

1. Determine the value of  $K$  so that  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 2$ :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin(\pi x^2) & x \leq 2 \\ \pi x^2 - K & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

**Solution.** We compute the limit of  $f$  as  $x$  approaches 2 from the left and from the right and assign a value to  $K$  so that these limits agree.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \sin(\pi x^2) \\ &= \sin(\pi 2^2) \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \pi x^2 - K \\ &= \pi 2^2 - K \\ &= 4\pi - K. \end{aligned}$$

Now, for  $f$  to be continuous at  $x = 2$ , these limits should agree, meaning  $0 = 4\pi - K$ . Thus  $K = 4\pi$ .

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2. Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that there is a solution to  $\sin(x) = x - 1$  in the interval  $[0, \pi]$ .

**Solution.** The Intermediate Value Theorem says that if a function  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  attains every value between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$  on  $[a, b]$ . Thus, if

$$f(x) = \sin(x) - (x - 1) = \sin(x) - x + 1,$$

then  $f$  is continuous on  $[0, \pi]$ . Now,  $f(0) = 1 > 0$  and  $f(\pi) = 1 - \pi < 0$ , so  $f$  must take on the value 0 at some  $c$  in  $[0, \pi]$ , meaning  $f(c) = \sin(c) - (c - 1) = 0$ . Thus  $\sin(c) = c - 1$ , and we are done.

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3. Evaluate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{2}}{2 - x}.$$

**Solution.** We simplify the fraction and compute the remaining (simple) limit.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\frac{2}{x} - \frac{x}{2}}{4 - x^2} &= \frac{\frac{2}{x} - \frac{x}{2}}{4 - x^2} \cdot \frac{2x}{2x} \\ &= \frac{4 - x^2}{(4 - x^2)(2x)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2x}.\end{aligned}$$

Now, computing our limit is easy:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\frac{2}{x} - \frac{x}{2}}{4 - x^2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{2x} \\ &= \frac{1}{2(2)} \\ &= \frac{1}{4}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{4}}$$