

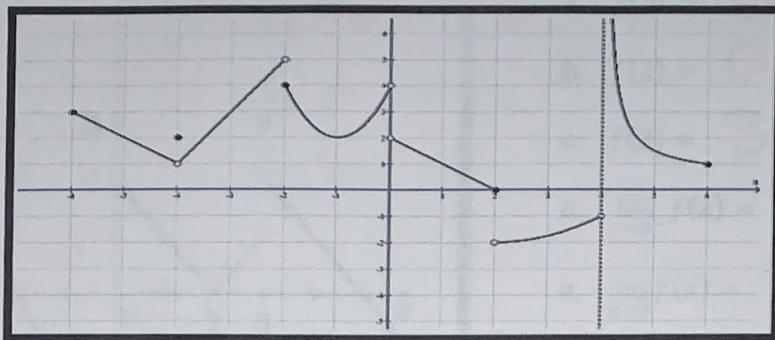
**Unit 2**  
**AP Calculus AB - Limits**  
**Fall 2020**

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Day	Topic / Essential Question	Assignment
Thursday, August 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2.1 Limits from Graphs and Graphs from Limits</b> <i>E.Q: How can I estimate limits from graphs and estimate graphs based on limit statements?</i>	Graphs from limits and limits from graphs worksheet <b>Ticket Out the Door</b>
Friday, August 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Creative Factoring</b>  <b>2.2 Algebraic Limits</b> <i>E.Q: How can limits of a function be found algebraically or from a table of values?</i>	<b>Skills Check 2.1</b> Algebraic Limits Worksheet #1-9
Monday, August 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2.2 Algebraic Limits</b> <i>E.Q: How can limits of a function be found algebraically or from a table of values?</i>	Algebraic Limits Worksheet #10-69
Tuesday, August 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2.3 Intermediate Value Theorem and Continuity</b> <i>E.Q.: What types of functions are continuous? What are the types of discontinuities and what happens in functions to create them?</i>	<b>Skills Check 2.2</b> Continuity and Intermediate Value Theorem Worksheet
Wednesday, August 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2.4 One-sided Limits</b> <i>E.Q.: How do I evaluate limits in piecewise functions and absolute value functions?</i>	<b>Skills Check 2.3</b> One-sided Limits Graphically & Algebraically Worksheet
Thursday, August 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2.5 Limits Involving Infinity</b> <i>E.Q.: What happens to functions as x approaches infinity and what causes y to approach infinity?</i>	<b>Skills Check 2.4</b> Vertical and Horizontal Asymptotes Worksheet Infinite Limits Worksheet
Friday, August 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Review</b> <i>E.Q.: How can we put all the limit concepts together?</i>	<b>Skills Check 2.5</b> Released Multiple Choice Questions - Limits Worksheet Limits Practice Test
Monday, August 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Unit 2 Test</b>	This is your opportunity to show what you know!

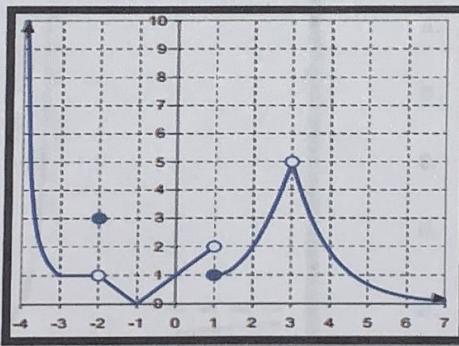
## Graphs from Limit and Limits from Graphs

