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1. The only way to guarantee the existence of a limit is to algebraically prove it. Describe the different ways you can investigate the existence of a limit.

2. Using words, explain what is meant by the expression  $\lim_{q \rightarrow c} f(q) = T$ .

The limit of  $f(q)$  as  $q$  approaches  $c$  is the value  $T$ .

3. How do you find the average speed of an object?

$\frac{\text{displacement (distance)}}{\text{time}}$

4. Suppose an object moves along the  $x$ -axis with its position function given by  $x(t) = 5t^2 + 7t$ , where  $t$  is measured in seconds.

a) What is the average speed from  $t = 2$  to  $t = 4$  seconds?

$$x(4) = 108 \quad x(2) = 34$$

$$\frac{108 - 34}{4 - 2} = \frac{74}{2} = 37 \text{ ft/sec.}$$

b) How fast is the object moving at exactly  $t = 4$  seconds?

$$\frac{x(4.001) - x(4)}{4.001 - 4} = 47.005 \text{ ft/sec}$$

$$\approx 47 \text{ ft/sec.}$$

$$\frac{x(4) - x(3.999)}{4 - 3.999} = 46.995 \text{ ft/sec}$$

5. An rover on another planet drops an object off a cliff. The object falls  $y = gt^2$  m in  $t$  sec, where  $g$  is a constant. Five seconds after the object was dropped it lands 30 m below.

a) Find the value of  $g$ .

$$30 = g(5)^2$$

$$30 = g(25)$$

$$g = \frac{30}{25} = 1.2$$

b) Find the average speed for the fall.

$$\frac{30 \text{ ft}}{5 \text{ sec}} = 6 \text{ ft/sec.}$$

c) With what speed did the rock hit the bottom?

$$t = 5$$

$$\frac{y(5) - y(4.999)}{5 - 4.999}$$

$$11.998$$

$$\approx 12 \text{ ft/sec}$$

6. Assume  $\lim_{x \rightarrow b} f(x) = 7$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow b} g(x) = -3$ .

a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow b} (f(x) + g(x)) =$

$$7 + (-3) = 4$$

b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow b} (f(x) \cdot g(x)) =$

$$7 \cdot (-3) = -21$$

c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow b} 4g(x) =$

$$4 \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow b} g(x) = 4 \cdot (-3)$$

$$= -12$$

d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow b} \left( \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) =$

$$\frac{7}{-3}$$

7. When asked to evaluate the limit of a function, what should be done first? *try to substitute*

8. Evaluate the following limits by using direct substitution.

a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} \sec\left(\frac{\pi x}{6}\right) = \sec\frac{7\pi}{6}$   
 $= \frac{1}{-\sqrt{3}/2} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = -1.155$

b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \sqrt[3]{x+4} = \sqrt[3]{4+4} = \sqrt[3]{8} = 2$

c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} 3x^2(2x-1) = 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2(2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)-1)$   
 $3 \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot 0 = 0$

d)  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 2} \frac{y^2 + 5y + 6}{y + 2} = \frac{2^2 + 5(2) + 6}{2 + 2}$   
 $= \frac{4 + 10 + 6}{4} = \frac{20}{4} = 5$

e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (x-6)^{2/3} = (-2-6)^{2/3}$   
 $= (-8)^{2/3}$   
 $= \sqrt[3]{-8}^2 = -2^2 = 4$

f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \sqrt{x+3}$   
 $\sqrt{2+3} = \sqrt{5}$

9. Explain why you cannot use direct substitution to determine each of the following limits.

a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \sqrt{x-2}$   
 $\sqrt{-4}$  can't  $\sqrt{-}$

b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^2}$   
 $\frac{1}{0}$  can't divide by 0.

c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(4+x)^2 - 16}{x}$   $\frac{0}{0}$   
 can't divide by 0.

10. If a limit does not exist, there are 3 possible reasons why. List all three possible reasons why a limit may not exist.

*as  $x \rightarrow c$*   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(x) \text{ approaches a different number from right than left} \\ f(x) \text{ increases or decreases without bound} \\ f(x) \text{ oscillates between two fixed values} \end{array} \right.$

11. Find each limit, or explain why the limit does not exist.

a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ , if  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \ln x & \text{for } 0 < x \leq 2 \\ x^2 \ln x & \text{for } 2 < x \leq 4 \end{cases}$   
 $\ln(2) = \ln 2$   
 $2^2 \ln(2) = 4 \ln 2$   
 *$f(x)$  does not approach same value from left & right*

b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$ , if  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x+1 & , x < 2 \\ \frac{5}{x+1} & , x \geq 2 \end{cases}$   $\leftarrow$  use this function  
 $\uparrow$  from right  
 $\frac{5}{2+1} = \frac{5}{3}$

c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 1}$   
 $\frac{(x+2)(x-2)}{x-1}$

d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x+1}{x^2 - 4}$   
 $\frac{(x+1)}{(x-2)(x+2)}$

increases & decreases w/o bound @ 1

increases & decreases w/o bound @  $x=2$

12. Determine whether each statement about the graph below is True or False.

a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = 1$

T

b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  does not exist

F

c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 2$

F

d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 2$

T

e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = 1$

T

f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  does not exist

T

g)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$

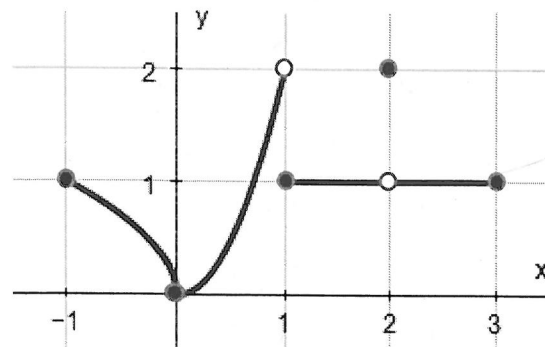
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h)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exists at every  $c$  in  $(-1, 1)$

