

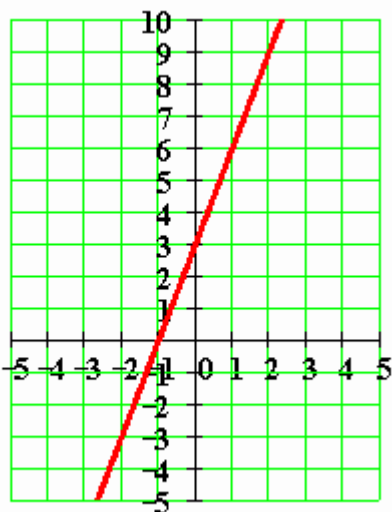
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^3 \frac{1}{dx} dy$$

## INTRODUCTION TO LIMITS

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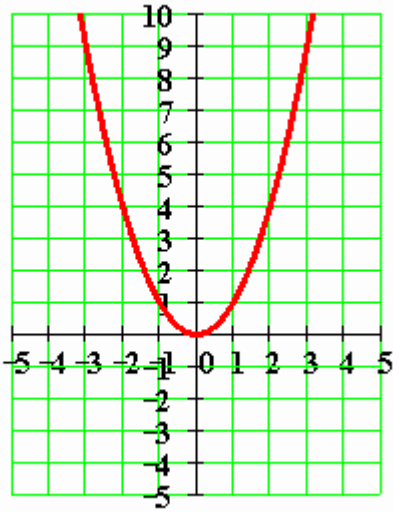
### Problem 1:

Given  $c = 2$  and  $f(x) = 3x + 3$ , a linear function with domain  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph.



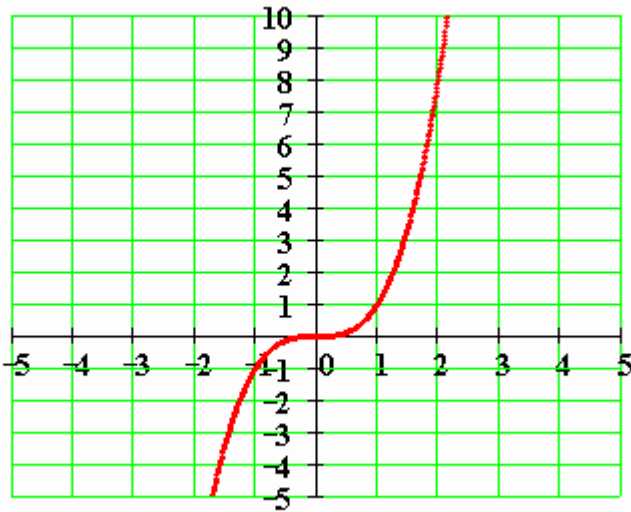
### Problem 2:

Given  $c = 2$  and  $f(x) = x^2$ , a quadratic function with domain  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph.



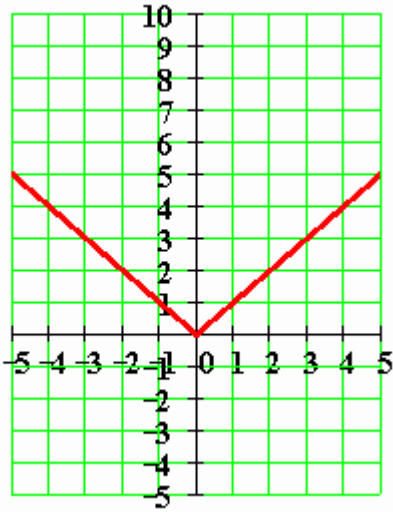
**Problem 3:**

Given  $c = 2$  and  $f(x) = x^3$ , a cubic function with domain  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph.



