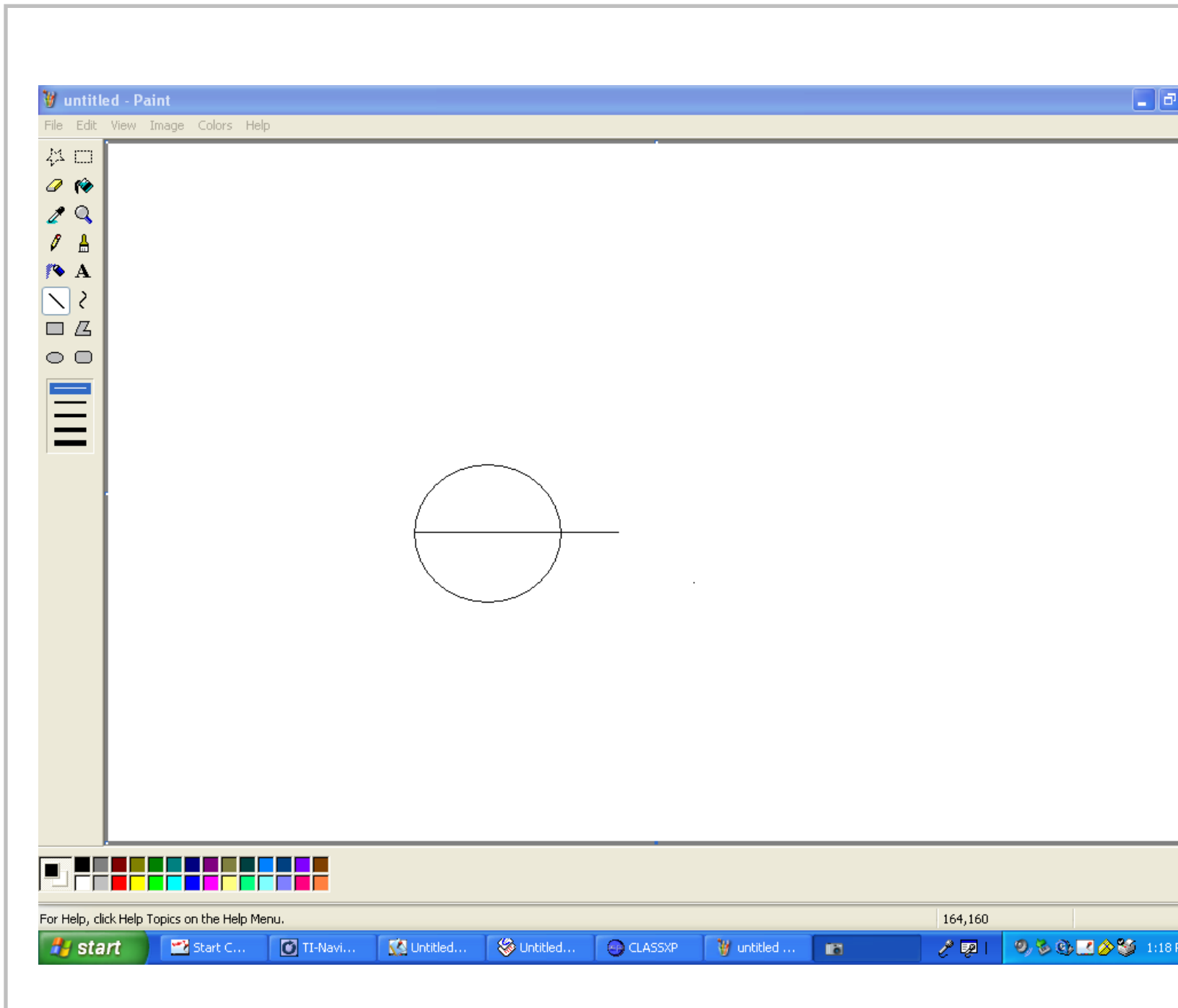


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Greatest Integer Function

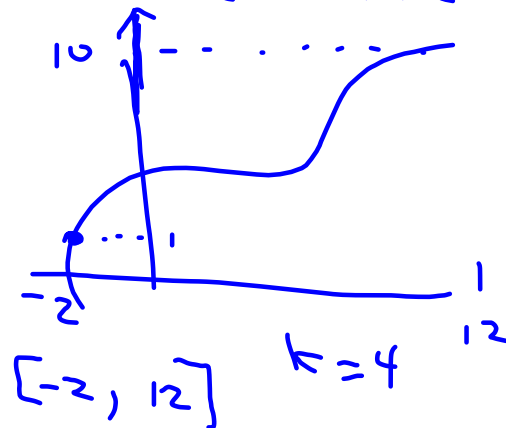
$\lfloor x \rfloor =$ largest integer not greater than x

$$\lfloor 2.3 \rfloor = 2 \quad \lfloor .9999 \rfloor = 0$$

Existence of a Limit

Intermediate Value Theorem

If f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and k is any number between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$, then there is at least one number c such that $f(c) = k$.



Ex: Use IVT to show

$f(x) = x^3 + 2x - 1$ has a zero in $[0, 1]$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(0) &= 0^3 + 2(0) - 1 = -1 \\ f(1) &= 1^3 + 2(1) - 1 = 2 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Look at
the y's \rightarrow
show a
change
from + to
- or
vice
versa

Since 0 lies between
-1 and 2, Intermediate
Value Theorem applies.
there must be at least one
c such that $x^3 + 2x - 1 = 0$

Use calculator to find the zero

$$x = .453$$

Maximum Value Property

If f is continuous on the closed interval $[a, b]$, then f attains a maximum + minimum value at some point on that interval

Infinite Limits = a limit in which $f(x)$ increases or decreases w/o bound

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \infty \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = -\infty$$

Vertical Asymptotes.

If $f(x)$ approaches ∞ or $-\infty$ as x approaches c from the right or the left, then the line $x=c$ is a vertical asymptote.

* If a function f has a vertical asymptote at $x=c$, f is not continuous @ $x=c$.

* Let f & g be continuous on an open interval containing c .

If $f(c) \neq 0$, $g(c) = 0$, there exists an open interval containing c such that $g(x) \neq 0$, and $x \neq c$ for that interval \rightarrow then the graph

$h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ has a vertical asymptote at $x=c$.

Vertical asymptotes are nonremovable discontinuities.

Find the vertical asymptotes

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2(x+1)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{1}{2(x+1)} = -\infty$$

$\therefore x = -1$ is
a vertical
asymptote

$$\text{Ex 2: } f(x) = \frac{x^2+1}{x^2-1}$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x^2+1}{(x-1)(x+1)} = -\infty$$

$\therefore x = 1$ vertical
asy

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{x^2+1}{(x-1)(x+1)} = -\infty$$

$\therefore x = -1$ is a vert.
asy.

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2x - 8}{x^2 - 4}$$

$$= \frac{(x+4)(x-2)}{(x+2)(x-2)}$$

Use original to
Find continuity
Removable discontinuity
 $x = 2$

nonremovable:
 $x = -2$

Vertical

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} \frac{(x+4)}{(x+2)} = -\infty$$

\therefore vertical asymptote @ $x = -2$