T

i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exists at every  $c$  in  $(1, 3)$

F (no limit as  $x \rightarrow 1$ )



13. Use the graph of  $f(x)$  to estimate the limits and value of the function, or explain why the limit does not exist.

a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$

2

e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$

3

b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x)$

-1

f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$

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c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$

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g)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$

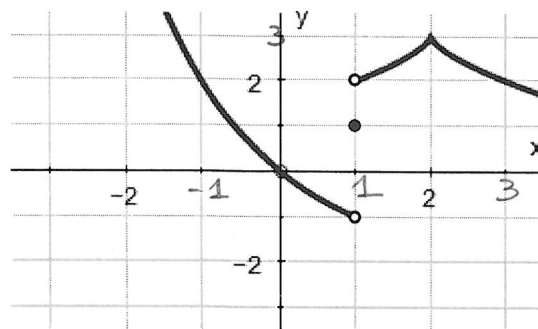
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d)  $f(1)$

1

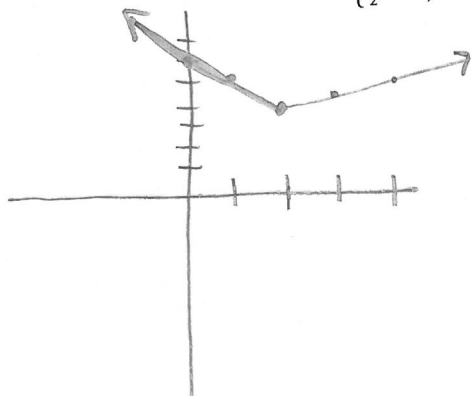
h)  $f(2)$

3



14. For each of the following functions, (i) draw the graph, (ii) determine  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ , and (iii) explain what the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  is or explain why it doesn't exist.

a)  $c = 2, f(x) = \begin{cases} 6-x, & \text{if } x < 2 \\ 4, & \text{if } x = 2 \\ \frac{x}{2} + 3, & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$



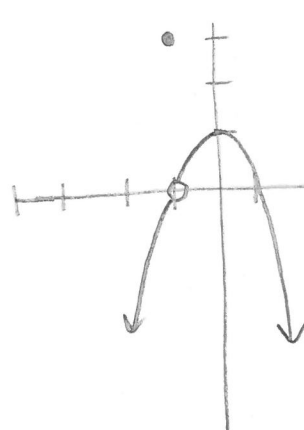
$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 4$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 4$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 4$

two sided limit!

b)  $c = -1, f(x) = \begin{cases} 1-x^2, & \text{if } x \neq -1 \\ 3, & \text{if } x = -1 \end{cases}$



$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = 0$

LH limit = RH limit.

$$\begin{array}{r} x \mid 0 \quad 1 \\ y \mid 1 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

15. Suppose  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{1-x^2}, & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 3, & \text{if } 1 \leq x < 2 \\ 1, & \text{if } x = 2 \end{cases}$ . Draw a graph of  $f(x)$ , then answer the following questions.

a) At what points  $c$  in the domain of  $f$  does  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exist?

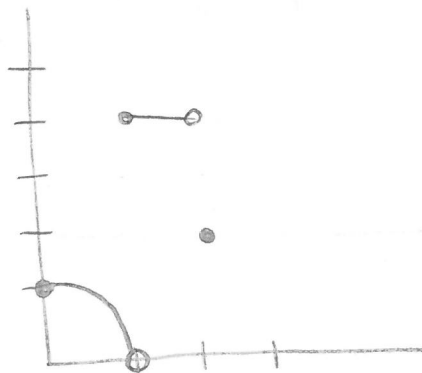
$$0 \leq x < 1, \quad 1 < x < 2$$

b) At what point(s)  $c$  does only the left-hand limit exist?

$$x = 1, \quad x = 2$$

c) At what point(s)  $c$  does only the right-hand limit exist?

$$x = 0, \quad x = 1$$



16. A water balloon dropped from the roof of a small building falls  $y = 4.9t^2$  m in  $t$  sec. Suppose you wanted to know the speed of the water balloon at exactly  $t = 2$  seconds. Originally, we used values of  $t$  really close to 2 and found the average rate of change between them. Let's try something a little different ...

a) Instead of using a numeric value "close" to 2, what would be the average speed of the balloon between  $t = 2$  and  $t = 2 + h$ ? (Simplify the expression as much as you can)

$$\frac{4.9(2+h)^2 - 4.9(2)^2}{2+h-2} = \frac{4.9(4+4h+h^2) - 4.9(4)}{h}$$

$$\frac{4.9(4) + 4.9(4h) + 4.9(h^2) - 4.9(4)}{h} = \frac{4.9(4) - 4.9(h)}{h}$$

b) To find the speed of the balloon at  $t = 2$ , it is tempting to simply plug in  $h = 0$ , however, this yields  $\frac{0}{0}$ , which is an "indeterminate form". We CAN however, evaluate your simplified expression from part a using limit as  $h \rightarrow 0$ . Evaluate this limit.

$$4.9(4) - 4.9(h)$$

$$4.9(4) - 4.9(0)$$

$$4.9(4)$$

$$19.6$$

c) ~~Now find and compare the speed of the balloon at  $t = 2$  like you did earlier in question #4.~~

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- When evaluating limits, what does it mean if direct substitution gives you  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ ? *limit grows w/o bound (asymptote)*
- When evaluating limits, what does it mean if direct substitution gives you  $\frac{0}{0}$ ? *Indeterminate - DO SOMETHING ELSE*
- What are the methods (options) for dealing with the result  $\frac{0}{0}$ ?  