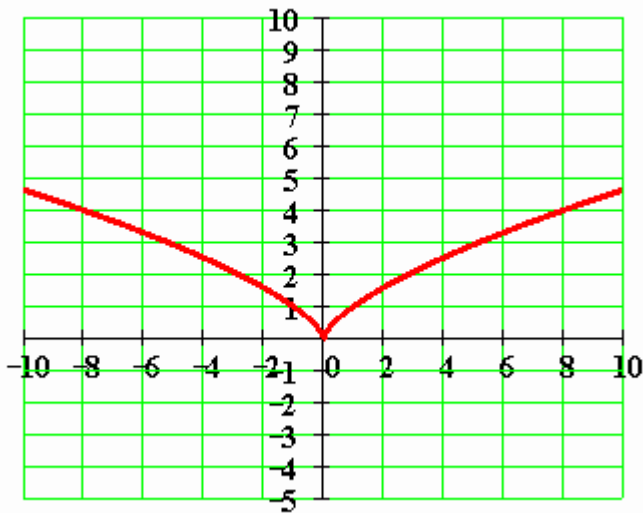
**Problem 4:**

Given  $c = -2$  and  $f(x) = |x|$ , an absolute-value function with domain  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph.



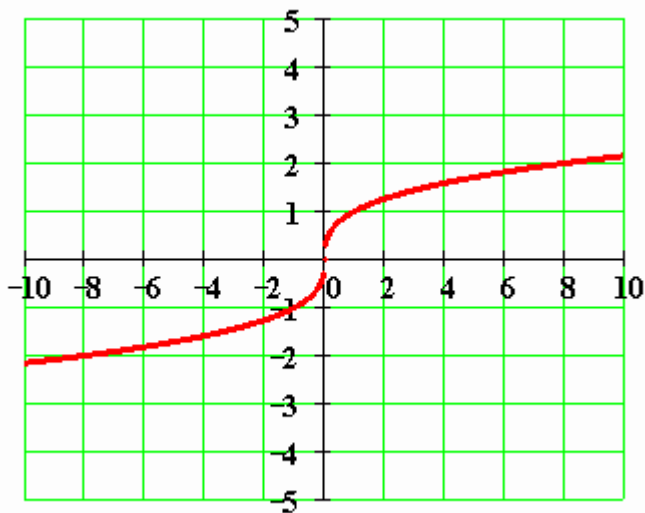
**Problem 5:**

Given  $c = -8$  and  $f(x) = x^{2/3}$ , a function with domain  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph.



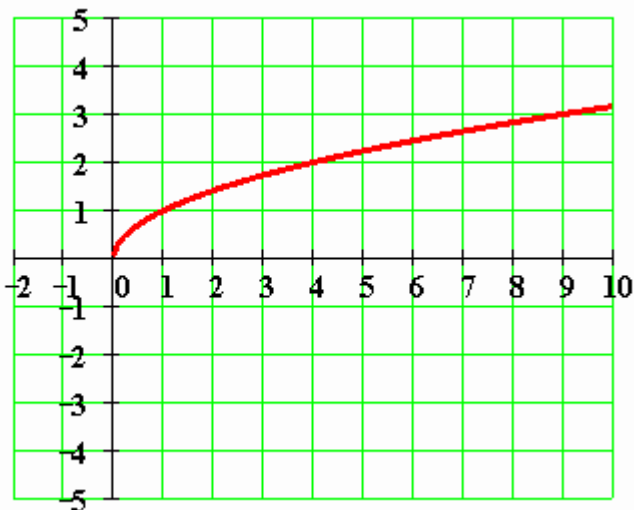
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Given  $c = -8$  and  $f(x) = x^{1/3}$ , a function with domain  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph.



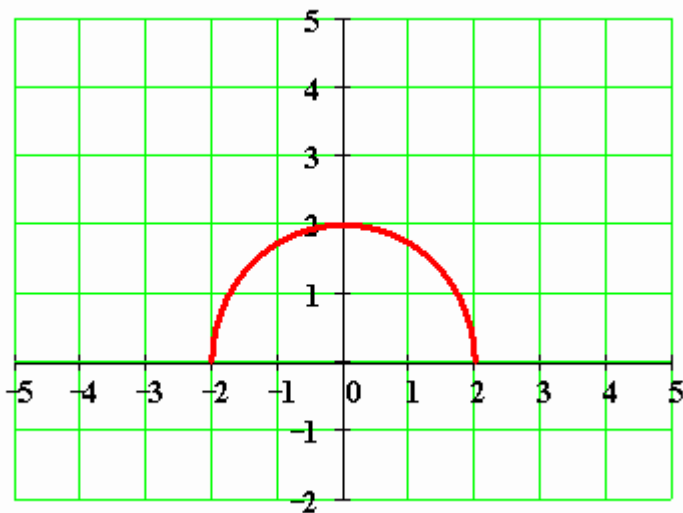
**Problem 7:**

Given  $c = 9$  and  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ , a square-root function with domain  $[0, \infty)$ . Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph.



