

Notes 1.2: Functions and their Properties

**Vocabulary**

Function: A relation where every  $x$ -value is paired with a unique (one & only one)  $y$ -value.

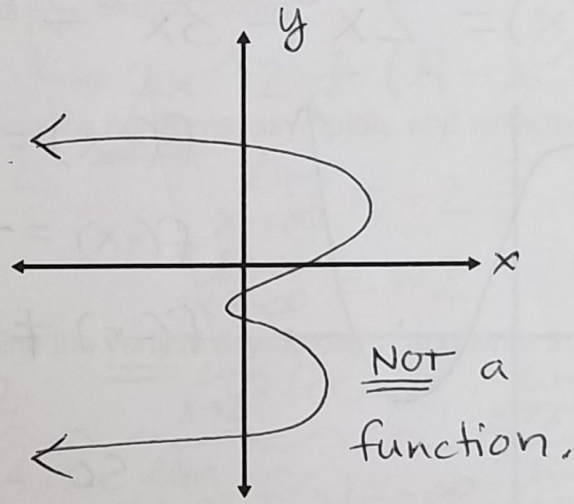
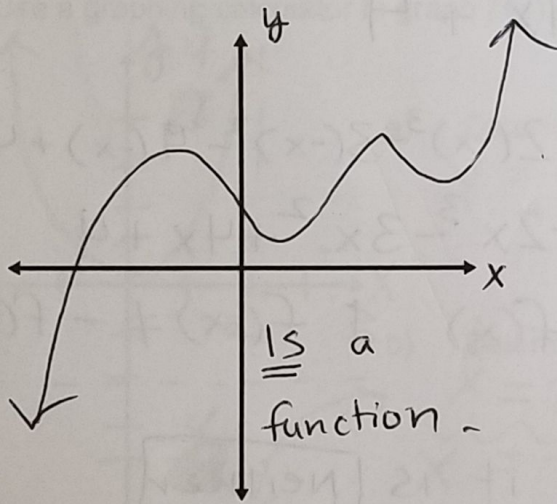
Domain: The set of all possible inputs;  $x$ -values.

Range: The set of all possible outputs;  $y$ -values.

**Vertical Line Test**

A graph on the  $xy$ -plane defines  $f(x) = y$  as a function iff (if and only if) ... no vertical line intersects the graph in more than one point.

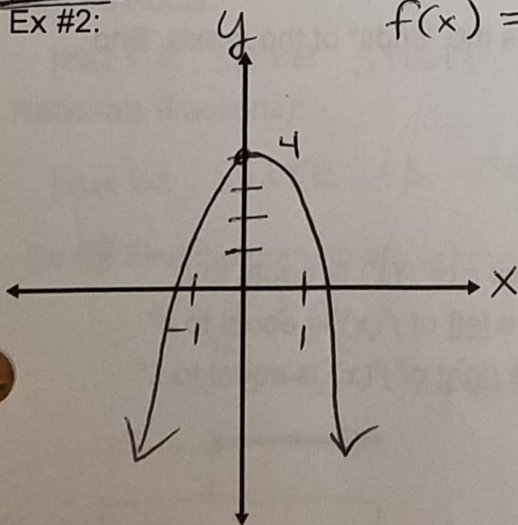
Ex #1:



**Even and Odd Functions**

Graphically, even functions are symmetric about the  $y$ -axis. Algebraically, showing  $f(-x) = f(x)$  proves the function is even.

Ex #2:



$$f(x) = -3x^2 + 4$$

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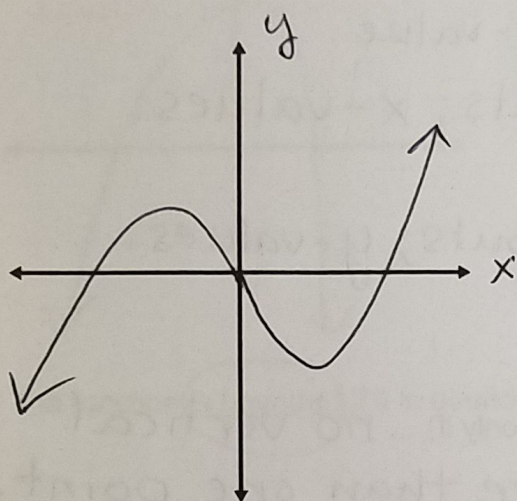
$$f(-x) = f(x)$$

therefore, the function is Even



Graphically, odd functions are symmetric about the origin. Algebraically, showing  $f(-x) = -f(x)$  proves the function is odd.

Ex #3:  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 4x$



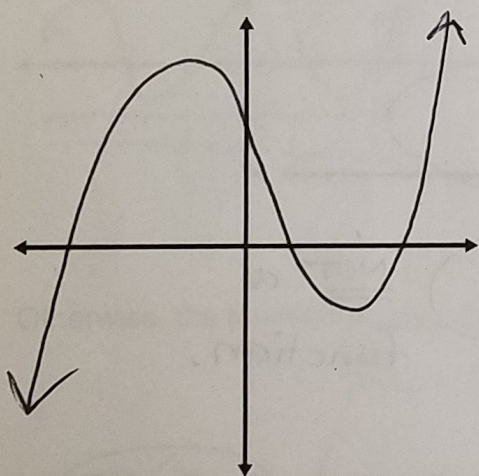
$$f(-x) = 2(-x)^3 - 4(-x)$$

$$f(-x) = -2x^3 + 4x$$

$$f(-x) = -f(x)$$

odd

Ex #4:  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x + 4$



$$f(-x) = 2(-x)^3 - 3(-x)^2 - 4(-x) + 4$$

$$f(-x) = -2x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x + 4$$

$$f(-x) \neq f(x) \quad \& \quad f(-x) \neq -f(x)$$

so it is Neither

### End Behavior

Tells us how the function ( $y$ -values) behaves as it goes off towards the "ends" of the  $x$ -axis. End behavior asks us to determine  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$ .

### Limit Notation

(AKA: as  $x \rightarrow c$ ,  $f(x) \rightarrow L$ )

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$$

"the limit as  $x$  approaches  $c$  of  $f(x)$  is equal to  $L$ "

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

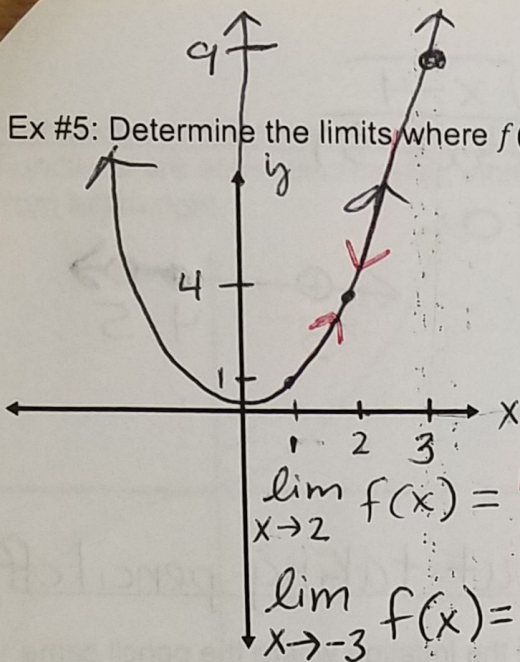
"the limit as  $x$  approaches  $c$  from the left of  $f(x)$  is equal to  $L$ "

