

AP Calc Practice Set 2

Limits and Continuity

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{\sin 5x} = \frac{\sin(3(0))}{\sin(5(0))} = \frac{0}{0} \rightarrow \text{Indeterminant}$

A) 0 \rightarrow Factor cancel (simplify)
 B) $\frac{3}{5}$ \rightarrow L'Hospital's (take the derivative of top & bottom individually and try again)
 C) 1
 D) π
 E) nonexistent

$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin 3x) = \cos(3x) \cdot 3$
 $\frac{d}{dx}(\sin 5x) = \cos(5x) \cdot 5$
 $\frac{\cos(0) \cdot 3}{\cos(0) \cdot 5} = \frac{1 \cdot 3}{1 \cdot 5}$

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{9-x}{3-\sqrt{x}} \cdot \frac{(3+\sqrt{x})}{(3+\sqrt{x})} = \frac{(9-x)(3+\sqrt{x})}{9+3\sqrt{x}-3\sqrt{x}-x} = \frac{(9-x)(3+\sqrt{x})}{(9-x)}$

A) 0 \uparrow radical
 B) 3 $3+\sqrt{9}$
 C) 6 \rightarrow multiply by the conjugate
 D) ∞ $3+\sqrt{9} = 3+3 = 6$
 E) nonexistent

3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = \frac{\frac{d}{dx} \sin(x)}{\frac{d}{dx} (x)} = \frac{\cos(x)}{1} = \frac{\cos(0)}{1} = \frac{1}{1}$

A) 0 L'Hospital's Rule
 B) 1
 C) 2
 D) π
 E) nonexistent

4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^3 + 27}{x + 3} = \frac{\frac{d}{dx} x^3 + 27}{\frac{d}{dx} x + 3} = \frac{3x^2}{1} = \frac{3(-3)^2}{1} = 27$

A) -3 B) 0 C) 9 D) 18 E) 27

5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 9} - 3}{x} =$ multiply by the conjugate

A) ∞ B) $-\infty$
 C) 3 D) 0
 E) nonexistent

$\frac{\sqrt{x^2+9}-3}{x} \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{x^2+9}+3)}{(\sqrt{x^2+9}+3)} = \frac{(x^2+9)-9}{x(\sqrt{x^2+9}+3)} = \frac{x^2}{x(\sqrt{x^2+9}+3)} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+9}+3} = \frac{0}{6}$

6. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 3}{9 - x} \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{x} + 3)}{(\sqrt{x} + 3)} = \frac{x-9}{(9-x)(\sqrt{x}+3)} = \frac{-1(9-x)}{(9-x)(\sqrt{x}+3)} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{x}+3} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{9+3}} = \frac{-1}{3+3} = -\frac{1}{6}$

A) -3
 B) $-\frac{1}{6}$
 C) $\frac{1}{6}$
 D) 3
 E) 6

7. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^5 - x^5}{h} =$

A) $5x^4$ B) x^5
 C) 0 D) 5
 E) nonexistent

Definition of a derivative
 $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$
 what is $f(x)$?
 $f(x) = x^5$
 $f'(x) = 5x^4$

8. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{5(h-1)^2 + 5}{h} =$

A) -10 B) 0
 C) 1 D) 5
 E) nonexistent

\Rightarrow A derivative evaluated at some point $f'(a)$
 \Rightarrow what is $f(x)$?
 \Rightarrow what is a ?
 $a = -1$ $f'(x)$ at $a = -1$
 $f(x) = 5x^2$ $f'(-1) = 10(-1) = -10$
 $f'(x) = 10x$ $f'(-1) = -10$

9. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{8(x+h)^2 - 8x^2}{h} =$

A) 8 B) $8x$
 C) $16x$ D) 0
 E) nonexistent

$f(x) = 8x^2$
 $f'(x) = 16x$

10. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-3(x+h)^3 + 3x^3}{h} =$

A) $3x$ B) $-9x^2$
 C) 3 D) 0
 E) nonexistent

$-f(x)$ $f(x) = -3x^3$
 $f(x) = -3x^3$
 $f'(x) = -9x^2$

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11. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{20(a+h)^2 - 20a^2}{h} =$

- A) 20
- C) 40a**
- E) nonexistent

- B) 20a
- D) 0

Definition of Derivative

$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$

$f(x) = 20a^2$
 $f'(x) = 40a$

12. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x+h) - \cos x}{h} =$

- A) $\sin x$
- B) $-\sin x$**
- C) $\cos x$
- D) 0
- E) nonexistent

$f(x) = \cos(x)$
 $f'(x) = -\sin(x)$

13. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-10(x+h)^2 + 10x^2}{h} =$