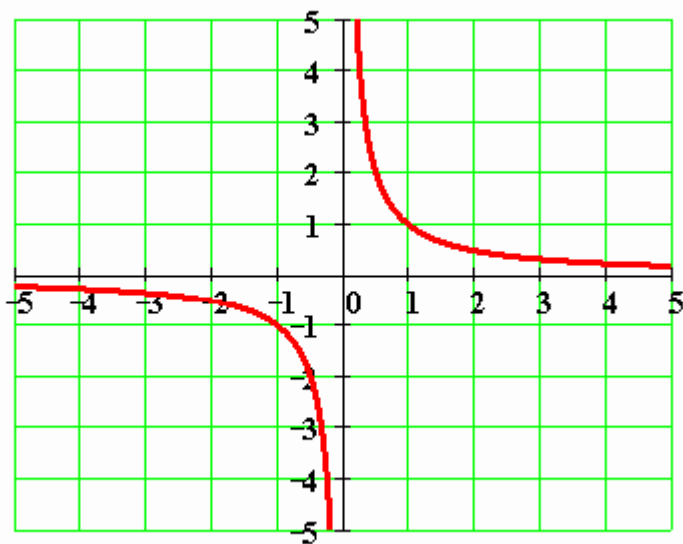
**Problem 8:**

Given  $c = 0$  and  $f(x) = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$ , a semicircular function with domain  $[-2, 2]$ . Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph.



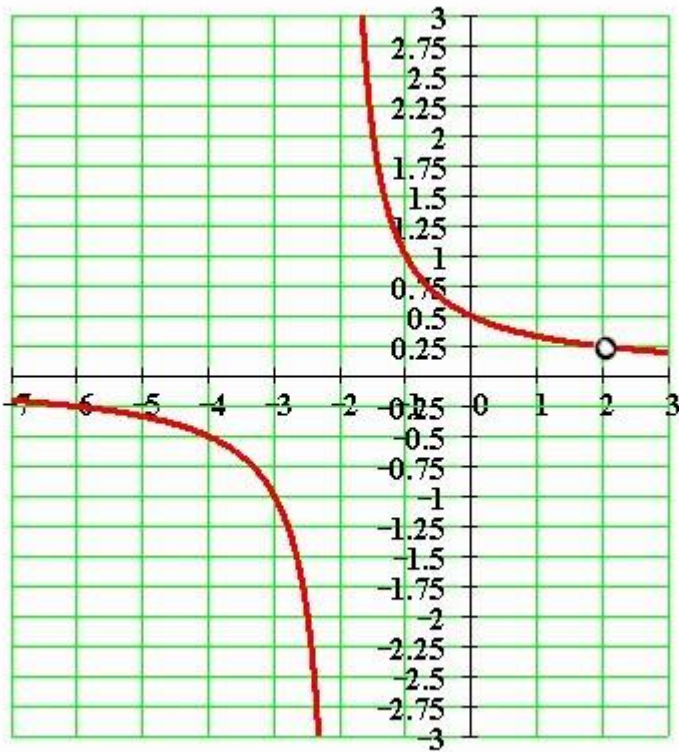
**Problem 9:**

Given  $c = 1$  and  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ , a rational function (reciprocal function) with domain  $\{x \mid x \neq 0\}$ . Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph.



**Problem 10:**

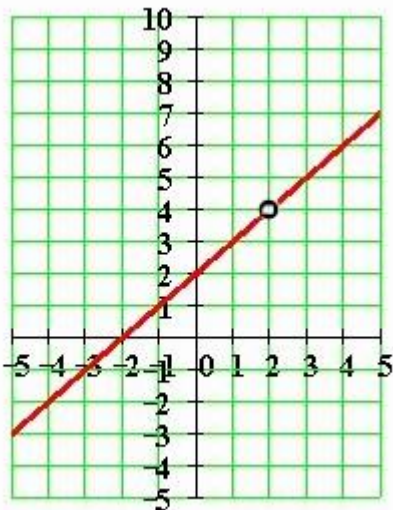
Given  $c = -1$  and  $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x^2-4} = \frac{x-2}{(x-2)(x+2)}$ , a function with domain  $\{x \mid x \neq -2, x \neq 2\}$ . Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph.



**Problem 11:**

Given  $c = 1$  and  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2} = \frac{(x - 2)(x + 2)}{x - 2}$ , a function with domain  $\{x \mid x \neq 2\}$ .

Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph.



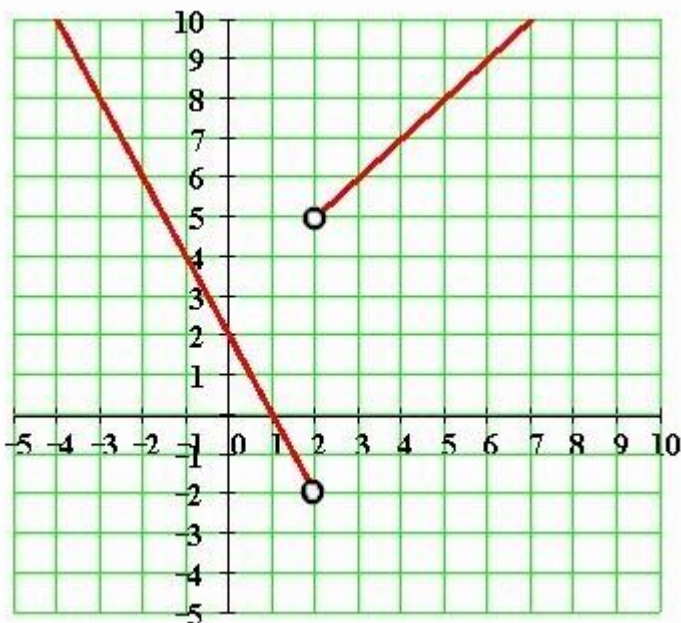
**Problem 12:**

Given  $c = 0$  and  $c = 4$  and

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x + 2 & \text{if } x < 2 \\ x + 3 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases},$$

a piece-wise defined function with domain  $(-\infty, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$ .

Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph.

**Problem 13:**

Given  $c = 0$  and  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ , a square-root function with domain  $[0, \infty)$ . Calculate  $f(c)$

and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph in [Problem 7](#).

**Problem 14:**

Given  $c = -2$  and  $c = 2$  and  $f(x) = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$ , a semicircular function with domain  $[-2, 2]$

. Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph in [Problem 8](#).

**Problem 15:**

Given  $c = 0$  and  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ , a rational function (reciprocal function) with domain  $\{x \mid x \neq 0\}$ .  
 Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph in **Problem 9**.

**Problem 16:**

Given  $c = -2$  and  $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x^2-4} = \frac{x-2}{(x-2)(x+2)}$ , a function with domain  $\{x \mid x \neq -2, x \neq 2\}$ . Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph in **Problem 10**.

**Problem 17:**

Given  $c = 2$  and  $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x^2-4} = \frac{x-2}{(x-2)(x+2)}$ , a function with domain  $\{x \mid x \neq -2, x \neq 2\}$ . Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph in **Problem 10**.

**Problem 18:**

Given  $c = 2$  and  $f(x) = \frac{x^2-4}{x-2} = \frac{(x-2)(x+2)}{x-2}$ , a function with domain  $\{x \mid x \neq 2\}$ .  
 Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph in **Problem 11**.

**Problem 19:**

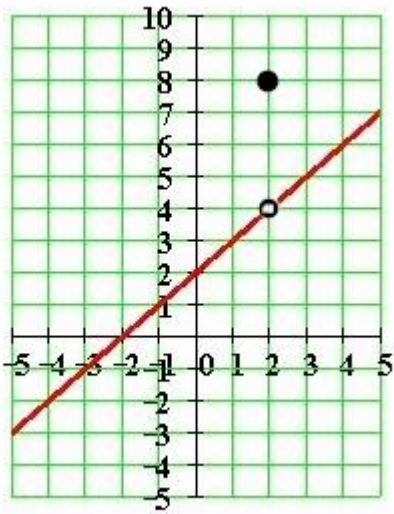
Given  $c = 2$  and

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-4}{x-2} = \frac{(x-2)(x+2)}{x-2} & \text{if } x \neq 2 \\ 8 & \text{if } x = 2 \end{cases},$$

a piece-wise defined function with domain  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph.