1. Use the graph to evaluate the limits below



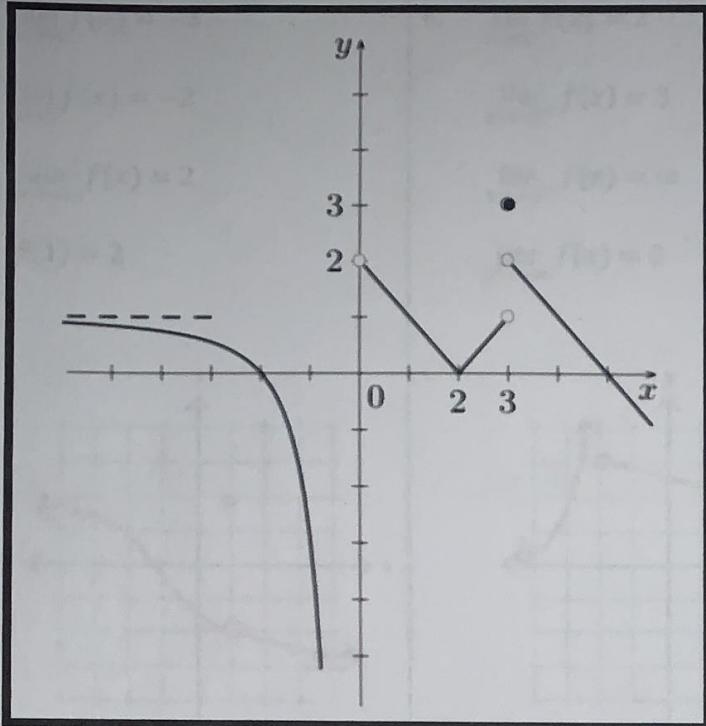
- a.  $f(-4) = 2$
- b.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4^-} f(x) = 1$
- c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4^+} f(x) = 1$
- d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} f(x) = 1$
- e.  $f(-2) = 4$
- f.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x) = 5$
- g.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) = 3$
- h.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x)$  DNE
- i.  $f(0)$  DNE
- j.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = 4$
- k.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 2$
- l.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  DNE
- m.  $f(2) = 0$
- n.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 0$
- o.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = -2$
- p.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  DNE
- q.  $f(4)$  DNE
- r.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x) = -1$
- s.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x) = \infty$
- t.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x)$  DNE

2. Use the graph to evaluate the expressions below.



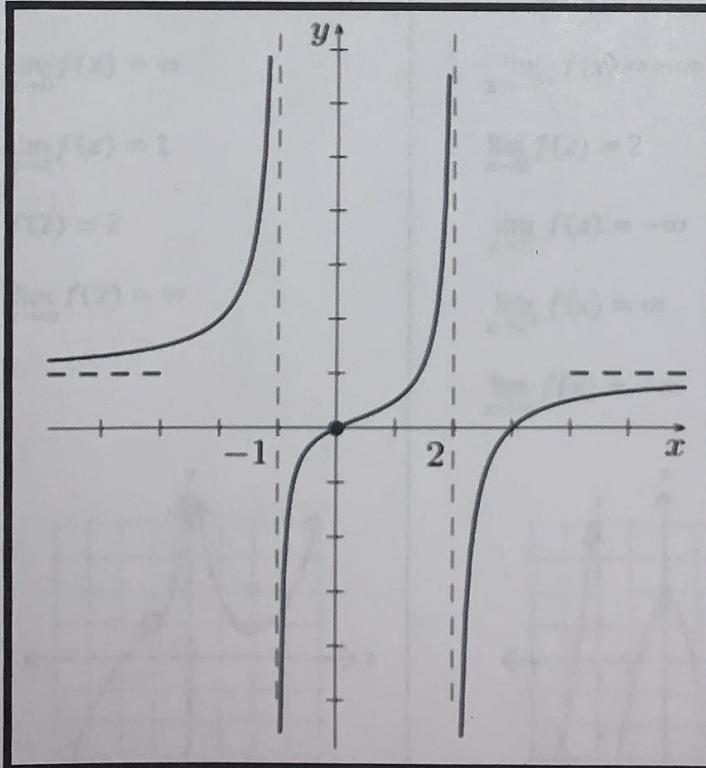
- a.  $f(-2) = 3$
- b.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) = 1$
- c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x) = 1$
- d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = 0$
- e.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = 0$
- f.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = 0$
- g.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = 1$
- h.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 2$
- i.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  DNE
- j.  $f(3)$  DNE
- k.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = 5$
- l.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = 5$
- m.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 5$
- n.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4^+} f(x) = \infty$
- o.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$
- p.  $f(1) = 1$
- q.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x) = 1$
- r.  $f(-4)$  DNE

3. Use the graph of the function  $f(x)$  to answer each question. Use  $\infty$ ,  $-\infty$ , or DNE where appropriate.