- A) 10x
- B) -20x**
- C) 0
- D) 5
- E) nonexistent

$f(x) = -10x^2$
 $f'(x) = -20x$

14. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a(x+h)^2 + b(x+h) + c - (ax^2 + bx + c)}{h} =$

- A) $2a + b$
- B) $2x + b$
- C) $2ax + b$**
- D) 0
- E) nonexistent

$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$
 $f'(x) = 2ax + b$

15. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{x+h} - \frac{1}{x}}{h} =$

- A) $\frac{1}{x}$
- B) $\frac{1}{x^2}$
- C) $-\frac{1}{x^2}$**
- D) 0
- E) nonexistent

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

17. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 + (x+h) - (x^2 + x)}{h} =$

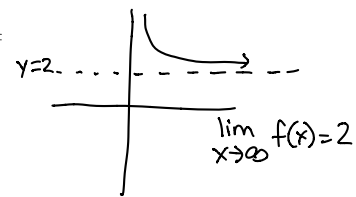
- A) $2x + 1$**
- C) x^2
- E) nonexistent

$f(x) = x^2 + x$
 $f(x+h) = (x+h)^2 + (x+h)$
 $f'(x) = 2x + 1$

18. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4x^2 + 3x - 3}{5x^2 + 177x + 2} =$

- A) 0
- B) $\frac{4}{5}$**
- C) 1
- D) $\frac{5}{4}$
- E) ∞

↳ same highest exponent



Matching the highest exponent

$\frac{x^a}{x^b}$ $a > b$ $\frac{x^a}{x^b}$ $a < b$ $\frac{c \cdot x^a}{d \cdot x^b}$ $a = b$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} = \infty$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} = 0$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} = \frac{c}{d}$

$f'(a) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$
 $f'(3) = \frac{5(3+h) - 15}{h}$

what is $f(x)$?
what is a ?

- A) 15
- C) 0
- E) nonexistent

B) 5 $f(x) = 5(x)$
D) -3 $f'(x)$ at 3
 $f'(x) = 5$

$\frac{15 + 5h - 15}{h} = \frac{5h}{h} = 5$

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19. For which pair of functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$

below, will the $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 0$?

- A) $f(x) = x^{100}$
 $g(x) = 2^x$
- B) $f(x) = e^x$
 $g(x) = x^{100}$
- C) $f(x) = x^2 + 2x$
 $g(x) = x^2$
- D) $f(x) = e^{x^2}$
 $g(x) = \ln(x)$
- E) $f(x) = x$
 $g(x) = \ln(x)$

Polynomial
 Exponential
 Exponential
 Functions grow
 quicker than
 Polynomials
 Exp: Polynomials
 a^x x^3
 e^x x^{10}
 x^{100}

20. $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6z^2 + 2z - 7}{4z^3 + 2z - 7} =$

- A) ∞
 B) $\frac{3}{2}$
 C) $\frac{1}{1}$
 D) $\frac{2}{3}$
 E) 0

Denominator
 has larger
 exponent
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 $\frac{\quad}{\infty}$

21. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{x} = \frac{\infty}{\infty} \rightarrow$ L'Hospital's

- A) 0 (B) 1 C) π D) e E) ∞
 $\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{x}$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{\infty} = 0$

22. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^5 - 4}{3x^4 + 5} =$

- A) $-\frac{4}{5}$
 B) 0
 C) $\frac{2}{3}$
 D) 1
 E) ∞

23. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{3x^2 + 5}}{x + 2} =$

- A) $\sqrt{5}$
 B) $\frac{5}{2}$
 C) $\frac{3}{2}$
 D) $\sqrt{3}$
 E) ∞

$\frac{\sqrt{3x^2}}{x} = \frac{\sqrt{3}\sqrt{x^2}}{x}$
 $= \frac{\sqrt{3}x}{x}$
 $= \sqrt{3}$

24. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 - 3x^2}{2x^2 - 4x} = \frac{-3}{2}$

- A) $-\frac{3}{2}$
 B) $\frac{1}{2}$
 C) $\frac{3}{4}$
 D) 1
 E) ∞

25. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^3 - 3}{x^2 + 4x + 2} =$

- A) ∞
 B) $\frac{1}{4}$
 C) 0
 D) $-\frac{3}{2}$
 E) $-\infty$

\rightarrow Becomes bigger
 faster (higher degree)

26. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^7 - 2x}{4x^6 + 1} =$ \rightarrow higher degree

- A) $-\infty$
 B) -2
 C) 0
 D) $\frac{3}{4}$
 E) ∞

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27. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^2 + 1}{(3-x)(3+x)} = \frac{3x^2 + 1}{9 - x^2} = \frac{3}{-1}$
 A) -9 B) -3 C) 1 D) 3 E) 9

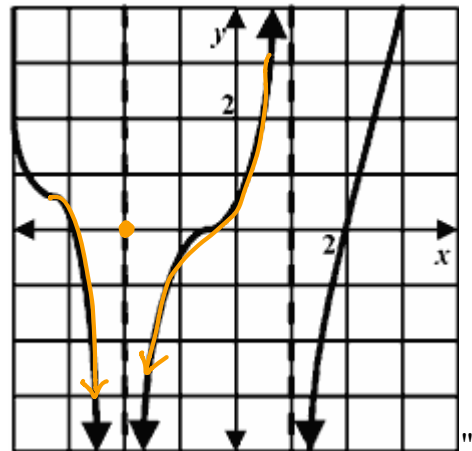
28. The function $f(x) = \begin{cases} 9 - x^2, & x < 2 \\ ax + b, & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$ is continuous and differentiable for all values of x . Find a and b .
 A) $a = -2, b = 9$ B) $a = -5, b = 15$
 C) $a = 0, b = 5$ D) $a = 3, b = 2$
 E) $a = -4, b = 13$

29. For what value of c and k is the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + c, & x \leq -1 \\ kx^2, & x > -1 \end{cases}$ both differentiable and continuous for all real values of x .
 A) $c = -1, k = 1$ B) $c = 1, k = -1$
 C) $c = 1, k = 1$ D) $c = 2, k = -2$
 E) $c = -2, k = -2$

30. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 + a - 2, & x > 2 \\ ax^2, & x \leq 2 \end{cases}$. Find the value of a so that $f(x)$ is continuous for all real x .
 A) 1 B) 2 C) $\frac{5}{2}$ D) 3 E) 4

31. If $f(x) = \begin{cases} e^x + 3, & x > 0 \\ ax + b, & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$ is both continuous and differentiable at $x = 0$, then $a + b =$
 A) 3 B) 4 C) 5 D) 6 E) 7

32. Base your answer to the following question on "the graph below of $f(x)$."



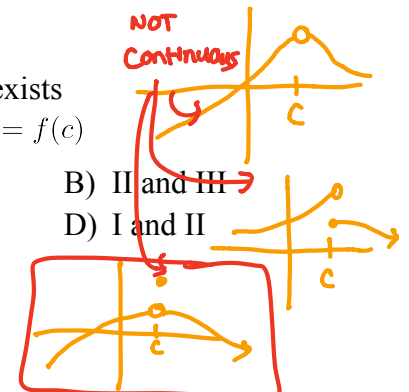
$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x) = -\infty$ If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \infty$ or $-\infty$
 A) $-\infty$ B) 0
 C) 1 D) ∞
 E) nonexistent

Vertical Asymptote at $x=8$

33. In order for a function to be continuous at point $x = c$, which of the following must be true?

- ✓ I. $f(c)$ exists
- ✓ II. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ exists
- ✓ III. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$

- A) I B) II and III
 C) III D) I and II
 E) I, II, and III



34. A function is given by the equation

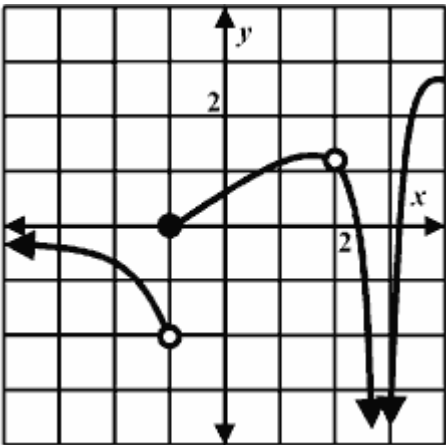
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 1, & x < 2 \\ x^2, & x = 2 \\ 2x - 1, & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Is $f(x)$ continuous at $x = 2$?