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = L$$

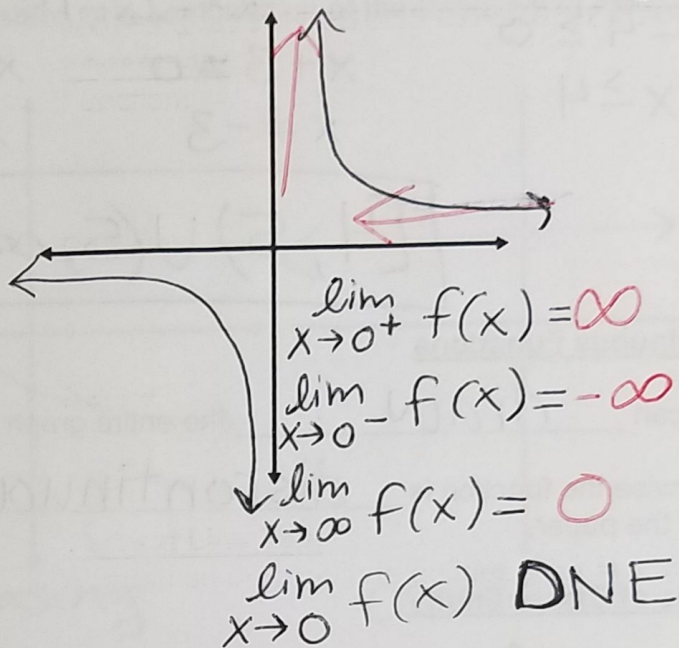
"the limit as  $x$  approaches  $c$  from the right of  $f(x)$  is equal to  $L$ "



Ex #5: Determine the limits where  $f(x) = x^2$

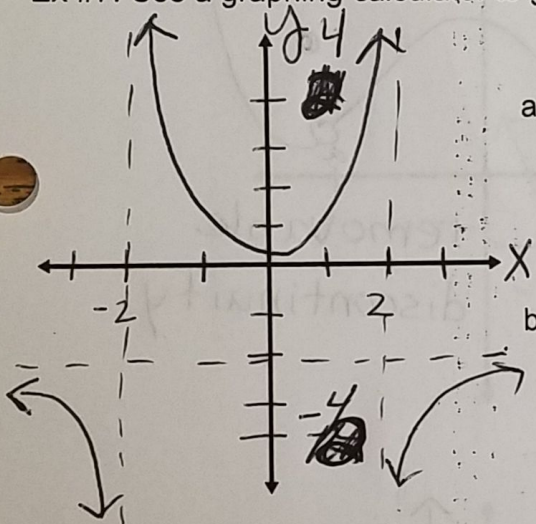


Ex #6: Determine the limits where  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$



**Asymptotes**

Ex #7: Use a graphing calculator to graph  $f(x) = \frac{2x^2}{4-x^2}$ . Sketch below.



a) Determine the horizontal asymptote and write them as limits.

$$\hookrightarrow 2x^2 \div (4-x^2)$$

$y = -2$        $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} = -2$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} = -2$

b) Determine the vertical asymptote(s) and write them as limits.

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

**Finding Domain Algebraically**

Square Roots:

make sure stuff inside  $\geq 0$ .

Rationals (fractions):

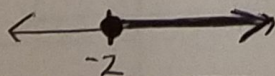
make sure is denominator  $\neq 0$ .

Ex #8 Find the domain of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$

$$x+2 \geq 0$$

$$x \geq -2$$

inequality notation

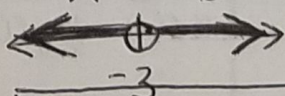


$[-2, \infty)$  interval notation

Ex #9 Find the domain of  $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x+3}$

$$x+3 \neq 0$$

$$x \neq -3$$



$(-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, \infty)$



Ex #4: Find the domain of  $f(x) = \frac{-\sqrt{x-4}}{x^2-2x-15} = \frac{-\sqrt{x-4}}{(x+3)(x-5)}$