Rewrite fraction to cancel out 0 in denominator	cancel like factors	rationalize numerator
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4. Evaluate the following limits algebraically.

9-3-6=0 (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x - 3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x-3)(x+2)}{(x-3)}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x+2) = \boxed{5}$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{2+x} - \frac{1}{2}}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{2 - (2+x)}{2(2+x)}}{x}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2-2-x}{2(2+x)x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-x}{2(2+x)x}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{2(2+x)} = \frac{-1}{2(2+0)} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{4}}$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{2x+1}-1}{x} \left( \frac{\sqrt{2x+1}+1}{\sqrt{2x+1}+1} \right)$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2x+1)-1}{x(\sqrt{2x+1}+1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x}{x(\sqrt{2x+1}+1)}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{\sqrt{2x+1}+1} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{0+1}+1} = \frac{2}{1+1} = \boxed{1}$

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{x+5}-3}{x-4} \left( \frac{\sqrt{x+5}+3}{\sqrt{x+5}+3} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x+5-9}{(x-4)(\sqrt{x+5}+3)}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x-4}{(x-4)(\sqrt{x+5}+3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+5}+3}$   
 $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{9}+3} = \frac{1}{3+3} = \boxed{\frac{1}{6}}$

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

(f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(4+x)^2 - 16}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{16 + 8x + x^2 - 16}{x}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{8+x}{1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 8+x = \boxed{8}$

(g)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 2} \frac{t^2 - 3t + 2}{t^2 - 4} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 2} \frac{(t-2)(t-1)}{(t-2)(t+2)}$   
 $= \lim_{t \rightarrow 2} \frac{(t-1)}{(t+2)} = \boxed{\frac{1}{4}}$

(h)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+x)^3 - 8}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+x)(2+x)(2+x) - 8}{x}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(4+4x+x^2)(2+x) - 8}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{8+8x+2x^2+4x+4x^2+x^3 - 8}{x}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(x^2+6x+12)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2+6x+12 = \boxed{12}$

One of the limits you should know is  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$ . This limit ONLY works when the denominator matches the inside of the sine function. If they do not match, you cannot change the inside of a sine function without a trig identity. Your goal will be to correctly show the algebra in order to use this limit.

5. Evaluate each of the following limits analytically. *Be sure to show ALL steps in your evaluation.*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{5x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \\ &= 1 \cdot \frac{1}{5} \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{x} \cdot \frac{5}{5} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{5x} \cdot \frac{5}{1} \\ &= 1 \cdot 5 \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{c) } \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/4} \frac{\sin(x - \pi/4)}{(x - \pi/4)} = 1$$

match already

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 \sin 4x}{\sin 3x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin 4x \cdot \frac{3}{\sin 3x} \cdot \frac{x \cdot 4x}{4x \cdot x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 4x}{4x} \cdot \frac{3x}{\sin 3x} \cdot \frac{4x}{x} \\ &= 1 \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x}{\sin 3x} = 1 \cdot 1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

6. Evaluate each of the following by combining properties of limits and your algebra skills.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x + \sin x}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{x} + \frac{\sin x}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 1 + 1 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos x} = 1 \cdot 1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{2x^2 - x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x(2x - 1)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{2x - 1} \\ &= 1 \cdot -1 = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 x}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \sin x \cdot \frac{x}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \frac{x}{1} \\ &= 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

7. Consider  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x^2} = \frac{0}{0}$

a) If you use direct substitution, what result do you get?  $\frac{0}{0}$

b) Evaluate the limit if  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 1$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x^2 + 1 - 1}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x^2}{x^2} = 2$$

8. If  $a \neq 0$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^2 - a^2}{x^4 - a^4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{(x^2 - a^2)}{(x^2 - a^2)(x^2 + a^2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{1}{x^2 + a^2} = \frac{1}{a^2 + a^2} = \frac{1}{2a^2}$

9. Evaluate the following limits analytically (all mixed up):

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\frac{0}{0}} \text{ a) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{4}{4+x} - \frac{3}{4}}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{12 - 3(4+x)}{4(4+x)}}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{12 - 12 - 3x}{4(4+x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-3x}{4(4+x)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-3 \cancel{x}}{4(4+x) \cancel{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-3}{4(4+x)} \\ &= \frac{-3}{4 \cdot 4} = \boxed{-\frac{3}{16}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\frac{0}{0}} \text{ b) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5x^3 + 8x^2}{3x^4 - 16x^2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2(5x+8)}{x^2(3x^2-16)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5x+8}{3x^2-16} = \frac{5(0)+8}{3(0)^2-16} = \frac{8}{-16} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{c) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sqrt{x+1}}{x-4} \quad \text{DIRECT SUBST. YAY!}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3+1}}{3-4} = \frac{\sqrt{4}}{-1} = \frac{2}{-1} = \boxed{-2}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{0}{0}} \text{ d) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2-3x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(x-3)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x-3 = 0-3 = \boxed{-3}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{0}} \text{ e) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x}{x^2-x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x}{x(x-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{x-1} = \frac{1}{0} = \text{DNE (asymptote)}$$

$$\text{f) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{x} \cdot \frac{2}{2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{2x} \cdot \frac{2}{1} = 1 \cdot \frac{2}{1} = \boxed{2}$$

$$\text{g) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 7x}{3x} \cdot \frac{7}{7} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 7x}{7x} \cdot \frac{7}{3} = 1 \cdot \frac{7}{3} = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\frac{0}{0}} \text{ h) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2-5x+4}{x^2-2x-8} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{(x-4)(x-1)}{(x-4)(x+2)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{(x-1)}{(x+2)} = \frac{4-1}{4+2} = \frac{3}{6} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

12. Evaluate  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 - x^2}{h}$ .

$\curvearrowright$ :  $h$  is going to 0 ... not  $x$  ... so treat this as if  $h$  is the variable ... your final answer will have a  $x$  in it.