- $f(0) = \text{DNE}$
- $f(2) = 0$
- $f(3) = 3$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = -\infty$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \text{DNE}$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = 2$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \text{DNE}$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 1$

4. Use the graph of the function  $f(x)$  to answer each question. Use  $\infty$ ,  $-\infty$ , or DNE where appropriate.



- $f(0) = 0$
- $f(2) = \text{DNE}$
- $f(3) = 0$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = \text{DNE}$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = -\infty$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 1$

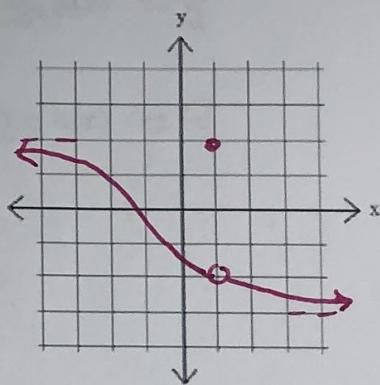
Draw a graph of a function with the given limits.

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

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

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

$f(1) = 2$

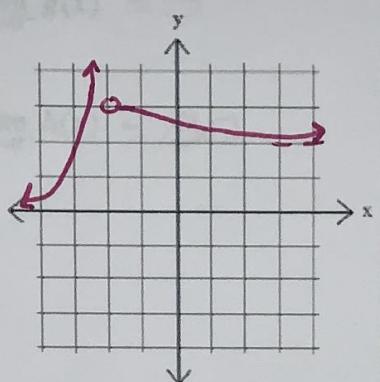


6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 2$

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

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

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

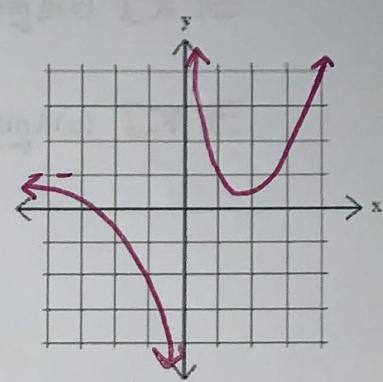


7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$

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

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

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



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

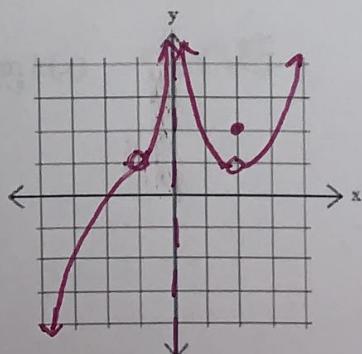
$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = 1$

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

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

$f(2) = 2$

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



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

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

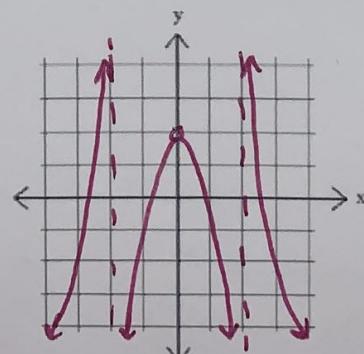
$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) = -\infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 2$

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

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

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



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

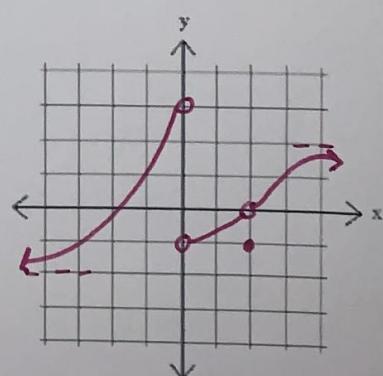
$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = 3$

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

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 0$

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

$f(2) = -1$



11. Use the table of values to evaluate the limit.

x	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0	0.1	0.2	0.3
f(x)	7.018	7.008	7.002	20	7.002	7.008	7.018
g(x)	4.126	4.789	4.989	8	8.0015	8.1016	8.546
h(x)	4971	8987	9972	undefined	8.997	8.987	8.971

a.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 7$

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

c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 7$

d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x) = 8$

e.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x) = 5$

f.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) \text{ DNE}$

g.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} h(x) = 9$

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

i.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} h(x) \text{ DNE}$

12. Use the table of values to evaluate the limit.

X	2.75	2.9	2.99	2.999	3	3.001	3.01	3.1	3.25
f(x)	5.313	5.710	5.970	5.997	8	6.003	6.030	6.310	6.813
g(x)	1.99499	1.99950	1.99995	1.99999	und	2.00005	2.00050	2.00499	2.01
h(x)	199	540	700	854	2	6.003	6.030	6.310	6.813