$$x-4 \geq 0$$

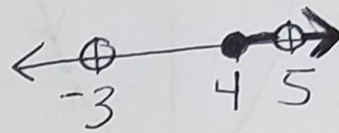
$$x \geq 4$$

$$x+3 \neq 0$$

$$x \neq -3$$

$$x-5 \neq 0$$

$$x \neq 5$$

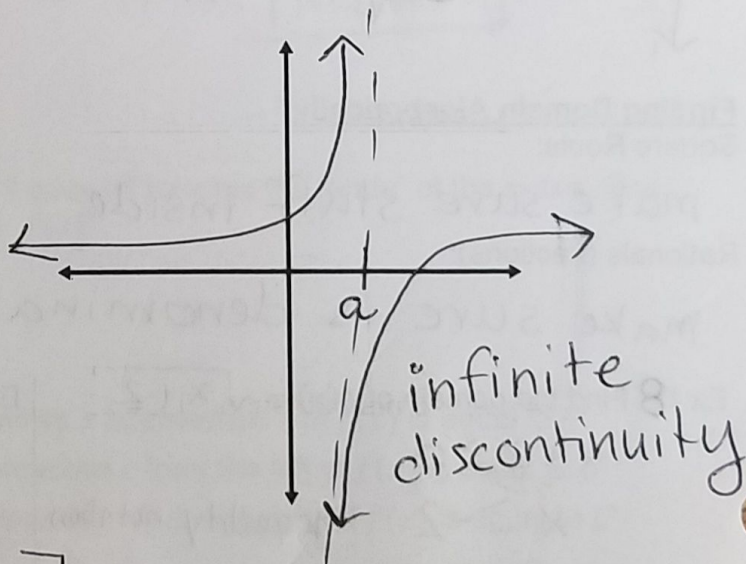
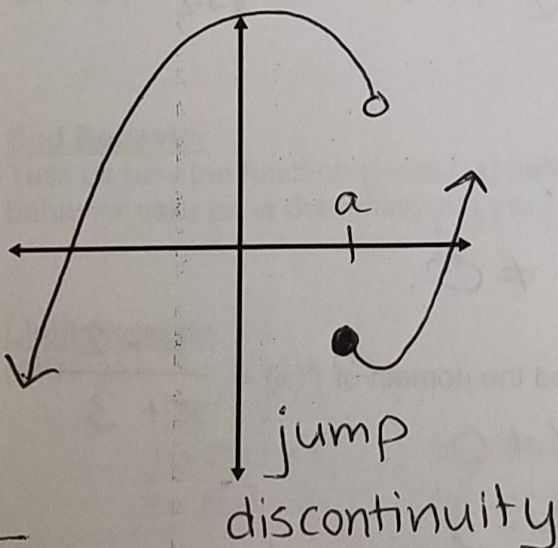
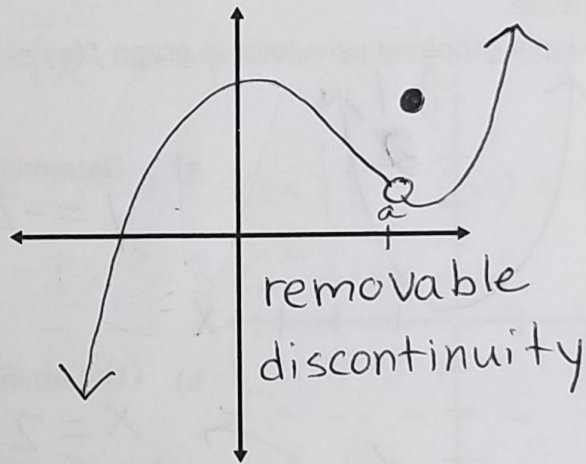
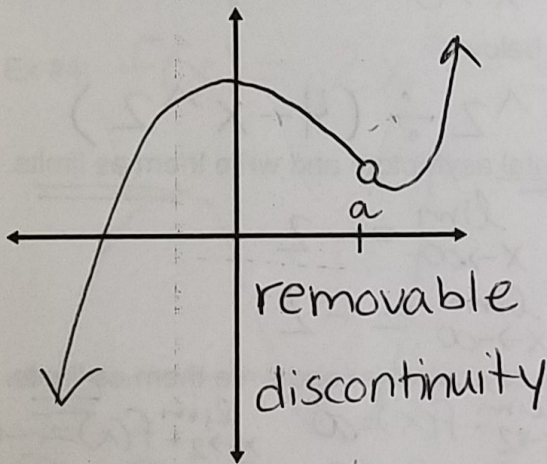


$$[4, 5) \cup (5, \infty)$$

### Continuous Functions

You can draw the entire graph without taking pencil off otherwise the function is discontinuous at the location where the pencil came off of the paper.

