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#39 $f(x) = \frac{6}{x}$ [discontinuity at $x=0$]

#40 $f(x) = \frac{4}{x-6}$ $x-6=0 \Rightarrow x=6$
[Discontinuity at $x=6$]

#41 $f(x) = \frac{1}{4-x^2}$ $4-x^2=0 \Rightarrow (2+x)(2-x)=0 \Rightarrow x=-2, x=2$
[Discontinuities at $x=-2, x=2$]

#42 $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+1}$ $x^2+1=0 \Rightarrow \text{NO SOLUTION}$
[No discontinuities]

#43 $f(x) = 3x - \cos(x)$
 $\hookrightarrow f(x)$ is continuous everywhere
[No discontinuities]

#44 $f(x) = \sin(x) - 8x$
 $\hookrightarrow f(x)$ is continuous everywhere
[No discontinuities]

#45 $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2-x}$
 $= \frac{x}{x(x-1)} \Rightarrow \text{simplifying} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{(x-1)}$ [Indicates: $x=0$ is a removable discontinuity]
[discontinuity at $x=0$ and $x=1$]

$\hookrightarrow$ Since the factor "x" cancels, the discontinuity at $x=0$ is removable

#46. $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 - 4} \Rightarrow x^2 - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow (x-2)(x+2) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x = 2, x = -2$
 Discontinuities at $x = 2, x = -2$

#47. $f(x) = \frac{(x+2)}{x^2 - 3x - 10}$
 $= \frac{(x+2)}{(x-5)(x+2)}$
 $= \frac{1}{(x-5)}$
 Since the $(x+2)$ factor cancel, the discontinuity at $x = -2$ is removable.
 Discontinuities at $x = -2$ and $x = 5$

#48. $f(x) = \frac{(x+2)}{x^2 - x - 6}$
 $= \frac{(x+2)}{(x-3)(x+2)}$
 $= \frac{1}{(x-3)}$
 Discontinuities at $x = 3 \neq x = -2$
 Since the " $(x+2)$ " factors cancel the discontinuity at $x = -2$ is removable

#49. $f(x) = \frac{|x+7|}{(x+7)}$
 $\Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x+7}{x+7} & \text{if } (x+7) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \text{if } x \geq -7 \\ \frac{-(x+7)}{x+7} & \text{if } (x+7) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{if } x < -7 \end{cases}$
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simplifying:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \geq -7 \\ -1 & \text{if } x < -7 \end{cases}$$

Must investigate continuity at $x = -7$

(1) $f(-7) \stackrel{\text{Top}}{=} 1$ ✓

(2) $\lim_{x \rightarrow (-7)} f(x)$

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow (-7)^-} f(x) \stackrel{\text{Bot}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow (-7)^-} (-1) = -1$ ✓

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow (-7)^+} f(x) \stackrel{\text{Top}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow (-7)^+} (1) = 1$ ✓

Since the left- and right-hand limits
do not agree, $\lim_{x \rightarrow (-7)} f(x)$ D.N.E.

So Discontinuity at $x = -7$

#50 $f(x) = \frac{2|x-3|}{(x-3)}$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2(x-3)}{(x-3)} & \text{if } (x-3) \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq 3 \\ \frac{2(-(x-3))}{(x-3)} & \text{if } (x-3) < 0 \Rightarrow x < 3 \end{cases}$$

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↓ simplifying

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } x \geq 3 \\ -2 & \text{if } x < 3 \end{cases}$$

Must investigate continuity at $x=3$

(i) $f(3) \stackrel{\text{TOP}}{=} 2$ ✓

(ii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) \stackrel{\text{BOT}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} (-2) = -2$ ✓

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) \stackrel{\text{TOP}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} (2) = 2$ ✓

Since the left- and right-hand limits do not agree, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$ D.N.E.

So Discontinuity at $x=3$

#51

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x + 1 & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ x^2 + 4x + 1 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Must check continuity at $x=2$

(i) $f(2) \stackrel{\text{TOP}}{=} \frac{1}{2}(2) + 1 = 2$ ✓

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lim $f(x)$

$$\textcircled{a} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) \stackrel{\text{TOP}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} (\frac{1}{2}x + 1) = \frac{1}{2}(2) + 1 = 2$$

$$\textcircled{b} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) \stackrel{\text{BOT}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (x^2 - 4x + 1) = (2)^2 - 4(2) + 1 = 4 - 8 + 1 = -3$$

Since the left- and right-hand limits do not agree, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ D.N.E.

so Discontinuity at $x=2$

#52.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \tan(\frac{\pi x}{4}) & \text{if } |x| < 1 \\ x & \text{if } |x| \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

that is:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \tan(\frac{\pi x}{4}) & \text{if } -1 < x < 1 \\ x & \text{if } x \geq 1 \text{ or } x \leq -1 \end{cases}$$

Must check continuity at $x = -1$ and $x = 1$

A $x = -1$

(i) $f(-1) \stackrel{\text{BOT}}{=} -1$

(ii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow (-1)} \searrow$

NOTE: IT might be better to write $f(x)$ this way:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \leq -1 \\ \tan(\frac{\pi x}{4}) & \text{if } -1 < x < 1 \\ x & \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

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NOTE: I will

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use this version of the function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \leq -1 \\ \tan\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right) & \text{if } -1 < x < 1 \\ x & \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{a} \lim_{x \rightarrow (-1)^-} f(x) \stackrel{\text{TOP}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow (-1)^-} (x) = -1 \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{b} \lim_{x \rightarrow (-1)^+} f(x) &\stackrel{\text{MID}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow (-1)^+} \tan\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right) \\ &= \tan\left(\frac{\pi(-1)}{4}\right) \\ &= \tan\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\ &= -1 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = -1 \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{c} \text{ since } \lim_{x \rightarrow (-1)} f(x) = f(-1) \checkmark$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is continuous at $x = -1$ ✓

An exactly similar argument shows
 $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 1$ ✓

$\therefore f(x)$ has NO discontinuities

#59. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^2 & x \geq 1 \\ ax-4 & x < 1 \end{cases}$

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to be continuous we require

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

that is: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (ax-4) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (3x^2)$

$$\Rightarrow a(1)-4 = 3(1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a-4 = 3 \Rightarrow \boxed{a=7}$$

#60. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^3 & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ ax+5 & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$

we require $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$

that is: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (3x^3) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (ax+5)$

$$\Rightarrow 3(1)^3 = a(1)+5$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 = a+5$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a = -2}$$

#61.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ ax^2 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

we require $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$

that is: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-}^{\text{top}} (x^3) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+}^{\text{bot}} (ax^2)$

$$\Rightarrow 2^3 = a(2^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 = a(4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a=2}$$