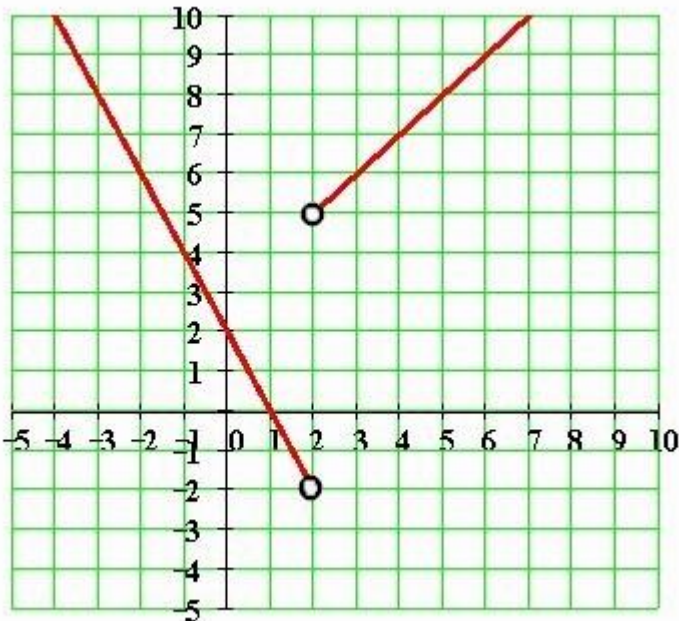
**Problem 20:**

Given  $c = 2$  and

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x + 2 & \text{if } x < 2 \\ x + 3 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases},$$

a piece-wise defined function with domain  $(-\infty, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$ .

Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph in [Problem 12](#).



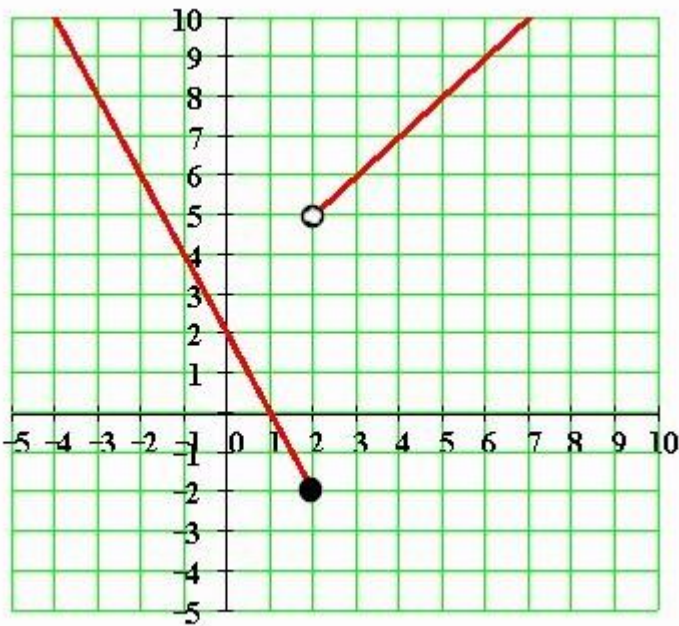
**Problem 21:**

Given  $c = 2$  and

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x + 2 & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ x + 3 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases},$$

a piece-wise defined function with domain  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph.