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2xh + h^2 - x^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{x}(2x+h)}{\cancel{h}} = 2x+0 = \boxed{2x}$$

13. Suppose  $g(x) = \begin{cases} 2-x, & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ \frac{x}{2}+1, & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$

a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} g(x) =$   
left  
plug in  
top fctn  
 $2-1 = \boxed{1}$

b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} g(x) =$   
right  
plug in  
top fctn  
 $\frac{1}{2}+1 = \boxed{\frac{3}{2}}$

c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) =$   
 $\boxed{\text{DNE}}$   
because  
 $g(x)$  approaches  
2 different  
values  
as  $x \rightarrow 1$

d)  $g(1) =$   
plug in  
top  
fctn  
 $\boxed{1}$

1-8, skip 5, 6 1-12 skip 5, 6

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1. Answer the following questions:

a) How do you find horizontal asymptotes? look at end behavior

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

horizontal asymptotes occur when  $y \rightarrow \#$  as  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$

b) Which of the parent functions have horizontal asymptotes? List the function(s) and asymptote(s)

$$y = b^x \quad \text{H.A. } y = 0$$

$$y = \frac{1}{x} \quad \text{H.A. } y = 0$$

$$y = \frac{1}{x^2} \quad \text{H.A. } y = 0$$



c) How do you find vertical asymptotes?

find  $x$ -values that make numer  $\neq$  and denom  $= 0$   
find values  $x = a$  that make behavior of  $f(x)$  true for  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \pm\infty$  or

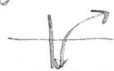
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$$y = \log_b x \quad \text{V.A. } x = 0$$

$$y = \frac{1}{x} \quad \text{V.A. } x = 0$$

$$y = \frac{1}{x^2} \quad \text{V.A. } x = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \pm\infty \quad y = \tan x$$



e) When must you look for oblique (slanted) asymptotes? How do you find them?

When degree numerator  $>$  degree denom.  
To find them, do polynomial long division

2. For each of the following, find (i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  and (ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$ . Then (iii) identify all horizontal asymptotes, if any.

a)  $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{2x^2+3x-5}$

(i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$

(ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0$

(iii)  $y = 0$  H.A.

d)  $f(x) = \frac{e^{-x}}{x}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -\infty$

$y = 0$  HA

b)  $f(x) = \frac{4x^3 - 2x + 1}{x^2 - 2x + 1}$

(i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$

(ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -\infty$

(iii) N/A

e)  $f(x) = \frac{|x|}{x}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 1$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -1$

$y = 1$   
 $y = -1$  HA

c)  $f(x) = \frac{3x^2 - x + 5}{x^2 - 4}$

(i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 3$

(ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 3$

(iii)  $y = 3$  H.A.

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

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0$

$y = 0$  H.A.

3. One of the functions in 2a - 2c has a slanted (oblique) asymptote. Explain why, and then find the asymptote.

Polynomial long division

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x + 8 \\ x^2 - 2x + 1 \overline{) 4x^3 + 0x^2 - 2x + 1} \\ \underline{4x^3 - 8x^2 + 4x} \phantom{+ 1} \\ + 8x^2 - 6x + 1 \\ \underline{+ 8x^2 - 16x} \\ \phantom{+ 8x^2} + 16x + 1 \end{array}$$

Slant asymptote  
 $y = 4x + 8$



4. For each of the following, (i) find the vertical asymptotes of the graph of  $f(x)$  and (ii) describe the behavior of the graph of  $f(x)$  to the left and right of each asymptote.

a)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-3}$   
V.A.  $X=3$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = -\infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = \infty$

b)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2-4}$   $X=2$   
V.A.  $X=-2$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \infty$

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

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x) = -\infty$

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

c)  $f(x) = \frac{1-x}{2x^2-5x-3}$   
 $(2x+1)(x-3)$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1/2^-} f(x) = \infty$

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

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = -\infty$

VA  $X=-1/2$   $X=3$

5. Find the limit of  $g(x)$  as (i)  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , (ii)  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ , (iii)  $x \rightarrow 0^-$ , and (iv)  $x \rightarrow 0^+$

a)  $g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \frac{2x-3}{x+1} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = \infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x) = -\infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} g(x) = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x) = -3$

b)  $g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3x}{x+1} & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ \frac{1}{x^2} & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x) = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} g(x) = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x) = \infty$

6. Sketch a function that satisfies the stated conditions. Include any asymptotes.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 2$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x) = \infty$

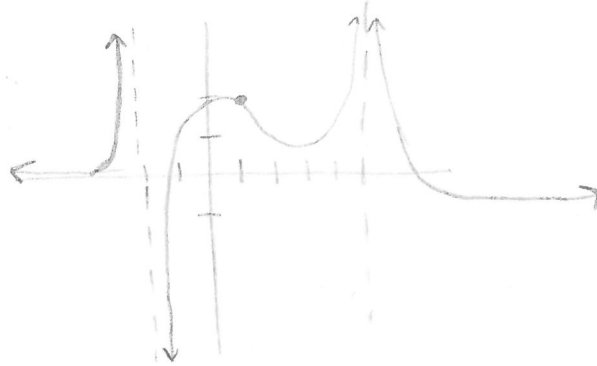
$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) = \infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = -1$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x) = \infty$

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



7. Sketch a function that satisfies the stated conditions. Include any asymptotes.

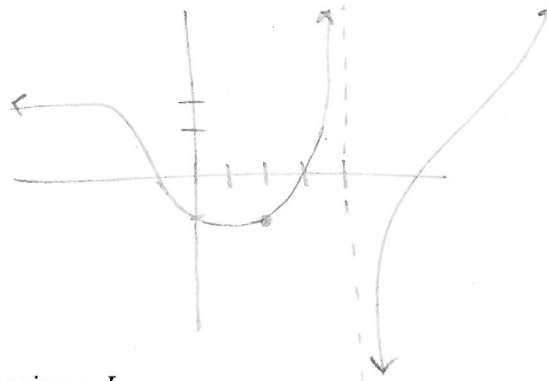
$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = -1$

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

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x) = \infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 2$



8. Explain why there is no value  $L$  for which  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sin x = L$ .

Sin will never approach a value,  
it will keep oscillating between 1, & -1.

9. Let  $f(x) = \frac{\cos x}{x}$ .

a) Find the domain and range of  $f$ .

domain  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$   
range  $(-\infty, \infty)$

b) Is  $f$  even, odd, or neither? Justify your response. odd 180° rotation symmetry

c) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$ . Give a reason for your answer.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$  it oscillates around 0, but each time gets

10. If  $k$  is a positive integer, then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^k}{e^x} = ?$  Explain your answer.

[Try letting  $k = 2 \dots$  what about  $k = 10? \dots$  what about  $k = 1000?]$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^k}{e^x} = 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $e^x$  will be larger than  $x^k$ , so the fraction will go to 0.

11. **Investigate** using tables and graphs to determine the value of each limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x-2}{\sqrt{2x^2+1}}$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x-2}{\sqrt{2x^2+1}}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x-2}{\sqrt{2x^2+1}} = 2.12$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x-2}{\sqrt{2x^2+1}} = -2.12$

$\frac{3x}{\sqrt{2x^2}} = \frac{3x}{\sqrt{2}x} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} = 2.12$

12. Evaluate each of the following limits using all methods learned from this chapter.

a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{2}{x} + 1 \right) \left( \frac{5x^2 - 1}{x^2} \right) = (0+1)(5) = 5$

b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n^3 - 5n}{n^3 - 2n^2 + 1} = 3$

c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( 5 - \frac{2}{x^2} \right) = 5 - 0 = 5$

d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x} = \frac{1}{0} = \text{DNE}$   
limit approaches 2 diff. values of  $y$  on each side of  $x = \pi/2$

e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} \cos x = (0)(\text{DNE}) = 0$

f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3.5^+} \text{int}(2x-1) = 3.5^+ (2(3.5)-1) = 6$

$$g) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos(\frac{1}{x})}{1 + \frac{1}{x}} = \frac{1}{1} = \boxed{1}$$

$$h) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n^3}{n^2 + 10000n} = \boxed{\infty}$$

$$i) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{4x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \underbrace{\frac{\sin 2x}{2x}}_1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$j) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{2}{2+x} - \frac{1}{2}}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{2}{2(2+x)} - \frac{(2+x)}{2(2+x)}}{x}$$

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{2(2+x)} = \frac{-1}{2(2)} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$k) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x \sin x + 2 \sin x}{2x^2}$$

$$\frac{(x+2)(\sin x)}{2x^2} = \boxed{0}$$

$$l) \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2 + 1}{3x^2 - 2x + 5}$$

direct substitution

$$\frac{(-2)^2 + 1}{3(-2)^2 - 2(-2) + 5} = \frac{5}{12 + 4 + 5} = \frac{5}{21}$$

AP Calculus  
2.3 Worksheet

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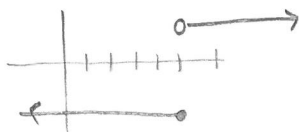
1. What is the definition of continuity?

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \text{ exists } \quad f(c) \text{ exists}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$$

2. Sketch a possible graph for each function described.

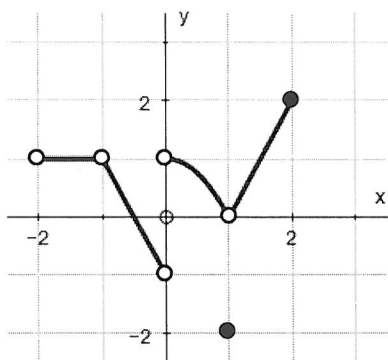
a)  $f(5)$  exists, but  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x)$  does not exist.



b) The  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x)$  exists, but  $f(5)$  does not exist.



3. Use the function  $g(x)$  defined and graphed below to answer the following questions.



$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } -2 < x < -1 \\ -2x-1 & \text{if } -1 < x < 0 \\ 1-x^2 & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ -2 & \text{if } x=1 \\ 2x-2 & \text{if } 1 < x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

a) Does  $g(1)$  exist?

yes  $g(1) = -2$

b) Does  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x)$  exist?

yes  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) = 0$

c) Does  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) = g(1)$ ?

NO

d) Is  $g$  continuous at  $x=1$ ?

NO

e) Is  $g$  defined at  $x=-1$ ?

no

$g(-1)$  does not exist

f) Is  $g$  continuous at  $x=-1$ ?

NO,  $g(x)$  not defined @  $x=-1$

g) For what values of  $x$  is  $g$  continuous?

$(-2, -1) \cup (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1) \cup (1, 2]$

h) What value should be assigned to  $g(-1)$  to make the extended function continuous at  $x=-1$ ?

$g(-1) = 1$

i) What new value should be assigned to  $g(1)$  to make the new function continuous at  $x=1$ ?

$g(1) = 0$  (cross out  $-2$ )

j) Is it possible to extend  $g$  to be continuous at  $x=0$ ? If so, what value should the extended function have there? If not, why not?

NO,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x) = -1$   $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x) = 1$

4. Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 1 & ; x < 3 \\ 2ax & ; x \geq 3 \end{cases}$ . Find a value of  $a$  so that the function  $f$  is continuous.

Using the definition of continuity, justify your response.

$$3^2 - 1 = 2ax \quad \text{at } x=3$$

$$9 - 1 = 2a(3)$$

$$9 - 1 = 6a$$

$$8 = 6a$$

$$a = \frac{8}{6}$$

$$\boxed{a = \frac{4}{3}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = 8 \quad \checkmark$$

$$f(3) = \frac{8}{3}(3) = 8 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = \frac{8}{3}(3) = 8 \quad \checkmark$$

5. Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 3 & ; x \leq 2 \\ kx + 1 & ; x > 2 \end{cases}$ . Find a value of  $k$  so that the function  $f$  is continuous.

Using the definition of continuity, justify your response.

$$\text{let } x=2 \quad 2(2) + 3 = k(2) + 1$$

$$4 + 3 = 2k + 1$$

$$7 = 2k + 1$$

$$6 = 2k$$

$$3 = k$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 7 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 3(2) + 1 = 7 \quad \checkmark$$

$$f(2) = 2(2) + 3 = 7 \quad \checkmark$$

6. Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - a^2x & ; x < 2 \\ 4 - 2x^2 & ; x \geq 2 \end{cases}$ . Find all values of  $a$  that make  $f$  continuous at 2.

Using the definition of continuity, justify your response.

$$4 - 2(2)^2 = 4 - 2(4) = 4 - 8 = -4$$

$$-4 = x^2 - a^2x \quad (x=2)$$

$$-4 = 2^2 - a^2(2)$$

$$-4 = 4 - 2a^2$$

$$-8 = -2a^2$$

$$4 = a^2$$

$$\boxed{a = \pm 2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = -4 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = -4 \quad \checkmark$$

$$f(2) = -4 \quad \checkmark$$

7. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{2x+5} - \sqrt{x+7}}{x-2} & \text{if } x \neq 2 \\ k+3 & \text{if } x = 2 \end{cases}$ , and if  $f$  is continuous at  $x=2$ , then  $k = ?$

Using the definition of continuity, justify your response.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{2x+5} - \sqrt{x+7}}{x-2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7}}{\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x+5 - (x+7)}{(x-2)(\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{(x-2)(\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7})}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{9} + \sqrt{9}} = \frac{1}{3+3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$k+3 = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$k = \frac{1}{6} - 3\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{-17}{6}$$

8. If the function  $f$  is continuous for all real numbers and if  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x + 2}$ , when  $x \neq -2$ , then  $f(-2) = ?$

Use the definition of continuity to justify your response.

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

$$f(-2) = -4$$

9. Let  $f$  be the function defined by the following:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin x, & x < 0 \\ x^2, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 2-x, & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ x-3, & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

possible pts of discontinuity

$$x=0, x=1, x=2$$

For what values of  $x$  is  $f$  NOT continuous? Use the definition of continuity to explain why.

If  $f(x)$  is cont. @  $x=0$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = f(0)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \sin x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^2 = f(0)$$

$$0 = 0^2 = 0^2$$

$$0 = 0 = 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$  is CONT. @  $x=0$

If  $f(x)$  is cont. @  $x=1$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = f(1)$$

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

$$1^2 = 2-1 = 2-1$$

$$1 = 1 = 1$$

$\therefore f(x)$  is continuous @  $x=1$

If  $f(x)$  is cont @  $x=2$ , then

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

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

$$2-2 = 2-3 = 2-3$$

$$0 \neq -1 \neq -1$$

$\therefore f(x)$  is NOT CONT @  $x=2$

10. Determine the points of discontinuity and identify their type for each of the following functions:

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

$x = -2$  is a pt of discontinuity

nonremovable

(infinite)

b)  $y = \frac{x-1}{x^2-4x+3}$   
 $(x-1)(x-3)$

not continuous @

$$x=1, x=3$$

$x=1$  removable disc. (hole)

$x=3$  nonremov. (infinite)

c)  $y = \frac{|x|}{x}$



not continuous @  $x=0$

nonremovable

(jump)

11. Write an extended function so that the given function is continuous at the indicated point.

a)  $h(x) = \frac{\sin(5x)}{x}$  at  $x=0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{x} \cdot \frac{5}{5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{5x} \cdot 5$$

$$1 \cdot 5 = 5$$

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(5x)}{x}, & x \neq 0 \\ 5, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

b)  $k(x) = \frac{x-4}{\sqrt{x}-2}$  at  $x=4$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x-4}{\sqrt{x}-2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x}+2}{\sqrt{x}+2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{(x-4)(\sqrt{x}+2)}{(x-4)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \sqrt{x}+2 = 4$$

$$k(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x-4}{\sqrt{x}-2}, & x \neq 4 \\ 4, & x = 4 \end{cases}$$