- A) Yes, because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 3$.
 B) Yes, because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 3$. $f(2) = 2^2 = 4$
 C) Yes, because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 3$. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} = 3$
 D) Yes, because $f(2) = 4$. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} = 3$
 E) No, because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) \neq f(2)$ $f(2) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} = 3$

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35. Base your answer to the following question on "the graph of $f(x)$ below.

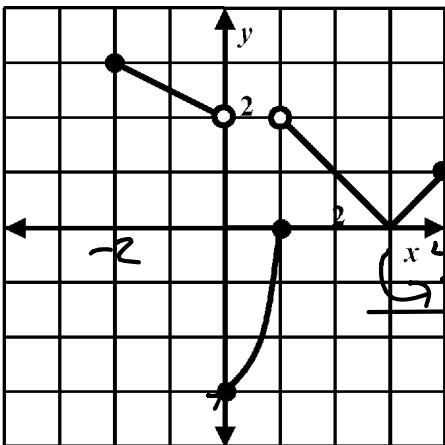


$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) =$

- A) ∞
- B) $\frac{3}{2}$
- C) 0
- E) nonexistent

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = -2$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = 0$

Base your answers to questions 36 through 39 on the graph below.



36. The function has a jump discontinuity at

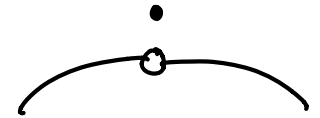
- A) $x = 1$
- B) $x = -1$
- C) $x = 3$
- D) $x = 4$
- E) None of the above

37. Over which of the following intervals is the function continuous?

- A) $0 \leq x \leq 1$
- B) $-1 \leq x \leq 1$
- C) $1 \leq x \leq 3$ *not including*
- D) $0 \leq x \leq 4$
- E) None of the above

38. The function has a removable discontinuity at

- A) $x = 1$
- B) $x = 2$
- C) $x = 3$
- D) $x = 0$
- E) None of the above

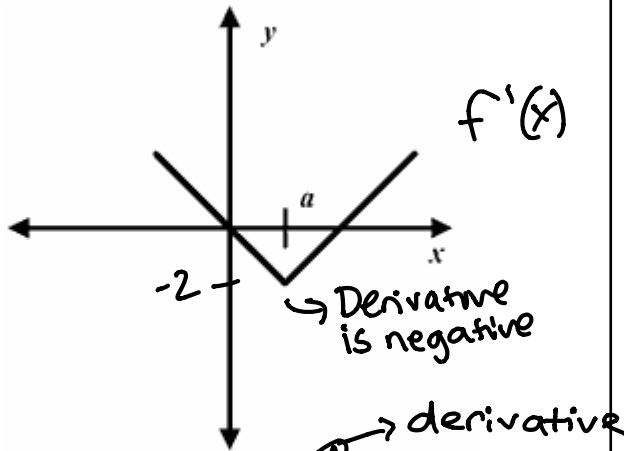


39. The function is defined on $[-2, 4]$ which *x values have a y-value*

- A) if $x \neq 1$
- B) if $x \neq 2$
- C) if $x \neq 3$
- D) if $x \neq 0$
- E) for all x in the interval

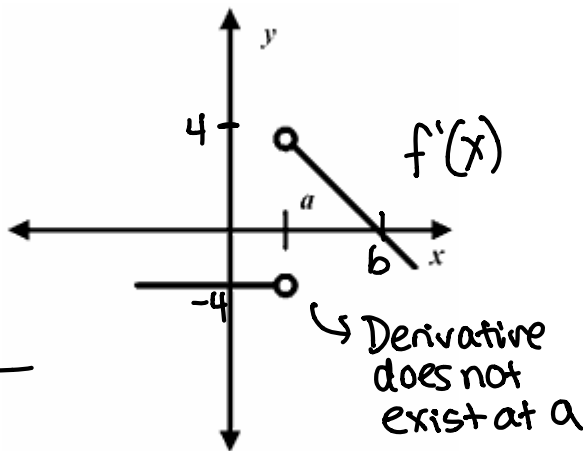
Not Differentiable (sharp corner)

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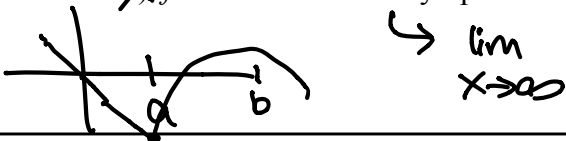
40. The above is a graph of f' . Which of the following statements is true of f at $x = a$?