a.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 6$

b.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} g(x) = 2$

c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} h(x) \text{ DNE}$

# Creative Factoring and Other Interesting Algebra

## Difference of Squares

Example:  $x - 16 = (\sqrt{x} + 4)(\sqrt{x} - 4)$

1.  $x - 9$

$(\sqrt{x} + 3)(\sqrt{x} - 3)$

2.  $x^2 - 5$

$(x + \sqrt{5})(x - \sqrt{5})$

3.  $x^{16} - 1$

$(x^8 + 1)(x^8 - 1)$

$(x^8 + 1)(x^4 + 1)(x^4 - 1)$

$(x^8 + 1)(x^4 + 1)(x^2 + 1)(x^2 - 1)$

$(x^8 + 1)(x^4 + 1)(x^2 + 1)(x + 1)(x - 1)$

4.  $(x + 5)^2 - 25$

$[(x+5)+5][(x+5)-5]$

$(x+10)x$

$x(x+10)$

5.  $9y - a^4$

$(3\sqrt{y} + a^2)(3\sqrt{y} - a^2)$

## Sums or Differences of Cubes "SOAP"

Example:  $a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$

6.  $64a^3 + 125b^3$

$(4a + 5b)(16a^2 - 20ab + 25b^2)$

Example:  $a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$

7.  $64a^3x^3 - 125$

$(4ax - 5)(16a^2x^2 + 20ax + 25)$

8.  $(x+1)^3 + 64$

$[(x+1)+4][(x+1)^2 - 4(x+1) + 16]$

$(x+5)(x^2 + 2x + 1 - 4x - 4 + 16)$

$(x+5)(x^2 - 2x + 13)$

9.  $8c^3 - (a+b)^3$

$[2c - (a+b)][4c^2 + 2c(a+b) + (a+b)^2]$

Factor:  $x^6 - y^6$ :

10. as a difference of squares

$$(x^3 + y^3)(x^3 - y^3)$$

$$(x+y)(x^2 - xy + y^2)(x-y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)$$

11. as a difference of cubes

$$(x^2 - y^2)(x^4 + x^2y^2 + y^4)$$

$$(x+y)(x-y)(x^4 + x^2y^2 + y^4)$$

Rationalize the Numerator

$$12. \frac{\sqrt{x+2} - \sqrt{2}}{x}$$

$$\frac{(\sqrt{x+2} - \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{2})}{x(\sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{2})}$$

$$\frac{x+2 - 2}{x(\sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{2})}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{2}}$$

$$13. \frac{\sqrt{x+3} + \sqrt{3}}{x}$$

$$\frac{(\sqrt{x+3} + \sqrt{3})(\sqrt{x+3} - \sqrt{3})}{x(\sqrt{x+3} - \sqrt{3})}$$

$$\frac{x+3 - 3}{x(\sqrt{x+3} - \sqrt{3})}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x+3} - \sqrt{3}}$$

Factor completely. Use synthetic division to help find all factors.

$$14. x^3 + 6x^2 + 5x - 12$$

$$P/q: \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm 12$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ | \quad 1 \quad 6 \quad 5 \quad -12 \\ \downarrow \quad 1 \quad 7 \quad 12 \\ 1 \quad 7 \quad 12 : 0 \end{array}$$

$$(x-1)(x^2 + 7x + 12)$$

$$(x-1)(x+3)(x+4)$$

$$15. x^3 + x^2 - 8x - 12$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \\ | \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad -8 \quad -12 \\ \downarrow \quad -2 \quad 2 \quad 12 \\ 1 \quad -1 \quad -6 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$$(x+2)(x^2 - x - 6)$$

$$(x+2)(x-3)(x+2)$$

$$\text{or } (x+2)^2(x-3)$$

$$16. x^3 + 6x^2 - 9x - 14$$

$$P/q: \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 7, \pm 14$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ | \quad 1 \quad 6 \quad -9 \quad -14 \\ \downarrow \quad 2 \quad 16 \quad 14 \\ 1 \quad 8 \quad 7 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$$(x-2)(x^2 + 8x + 7)$$

$$(x-2)(x+1)(x+7)$$

Simplify:

$$17. \frac{2x^3 + 7x^2 + 8x + 3}{x+1}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -1 \\ | \quad 2 \quad 7 \quad 8 \quad 3 \\ \downarrow \quad -2 \quad -5 \quad -3 \\ 2 \quad 5 \quad 3 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{(x+1)(2x^2 + 5x + 3)}{(x+1)}$$

$$(2x+3)(x+1)$$

$$18. \frac{2x^3 + x^2 - 13x + 6}{x+3}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3 \\ | \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad -13 \quad 6 \\ \downarrow \quad -6 \quad 15 \quad -6 \\ 2 \quad -5 \quad 2 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$$2x^2 - 5x + 2$$

$$(2x-1)(x-2)$$

# Algebraic Limits Worksheet

Given  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = -3$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$ , and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = 8$ , find each limit if it exists.

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + h(x)]$

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

$$-3 + 8 = 5$$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^2$

$$[\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)]^2$$

$$(-3)^2 = 9$$

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \sqrt[3]{h(x)}$

$$\sqrt[3]{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x)}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{8} = 2$$

4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{1}{f(x)}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^{-1}$$

$$[\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)]^{-1} = -3^{-1} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{g(x)}{h(x)}$

$$\frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x)} = \frac{0}{8} = 0$$

6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{h(x)}{g(x)}$

$$\frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)} = \frac{8}{0} \text{ DNE}$$

7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{2f(x)}{h(x) - f(x)}$

$$\frac{2 \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}$$

$$\frac{2(-3)}{8 - 3} = -\frac{6}{5}$$

8.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)h(x)]$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x)$$

$$-3 \cdot 8 = -24$$

9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left[ \frac{g(x) + h(x)}{f(x)} \right]$

$$\frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}$$

$$\frac{0+8}{-3} = -\frac{8}{3}$$

Evaluate the limits:

10.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 7x + 6}{x + 3}$

$$\frac{(0)^2 + 7(0) + 6}{0+3}$$

$$= 2$$

11.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\frac{2}{x^2} - \frac{1}{2}}{x-2}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\frac{4}{2x^2} - \frac{1}{2}}{x-2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\frac{4-x^2}{2x^2}}{x-2}$$

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

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

$$= -\frac{1}{2}$$

12.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(2x+1)^2 - 25}{x-2}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(2x+1+5)(2x+1-5)}{x-2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(2x+6)(2x-4)}{x-2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2(x+3)2(x-2)}{x-2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 4(x+3)$$

$$4(2+3) = 20$$

13.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+h)^3 - 8}{h}$

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

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h((2+h)^2 + 2(2+h)+4)}{h}$$

$$(2+0)^2 + 2(2+0) + 4$$

$$4 + 4 + 4$$

$$= 12$$

14.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x+3}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x+3)(x-3)}{x+3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x-3$$

$$= 3-3$$

$$= 0$$

15.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+h)^2 - 1^2}{h}$

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

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(h+2)}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h+2$$

$$= 0+2$$

$$= 2$$

$$16. \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(-5+h)^2 - 25}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(-5+h+5)(-5+h-5)}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(h-10)}{h}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h-10 \\ = 0-10 \\ = -10\end{aligned}$$

$$19. \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{3}}{x-3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\frac{3}{3x} - \frac{x}{3x}}{x-3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{-1(x-3)}{3x}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{-1(x-3)}{3x} \cdot \frac{1}{x-3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{-1}{3x} \\ = \frac{-1}{3(3)} = -\frac{1}{9}\end{aligned}$$

$$22. \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\frac{x}{x+4} + 1}{x+2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\frac{x}{x+4} + \frac{x+4}{x+4}}{x+2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\frac{2x+4}{x+4}}{x+2}$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{2}{x+4}$$

$$= \frac{2}{-2+4} = 1$$

$$17. \lim_{t \rightarrow 2} \frac{t^2 - 4}{t^3 - 8}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{t \rightarrow 2} \frac{t+2}{t^2+2t+4} \\ = \frac{4}{4+4+4} \\ = \frac{1}{3}\end{aligned}$$

$$20. \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{2+h} - \frac{1}{2}}{h}$$

