Answer on Question #69105 – Math – Real Analysis

Question

Show that the function f given by $f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+2)^3} \forall x \in (-2, 2)$ is continuous but not bounded in (-2, 2).

Proof

Since the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+2)^3}$ is defined at any point from (-2, 2), and f is elementary function then $f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+2)^3}$ is continuous in (-2, 2)

(see https://www.math24.net/continuity-functions/).

But since $\lim_{x \to -2+0} \frac{1}{(x+2)^3} = \infty$ then f is unbounded in (-2, 2)

(see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bounded function). In other words,

 $\forall M > \frac{1}{64} \exists x_0 \in (-2, 2): f(x_0) = M$. Solving the equation $\frac{1}{(x_0+2)^3} = M$ we get: $x_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{M}} - 2$, so f is unbounded in (-2, 2).

The statement is completely proved.