### Types of Discontinuity

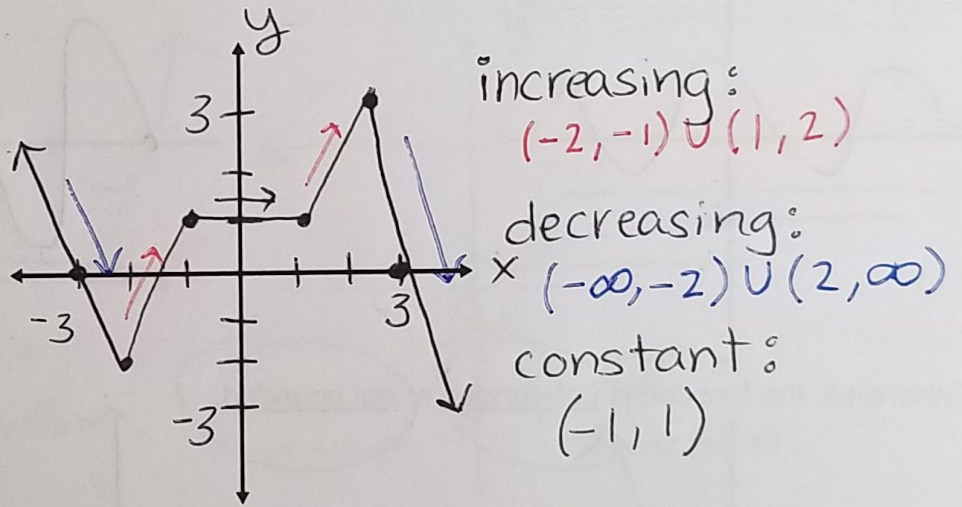
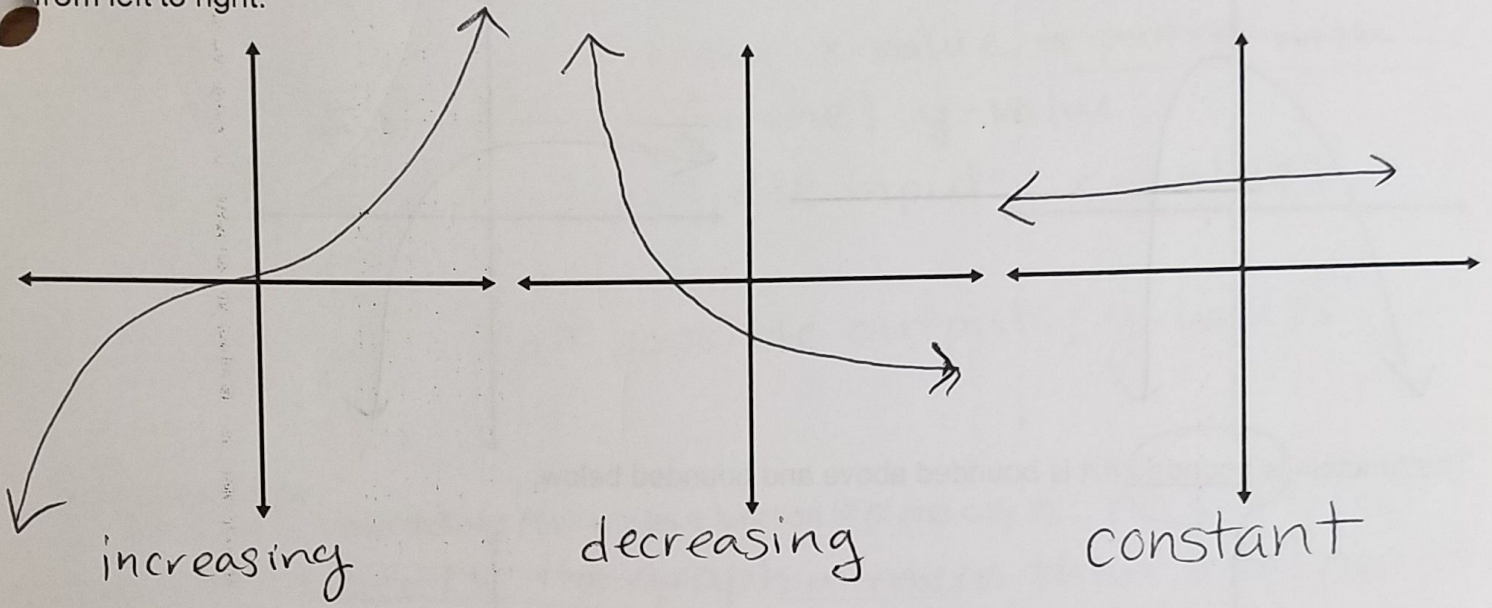


[ A function is continuous at  $x = a$  iff  $f(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ . ]



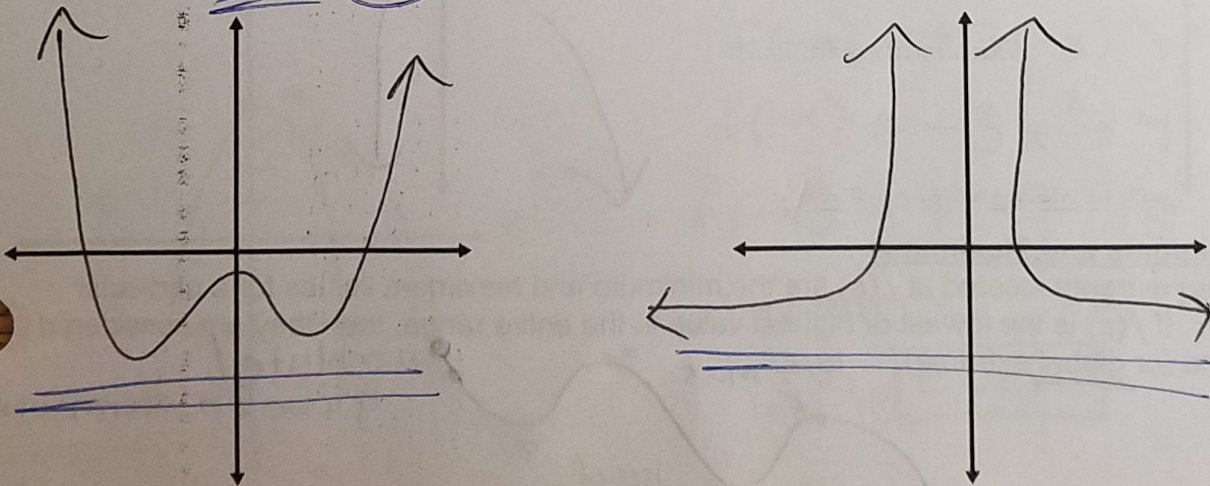
## Increasing and Decreasing Functions

Functions are either decreasing, increasing, constant, or a combination of the three. Read the graph from left to right.



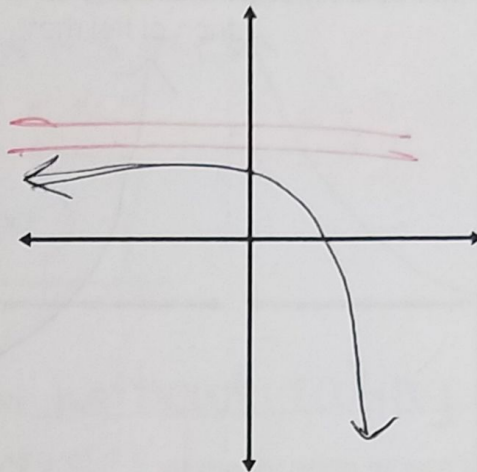
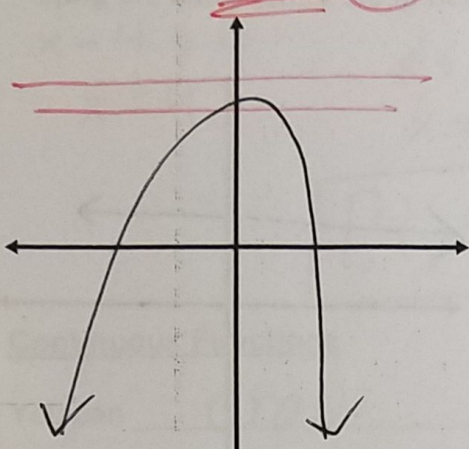
## Boundedness

The function is bounded below if it doesn't go lower than a certain number.