12. Let  $f$  be the function given by  $f(x) = \frac{(x-1)(x^2-4)}{x^2-a}$ . For what positive values of  $a$  is  $f$  continuous for all real numbers? Because this is MC, only possible values of  $a$  are  $a=1, 2, 4$

A) None

B) 1 only

C) 2 only

D) 4 only

E) 1 and 4

if  $a=1$  then  $f(x) = \frac{(x-1)(x^2-4)}{x^2-1} = \frac{(x-1)(x^2-4)}{(x-1)(x+1)}$ ,  $f(x)$  has discontinuity @  $x=-1$  (nonremov)  $x=1$  (remov)

if  $a=2$  then  $f(x) = \frac{(x-1)(x^2-4)}{(x^2-2)}$   $f(x)$  has discontinuity @  $x = \pm\sqrt{2}$  (nonremov)

if  $a=4$ , then  $f(x) = \frac{(x-1)(x^2-4)}{(x^2-4)}$   $f(x)$  has discontinuity @  $x = \pm 2$  (both removable)

13. Let  $g(x) = \frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{x^2 + 7x + 10}$ .  $g(x) = \frac{(x+2)(x+3)}{(x+2)(x+5)}$

a) Find the domain of  $g(x)$ .

$x \neq -2, x \neq -5$

$(-\infty, -5) \cup (-5, -2) \cup (-2, \infty)$

b) Find the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$  for all values of  $c$  where  $g(x)$  is not defined.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -5} g(x) = \frac{(-5+2)(-5+3)}{(-5+2)(-5+5)} = \frac{6}{0} = \text{DNE}$  |  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} g(x) = \frac{(x+2)(x+3)}{(x+2)(x+5)} = \frac{-2+3}{-2+5} = \frac{1}{3}$

as  $x \rightarrow 5$ ,  $g(x)$  grows w/o bound

c) Find any horizontal asymptotes and justify your response.

end behavior  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{x^2 + 7x + 10} = 1$  H.A.  $y = 1$

d) Find any vertical asymptotes and justify your response.

$y = -5$  is a v.a. ( $g(x)$  grows w/o bound there)

( $y = -2$  is a hole)

e) Write an extension to the function so that  $g(x)$  is continuous at  $x = -2$ .

Use the definition of continuity to justify your response.

If  $g(x)$  is continuous @  $x = -2$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} g(x) = g(-2)$

$g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{x^2 + 7x + 10}, & x \neq -2 \\ \frac{1}{3}, & x = -2 \end{cases}$

14. Without using a picture, give a written explanation of why the function  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3$  has a zero in the interval

$[2, 4]$ .  $f(2) = 2^2 - 4(2) + 3 = -1$

$f(4) = 4^2 - 4(4) + 3 = 3$

Since  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[2, 4]$ , it must take on every  $y$ -value between  $-1$  and  $3$  (the IVT tells us this). Since  $0$  is between  $-1$  &  $3$ , there must exist  $c$

15. Without using a picture, give a written explanation of why the function  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 3$  must equal  $3$  at least once in the interval  $[0, 2]$ .

$f(0) = -3$

$f(2) = 5$

Since  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[0, 2]$ , the IVT holds. The IVT says each  $y$ -value on interval  $[-3, 5]$  is represented. Since  $3$  is between  $-3$  &  $5$ , there is some  $c$  in  $[0, 2]$  where  $f(c) = 3$

16. Let  $h(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^2 - 4, & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ 5 + 4x, & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$

a) What is  $h(0)$ ?  $h(0) = 3(0)^2 - 4 = -4$

b) What is  $h(4)$ ?  $h(4) = 5 + 4(4) = 21$

c) On the interval  $[0, 4]$ , there is no value of  $x$  such that  $h(x) = 10$  even though  $h(0) < 10$  and  $h(4) > 10$ . Explain why this result does not contradict the IVT.

fctn is not continuous on  $[0, 4]$

AP Calculus  
2.4 Worksheet

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1. What is a difference quotient?  $\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$

2. How do you find the slope of a curve (aka slope of the tangent line to a curve) when  $x = a$ ?

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

3. What is a normal line?

A normal line is  $\perp$  to a tangent line.

4. What is the difference between the AVERAGE RATE OF CHANGE and INSTANTANEOUS RATE OF CHANGE?

avg R.O.C = slope of secant line  
2 pts  $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

instantaneous R.O.C = slope of curve at one point  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$

5. Find the average rate of change of each function over the indicated interval.

a)  $h(x) = e^x$   
on  $[-2, 0]$

→ Slope!

b)  $k(x) = 2 + \sin x$   
on  $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$

c)  $f(x) = x^2 - x$   
on  $[1, 3]$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{avg R.O.C.} &= \frac{h(0) - h(-2)}{0 - (-2)} \\ &= \frac{e^0 - e^{-2}}{2} \\ &= \frac{1 - e^{-2}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{avg R.O.C.} &= \frac{k(\pi/2) - k(-\pi/2)}{\pi/2 - (-\pi/2)} \\ &= \frac{2 + \sin(\pi/2) - (2 + \sin(-\pi/2))}{\pi} \\ &= \frac{2 + 1 - (2 - 1)}{\pi} \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{avg R.O.C.} &= \frac{f(3) - f(1)}{3 - 1} \\ &= \frac{3^2 - 3 - (1^2 - 1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{6 - 0}{2} \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

6. Let  $f(x) = x^3$ .

a) Write and simplify an expression for  $f(a+h)$ .

$$f(a+h) = (a+h)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2h + 3ah^2 + h^3$$

b) Find the slope of the curve at  $x = a$ .

