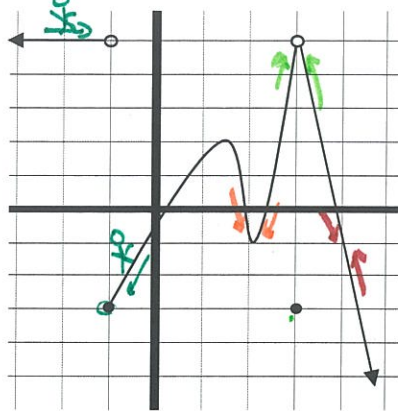


low is a graph of the function $f(x)$.



Using the definition of continuity, explain why $f(x)$ is or is not continuous at each of the following x -values.

$x = -1$

$$f(-1) = -3$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = 5 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = -3 \end{array} \right\} \neq, \text{ so } \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) \text{ DNE}$$

$\therefore f$ is not cont @ $x = -1$

$x = 2$

$$f(2) = -1$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = -1 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = -1 \end{array} \right\} =, \text{ so } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = -1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = f(2) \quad \therefore f \text{ is } \underline{\text{continuous}} \text{ @ } x = 2$$

$x = 3$

$$f(3) = -3$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = 5 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = 5 \end{array} \right\} =, \text{ so } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 5$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) \neq f(3) \quad \therefore f \text{ is } \underline{\text{not}} \text{ cont @ } x = 3$$

$x = 4$

$$f(4) = -1$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x) = -1 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x) = -1 \end{array} \right\} =, \text{ so } \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = -1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = f(4) \quad \therefore f \text{ is } \underline{\text{not}} \text{ cont. @ } x = -1$$