

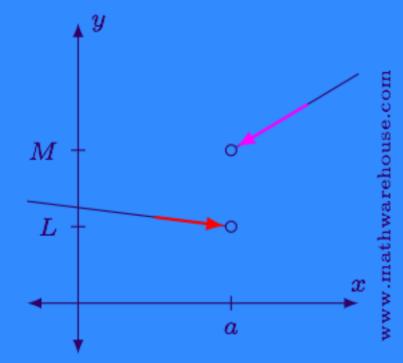


There are 4 types of Discontinuities



Jump Discontinuities

The graph below shows a function that is discontinuous at x = a.



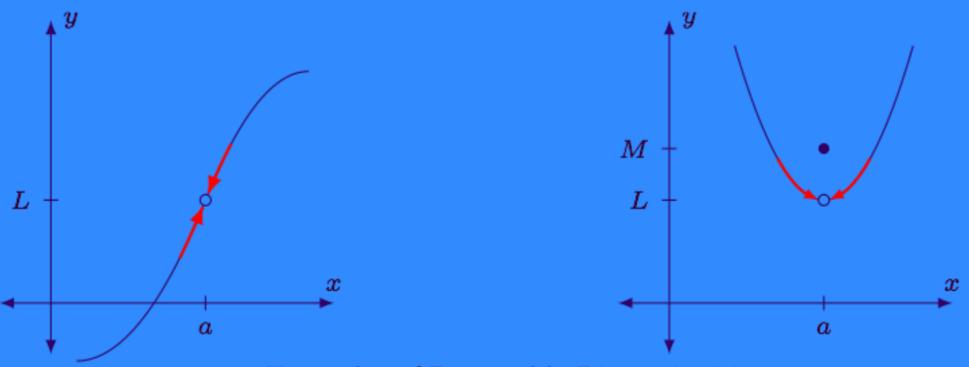
Example of a Jump Discontinuity

The function is approaching different values depending on the direction "x" is coming from. When this happens, we say the function has a jump discontinuity at x=a.



Removable Discontinuities

In the graphs below, there is a hole in the function at x=ax=a. These holes are called removable discontinuities



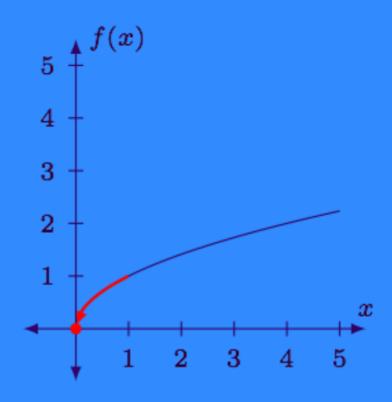
Examples of Removable Discontinuities

Notice that for both graphs, even though there are holes at x=a, the limit value at x=a exists.



Endpoint Discontinuities

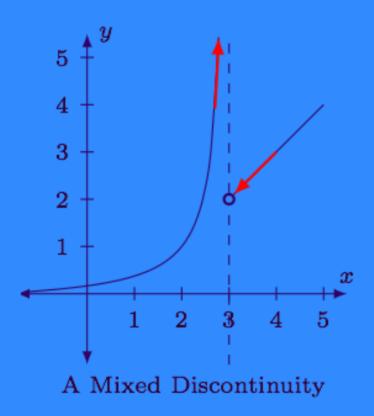
When a function is defined on an interval with a closed endpoint, the limit cannot exist.



The function is technically not continuous there because the limit doesn't exist (because xx can't approach from both sides).



Mixed Discontinuities



The function is discontinuous at x=3. From the left, the function has an infinite discontinuity.

From the right, the discontinuity is removable.



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