- I. f is continuous
 - II. f is differentiable
 - III. f is decreasing
- A) I B) II, II, and III
 C) III D) I and III
 E) II and III



41. The above is a graph of f' . Which of the following statements is always false?

- (A) f has a vertical asymptote at $x = a$
- (B) f is continuous at $x = a$
- (C) f has a jump discontinuity at $x = a$
- (D) f has a removable discontinuity at $x = a$
- (E) f has a horizontal asymptote at $x = a$



42. The function $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3}{x}, x \neq 0 \\ 0, x = 0 \end{cases}$

(A) is continuous everywhere
 (B) is continuous except at $x = 0$
 (C) has a removable discontinuity at $x = 0$
 (D) has an infinite discontinuity at $x = 0$
 (E) has a vertical asymptote at $x = 0$

$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-4}{x-4}, x \neq -2, 2 \\ 2, x = 2 \end{cases}$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2^2-4}{2-4} = \frac{0}{-2} = 0$

43. Which of the following statements is/are true?

- I. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ exists
 - II. $f(2)$ exists
 - III. f is continuous at $x = 2$
- A) I only
 B) II only
 C) I and II
 D) I, II, and III
 E) None of the above
- Removable discontinuity*

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \frac{-1}{3} \cdot \frac{x-1}{3x} \rightarrow \frac{0}{0}$

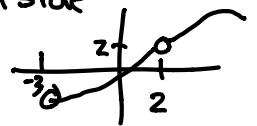
44. What value of k makes $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-x}{3x}, x \neq 0 \\ k, x = 0 \end{cases}$ continuous at $x = 0$?

- A) -1 B) $-\frac{1}{3}$ C) 0 D) $\frac{1}{3}$ E) 1

$f(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = -\frac{1}{3}$

45. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 2$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 2$, and $f(2)$ is undefined. Which of the following statements are true?

- I. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 2$
 - II. f is continuous everywhere except at $x = 2$
 - III. f has a removable discontinuity at $x = 2$
- A) I
 B) I and III
 C) III
 D) I, II, and III
 E) None of the above
- limits are equal from each side*



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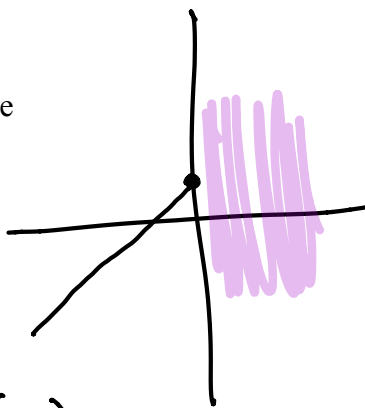
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3+x^2}{x^2}, & x < 0 \\ 1, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

~~$x^2(x+1)$~~
 ~~x^2~~

46. Which of the following statements is/are true

- I. $f(0)$ exists
- II. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ exists
- III. f is continuous at $x = 0$

- A) I
- B) II
- C) III
- D) I and II
- E) I, II, and III



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (x+1) = 1$$

28) Continuous:

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

$$9 - (2)^2 = a(2) + b$$

$$\boxed{5 = 2a + b}$$

$$5 = 2(-4) + b$$

$$5 = -8 + b$$

$$\boxed{b = 13}$$

Differentiable:

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

$$-2x = a$$

$$-2(2) = a$$

$$\boxed{-4 = a}$$

Answer: E

29

Continuous:

$$2x + C = kx^2$$

$$2(-1) + C = k(-1)^2$$

$$\boxed{-2 + C = k}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 + C = -1 \\ +2 \quad +2 \end{array}$$

Differentiable:

$$2 = 2kx$$

$$2 = 2k(-1)$$

$$\frac{2}{-2} = \frac{-2k}{-2}$$

$$\boxed{-1 = k}$$

$$\boxed{C = 1}$$

Ans!
B

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

$$x^3 + a - 2 = ax^2$$

$$2^3 + a - 2 = a(2)^2$$

$$8 + a - 2 = 4a$$

$$6 + a = 4a$$

$$-a \quad -a$$

$$\frac{6}{3} = \frac{3a}{3}$$

$$a = 2$$

Ans: B

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Continuous:

$$e^x + 3 = ax + b$$
$$-ax \quad -ax$$

$$\cancel{e^x + 3} - ax = b$$

Differentiable

$$\cancel{e^x} = a$$

$$e^x + e^x + 3 - ax =$$

$$e^0 + e^0 + 3 - 0 =$$

$$1 + 1 + 3 = 5$$

Ans!
C