

2003 AB6

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{x+1}, & 0 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 5-x, & 3 < x \leq 5 \end{cases}$$

6a. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = 2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x)$ so the function is continuous at $x = 3$.

6b. The average value has been calculated by finding the area under the function and dividing by the width.

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\text{avg}}(x) &= \frac{1}{5} \left(\int_0^3 f(x) dx + \int_3^5 f(x) dx \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \left(\left. \frac{2}{3}(x+1)^{3/2} \right|_0^3 + \left. 5x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right|_3^5 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{2}{3} \left((4)^{3/2} - 1 \right) + \left(\left(25 - \frac{25}{2} \right) - \left(15 - \frac{9}{2} \right) \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{2}{3}(7) + \left(\frac{25}{2} - \frac{21}{2} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{14}{3} + 2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{20}{3} \right) \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \end{aligned}$$

6c. Following a similar step to part a yields:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = 3m + 2 = 2k = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x)$$

$$\text{so } 3m + 2 = 2k \quad (\text{A})$$

Since g is differentiable then

$$g'(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{k}{2\sqrt{x+1}}, & 0 < x < 3 \\ m, & 3 < x < 5 \end{cases}.$$

The question is do the two derivative parts equal each other as x approaches 3.

For this to be true

$$\frac{k}{2\sqrt{3+1}} = m$$

$$\frac{k}{4} = m \quad (\text{B})$$

$$k = 4m$$

Solving the two equations A and B together gives

$$3m + 2 = 2(4m)$$

$$m = 2/5 \quad k = 8/5$$