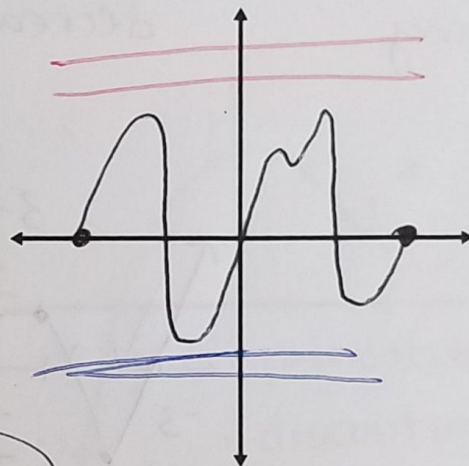
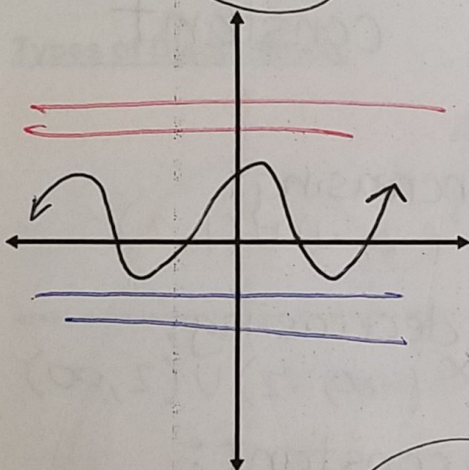




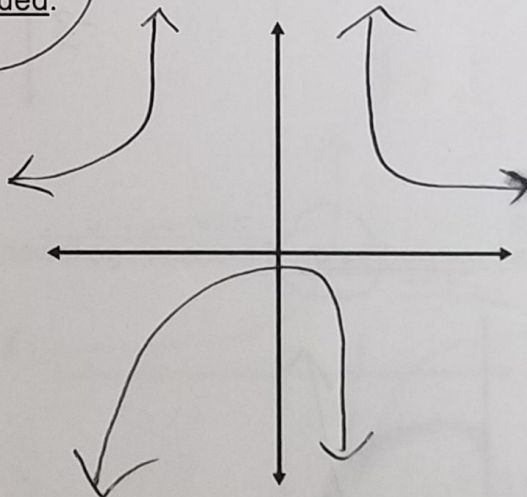
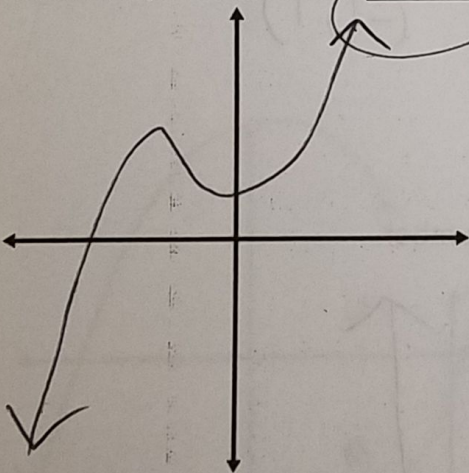
The function is bounded above if it doesn't go higher than a certain number.



The function is bounded if it is bounded above and bounded below.



Otherwise, the function is unbounded or not bounded.



**Extrema - Minimums and Maximums**

Local (or relative) extrema located at  $f(c)$  are the minimum and maximum values for a particular interval around  $c$ . If  $f(c)$  is the lowest or highest value in the entire range, then they are considered absolute extrema (or global extrema).

