

## Infinite discontinuity

1 Consider  $f(x) = (2x - 3)e^{\frac{1}{x}}$

- State the domain of  $f(x)$ .
- Investigate the continuity of  $f(x)$ .
- The domain of  $f(x)$  is  $(-\infty; 0) \cup (0; +\infty)$ .
- To determine the type of discontinuity evaluate the one-sided limits.  
The limit of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches zero from the left is

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (2x - 3)e^{\frac{1}{x}} = -3e^{-\infty} = -3 \cdot 0^+ = 0^-$$

Now evaluate the limit of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches zero from the right.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (2x - 3)e^{\frac{1}{x}} = -3e^{+\infty} = -3 \cdot (+\infty) = -\infty$$

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = -\infty$ ,  $f(x)$  has an *infinite discontinuity* at  $x = 0$ .

### What does it mean?

**One-sided limits** Sono i due limiti di una funzione calcolati rispettivamente per  $x$  tendente a  $c^-$  e per  $x$  tendente a  $c^+$

**Infinite discontinuity** Singolarità di seconda specie. È anche detta **essential discontinuity**, **discontinuity of the second kind**