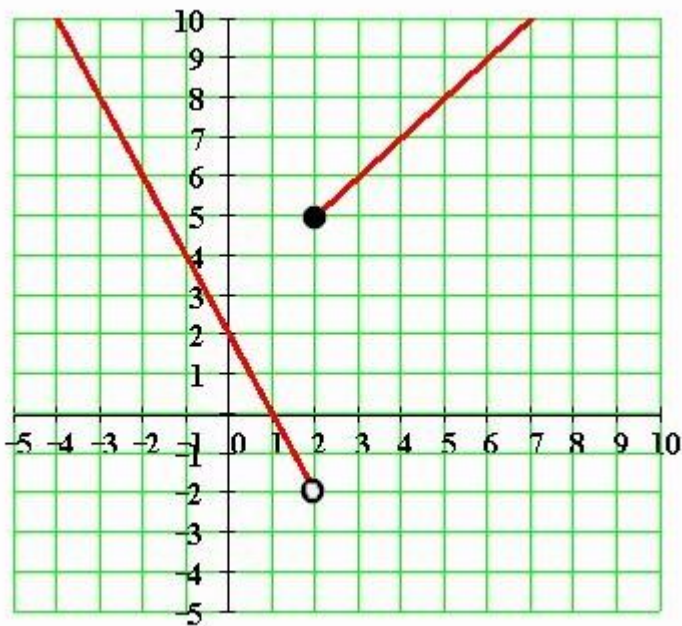
**Problem 22:**

Given  $c = 2$  and

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

a piece-wise defined function with domain  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph.



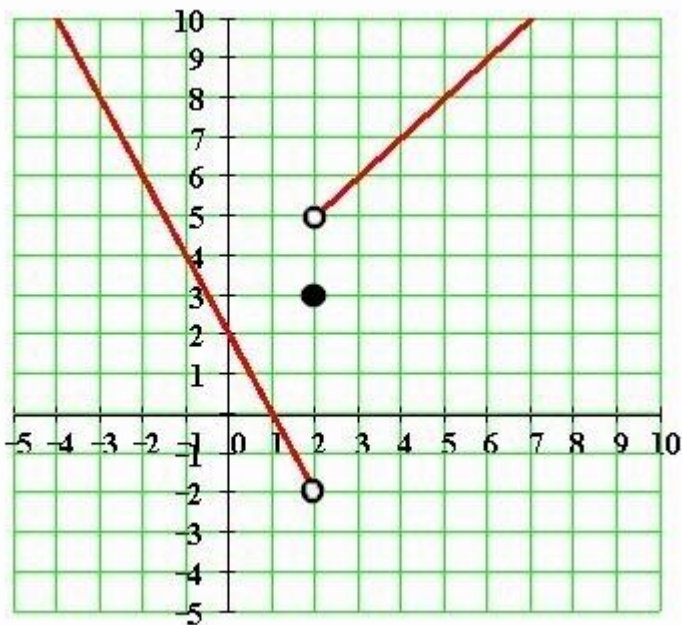
**Problem 23:**

Given  $c = 2$  and

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x + 2 & \text{if } x < 2 \\ x + 3 & \text{if } x > 2 \\ 3 & \text{if } x = 2 \end{cases},$$

a piece-wise defined function with domain  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

Calculate  $f(c)$  and find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  from the graph.



## SOLUTIONS

You can find detailed solutions below the link for this problem set!

1.  $f(2) = 3(2) + 3 = 9$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 9$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 9$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 9$$

2.  $f(2) = (2)^2 = 4$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 4$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 4$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 4$$

3.  $f(2) = (2)^3 = 8$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 8$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 8$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 8$$

4.  $f(-2) = |-2| = 2$

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

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

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

5.  $f(-8) = (-8)^{2/3} = 4$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -8^+} f(x) = 4$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -8^-} f(x) = 4$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -8} f(x) = 4$$

6.  $f(-8) = (-8)^{1/3} = -2$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -8^+} f(x) = -2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -8^-} f(x) = -2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -8} f(x) = -2$$

$$7. \quad f(9) = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 9^+} f(x) = 3$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 9^-} f(x) = 3$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} f(x) = 3$$

$$8. \quad f(0) = \sqrt{4 - (0)^2} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

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

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 2$$

$$9. \quad f(1) = \frac{1}{1}$$

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

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

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

$$10. \quad f(-1) = \frac{-1 - 2}{(-1)^2 - 4} = \frac{-3}{-3} = 1$$

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

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

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

$$11. \quad f(x) = \frac{1^2 - 4}{1 - 2} = \frac{3}{1} = 3$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = 3$$

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

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

$$12. \quad c = 0:$$

$$f(0) = -2(0) + 2 = 2 \text{ because } 0 \text{ is in the domain of Branch 1.}$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 2$$

$$c = 4:$$

$$f(4) = 4 + 3 = 7 \text{ because } 4 \text{ is in the domain of Branch 2.}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x) = 7 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x) = 7 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = 7$$

13.  $f(0) = \sqrt{0} = 0$

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

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$   
**does not exist (DNE)** because there is NO (real) y-value for the x-values as we approach 0 from the left!

