Examples 4.3 – Continuity and L'Hôpital's Rule

- 1. (a) Give an example of a function that is continuous but not differentiable.
 - (b) Give an example of a function that is differentiable but not continuous.

Solution: (a) An example of a continuous and non-differentiable function is f(x) = |x|.

On one hand,

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

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which shows that f is continuous at x = 0.

On the other hand,

$$\lim_{x\to 0^{-}} f'(x) =$$

$$\lim_{x\to 0^-} f'(x) = \underline{\qquad}$$
 and $\lim_{x\to 0^+} f'(x) = \underline{\qquad}$,

which shows that f is not differentiable at x = 0.

(b)

2. Find constants c and d that make the piecewise function f continuous everywhere.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2-x &, & x < 1 \\ cx^2 + d &, & 1 \le x < 2 \\ \frac{1}{2}x + 2 &, & x \ge 2 \end{cases}$$

Solution:

3. Use L'Hôpital's Rule to find $\lim_{x\to 2} \frac{x^2-x-2}{3x^2-9x+6}$ and $\lim_{x\to +\infty} \frac{4x^2-2x+7}{3x^2+9x-1}$.

Solution: