

1. Consider the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^2 & \text{if } x \leq -1 \\ A + Bx^3 & \text{if } x > -1 \end{cases}$

1A) Find the conditions on A and B that make this function continuous at $x = -1$. Show all your work.

we need $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x)$ to equal $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x)$.

Now, $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} 3x^2 = 3(-1)^2 = \underline{\underline{3}}$

and $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} A + Bx^3 = A + B(-1)^3 = \underline{\underline{A - B}}$

So the one-sided limits are equal iff $\boxed{3 = A - B}$

1B) Find conditions on A and B that make this function differentiable at $x = -1$. Show all your work.

now we need $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} (3x^2)' = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} (A + Bx^3)'$

or, $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} (6x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} (0 + 3Bx^2)$

or, $-6 = 3B(-1)^2$

or $-6 = 3B \quad \therefore \boxed{B = -2}$

from 1A, we (still) need $3 = A - B$

$\therefore 3 = A - (-2)$

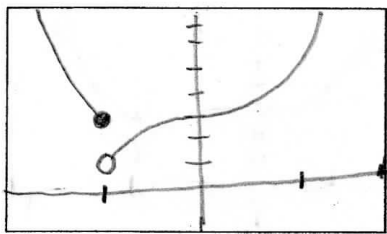
$3 = A + 2$

$\boxed{A = 1}$

1C) Let $A = 3$ and $B = 2$. Do these values satisfy the conditions in 1A? NO

Set your calculator window to

$[-2, 2] \times [-1, 8]$ and use your calculator to help draw the correct graph of f (still using $A = 3$ and $B = 2$). Draw a careful facsimile of the correct graph here (including the axes and the "tick marks": set $Xscl=1$ and $Yscl=1$ in the Window menu).



the calculator HELPS but doesn't give the DETAILS that you know about:

because if $A = 3$ & $B = 2$
we get $A - B = 3 - 2 = 1$
but continuity requires $A - B = 3$.

2. The Intermediate Value Theorem assumes that f is a continuous function on an interval $[a, b]$, and that d is chosen between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$. What is the conclusion of the theorem?

that there must be some c in $[a, b]$ for which $f(c) = d$

3. The Extreme Value Theorem assumes that f is a continuous function on an interval $[a, b]$, and it says that f "assumes" (or "achieves" or "attains") its maximum value on $[a, b]$. Explain what this means.

It means that for some $x_0 \in [a, b]$, $f(x_0) \geq f(x)$ for all (other) x 's in $[a, b]$

4. How is the IVT used to prove there must be a root of $x^5 - 4x^3 + 1$ somewhere between $x = 0$ and $x = 1$?

call this polynomial " $p(x)$ ". NOW, $p(0) = 1$ and $p(1) = -2$
choose $d = 0$; because $\left. \begin{matrix} -2 \leq 0 \leq 1 \\ \text{OR} \\ p(1) \leq d \leq p(0) \end{matrix} \right\}$, there must be a c between 0 and 1
for which $p(c) = d$, i.e. $p(c) = 0$