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$   
**does not exist (DNE)** because the right-sided limit DOES NOT equal the left-sided limit!

14.  $c = -2:$

$$f(-2) = \sqrt{4 - (-2)^2} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) = \sqrt{4 - (-2)^2} = 0$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x)$   
**does not exist** because there is NO (real) y-value for the x-values as we approach -2 from the left!

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x)$   
**does not exist (DNE)** because the right-sided limit DOES NOT equal the left-sided limit!

$$c = 2:$$

$$f(2) = \sqrt{4 - (2)^2} = 0$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$   
**does not exist** because there is NO (real) y-value as we approach 2 from the right!

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \sqrt{4 - (-2)^2} = 0$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$   
 $x \rightarrow 2$  **does not exist (DNE)** because the right-sided limit DOES NOT equal the left-sided limit!

15.  $f(0) = \frac{1}{0}$  **is undefined** (There is a vertical asymptote at  $x=0$  because the function is reduced to lowest terms!)

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$   
 $x \rightarrow 0^+$  **does not exist (DNE)** because we DO NOT approach a specific y-value as we approach  $0$  from the right.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$   
 $x \rightarrow 0^-$  **does not exist (DNE)** because we DO NOT approach a specific y-value as we approach  $0$  from the left.

**NOTE: Actually, as we approach  $0$  from the right and left along the x-axis, the y-values are getting infinitely large. However, infinity is NOT considered a SPECIFIC y-value.**

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$   
 $x \rightarrow 0$  **does not exist (DNE)** because the right-sided and left-sided limits do not exist.

16.  $f(-2) = \frac{-2 - 2}{(-2)^2 - 4} = \frac{-4}{0}$  **is undefined** (There is a vertical asymptote at  $x = -2$ )

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x)$   
 $x \rightarrow -2^+$  **does not exist (DNE)** because we DO NOT approach a specific y-value as we approach  $-2$  from the right.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x)$   
 $x \rightarrow -2^-$  **does not exist (DNE)** because we DO NOT approach a specific y-value as we approach  $-2$  from the left.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x)$   
 $x \rightarrow -2$  **does not exist (DNE)** because the right-sided and left-sided limits do not exist.

17.  $f(2) = \frac{2-2}{(2)^2-4} = \frac{0}{0}$  is **undefined** (There is a hole at  $x = 2$ )

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \frac{1}{4}$$

18.  $f(2) = \frac{2^2-4}{2-2} = \frac{0}{0}$  (There is a hole at  $x=2$ !)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 4$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 4$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 4$$

19.  $f(2) = 8$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 4$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 4$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 4$$

Please note that The Limit and the One-Sided Limits DO NOT equal 8! That is because the second branch of this piece-wise defined function consists only of a point and "approaching" is NOT possible. We can only "approach" using the first branch!

20.  $f(2)$  is **undefined** because **2** is not in the domain of the function.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 5$$

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

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

**does not exist (DNE)** because the right-sided limit DOES NOT equal the left-sided limit.

21.  $f(2) = -2(2) + 2 = -2$  because **2** is in the domain of Branch 1.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 5$$

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

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

**does not exist (DNE)** because the right-sided limit DOES NOT equal the left-sided limit.



22.  $f(2) = -2 + 3 = 1$  because  $2$  is in the domain of Branch 2.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 5 \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = -2$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$   
 $x \rightarrow 2$  **does not exist (DNE)** because the right-sided limit DOES NOT equal the left-sided limit.

23.  $f(2) = 3$  because  $2$  is in the domain of Branch 3.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 5 \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = -2$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$   
 $x \rightarrow 2$  **does not exist (DNE)** because the right-sided limit DOES NOT equal the left-sided limit.

**Please note that The Limit and the One-Sided Limits DO NOT equal 3! That is because the third branch of this piece-wise defined function consists only of a point and "approaching" is NOT possible. We can only "approach" using the first and second branches!**