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^3 + 3a^2h + 3ah^2 + h^3 - a^3}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3a^2h + 3ah^2 + h^3}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(3a^2 + 3ah + h^2)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 3a^2 + 3ah + h^2 = 3a^2$$

formula for slope at any point  $a$ !

c) When does the slope equal 12?

$$3a^2 = 12 \quad a = \pm 2 \quad \text{so when } x = \pm 2, \text{ slope will be 12.}$$

$$a^2 = 4$$

d) Write the equation of the tangent line to the curve at  $x = 4$

$$x=4 \quad y=64 \quad m=48 \quad \underline{y - 64 = 48(x - 4)}$$

e) Write the equation of the normal line to the curve at  $x = 4$

$$\underline{y - 64 = -\frac{1}{48}(x - 4)}$$



7. Let  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$

a) Find the average rate of change from  $x = 4$  to  $x = 9$ . avg R.O.C.  $\frac{g(9) - g(4)}{9 - 4} = \frac{\sqrt{9} - \sqrt{4}}{5} = \frac{3 - 2}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$   
Slope between 2 pts.

b) Find the instantaneous rate of change at  $x = 9$ .  
Instant. R.O.C = limit of diff quot.

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(9+h) - g(9)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{9+h} - \sqrt{9}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{9+h} - 3}{h} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{9+h} + 3}{\sqrt{9+h} + 3} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(9+h) - 9}{h(\sqrt{9+h} + 3)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h(\sqrt{9+h} + 3)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{9+h} + 3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{9} + 3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

c) Write the equation of the tangent line when  $x = 9$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 9 \\ y &= 3 \\ m &= \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$y - 3 = \frac{1}{6}(x - 9)$$

d) Write the equation of the normal line when  $x = 9$ .  
⊥ to tangent

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 9 \\ y &= 3 \\ m &= -6 \end{aligned}$$

$$y - 3 = -6(x - 9)$$

8. Let  $y = \frac{1}{x-1}$ . Find the slope of the curve at  $x = 2$ . Using this slope, write the equation of the tangent line and the equation of the normal line at that point.  
Instantaneous R.O.C.

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{y(2+h) - y(2)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{2+h-1} - \frac{1}{2-1}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{1+h} - 1}{h} \quad \leftarrow \text{need common denom}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1 - (1+h)}{1+h}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{(1+h)h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{1+h} = -1 \quad \text{slope of curve @ } x=2$$

9. Let  $y = x^2 - 3x - 2$ . Find the slope of the curve at  $x = 0$ . Using this slope, write the equation of the tangent line and the equation of the normal line at that point.

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(0+h)^2 - 3(0+h) - 2 - (0^2 - 3(0) - 2)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^2 - 3h - 2 + 2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(h-3)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h - 3 = -3$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 0 && \text{tangent line} \\ y &= -2 && y + 2 = -3(x - 0) \\ m &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 0 && \text{normal line} \\ y &= -2 && y + 2 = \frac{1}{3}(x - 0) \\ m &= +\frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

10. Find an equation of the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x) = \frac{3}{x}$  at  $x = 1$ .

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{3}{1+h} - 3 \frac{(1+h)}{(1+h)}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{3}{1+h} - \frac{3(1+h)}{1+h}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 - 3 - 3h}{1+h} \cdot \frac{1}{h}$$

\*need common denom

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-3 \cancel{h} \cdot \frac{1}{\cancel{h}}}{1+h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-3}{1+h} = -3$$

$x = 1$   
 $y = \frac{3}{1} = 3$   
 $m = -3$   
 instant. R.O.C.

$$y - 3 = -3(x - 1)$$

11. An object is dropped from the top of a 150-m tower. It's height above the ground after  $t$  seconds is  $150 - 4.9t^2$  m. How fast is the object falling 2 seconds after it is dropped?

$$s(t) = 150 - 4.9t^2$$

what is the instantaneous R.O.C @  $t = 2$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(a+h) - s(a)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(2+h) - s(2)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{150 - 4.9(2+h)^2 - (150 - 4.9(2)^2)}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{150 - 4.9(4 + 4h + h^2) - (150 - 19.6)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{150 - 19.6 - 19.6h - 4.9h^2 - 150 + 19.6}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-19.6 - 4.9h^2}{h}$$

12. What is the rate of change of the area of a circle with respect to the radius when the radius is 4 in?  
 Instant. R.O.C.  $r = 4$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-19.6 - 4.9h^2}{h} = -19.6 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$= -19.6 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$A = \pi r^2$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{A(4+h) - A(4)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\pi(4+h)^2 - \pi(4)^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\pi(16 + 8h + h^2) - 16\pi}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{16\pi + 8h\pi + \pi h^2 - 16\pi}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{8\pi + \pi h}{h} = 8\pi + \pi h^0$$

$$= 8\pi \text{ in}^2/\text{in}$$

13. At what point is the tangent line to  $g(x) = x^2 - 6x + 1$  horizontal?

when is instantaneous slope = 0?

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 - 6(x+h) + 1 - (x^2 - 6x + 1)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2xh + h^2 - 6x - 6h + 1 - x^2 + 6x - 1}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2xh + h^2 - 6h}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(2x + h - 6)}{h} = 2x + h^0 - 6 = 2x - 6 = \text{slope of tangent line}$$

horizontal:  $0 = 2x - 6$

$$6 = 2x$$

$$3 = x$$

tangent line is horizontal @  $x = 3$

what is y-coordinate at that pt?

$$g(3) = 3^2 - 6(3) + 1$$

$$= 9 - 18 + 1$$

$$= -8$$

$\therefore$  The tangent line is horiz. @  $(3, -8)$