontinuities at  $x = 1, 2,$  and  $3$ .

Many answers.  $\frac{1}{(x-1)(x-2)(x-3)}$

16) Of the six basic trigonometric functions, which are continuous over all real numbers? Which are not? What types of discontinuities are there?

Cont: sin, cos. Not cont: sec, csc, tan, cot. Essential.