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{-1}{2(2+h)}}{h} \\ = \frac{-1}{2(2+0)} = -\frac{1}{4}\end{aligned}$$

$$23. \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{2x^2 + 7x + 3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x+3)(x-3)}{(2x+1)(x+3)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x-3}{2x+1}$$

$$\frac{3-3}{2(3)+1}$$

0

$$18. \lim_{u \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{4u+1} - 3}{u-2}$$

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 2} \frac{(\sqrt{4u+1}-3)(\sqrt{4u+1}+3)}{(u-2)(\sqrt{4u+1}+3)}$$

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 2} \frac{4u+1-9}{(u-2)(\sqrt{4u+1}+3)}$$

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 2} \frac{4u-8}{(u-2)(\sqrt{4u+1}+3)}$$

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 2} \frac{4(u-2)}{(u-2)(\sqrt{4u+1}+3)}$$

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 2} \frac{4}{\sqrt{4u+1}+3}$$

$$\frac{4}{\sqrt{4(2)+1}+3} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{9}} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$21. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^4 - 2x^2 - 8}{x^2 - x - 6}$$

$$\frac{(2)^4 - 2(2)^2 - 8}{(2)^2 - 2 - 6}$$

$$\frac{16-8-8}{4-4-6} = \frac{0}{-6}$$

= 0

$$24. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x-2}$$

$$\frac{(1)^2 - 1 - 2}{1-2}$$

$$\frac{-2}{-1} = 2$$

$$25. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{4x^4 - 5x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 2x - 3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(4x^2-1)(x^2-1)}{(x+3)(x-1)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(2x+1)(2x-1)(x+1)(x-1)}{(x+3)(x-1)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(2x+1)(2x-1)(x+1)}{x+3}$$

$$\frac{(2 \cdot 1 + 1)(2 \cdot 1 - 1)(1 + 1)}{1 + 3}$$

$$\frac{(-3)(1)(2)}{4} = \frac{-3}{2}$$

$$28. \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{(h+2)^2} - \frac{1}{4}}{h}$$

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

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

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h^2 - 4h}{4(h+2)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h(h+4)}{4(h+2)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{h}$$

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

$$31. \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 2}{x - 4} = \frac{-1}{4}$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}+2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{4}+2}$$

$$\frac{1}{4}$$

$$26. \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 - 4x}{x^2 - 3x - 4}$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x}{x+1}$$

$$\frac{4}{4+1}$$

$$\frac{4}{5}$$

$$27. \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3+h)^2 - 9}{h}$$

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

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(n+6)}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h+6$$

$$0+6 = 6$$

$$29. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x^3 - 1}$$

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

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

$$\frac{1-2}{1+1+1}$$

$$-\frac{1}{3}$$

$$32. \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{3(x+1)^{-1} - 3(4)^{-1}}{x-3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\frac{3}{x+1} - \frac{3}{4}}{x-3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{12 - 3(x+1)}{4(x+1)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{12 - 3x - 3}{4(x+1)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{-3(x-3)}{4(x+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{x-3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{-3}{4(x+1)}$$

$$= \frac{-3}{4(3+1)}$$

$$= -3/16$$

$$30. \lim_{x \rightarrow 16} \frac{4 - \sqrt{x}}{16x - x^2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 16} \frac{(4 - \sqrt{x})(4 + \sqrt{x})}{(16x - x^2)(4 + \sqrt{x})}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 16} \frac{16 - x}{x(16-x)(4+\sqrt{x})}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 16} \frac{1}{x(4+\sqrt{x})}$$

$$\frac{1}{16(4+\sqrt{16})} = \frac{1}{16(8)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{128}$$

$$33. \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{t^2 + 9} - 3}{t^2}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{t^2 + 9} - 3)(\sqrt{t^2 + 9} + 3)}{t^2(\sqrt{t^2 + 9} + 3)}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t^2 + 9 - 9}{t^2(\sqrt{t^2 + 9} + 3)}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t^2}{t^2(\sqrt{t^2 + 9} + 3)}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t^2 + 9} + 3}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{0+9}+3}$$

$$\frac{1}{6}$$

34.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{2x}{x+1} - 1$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-1}{x+1} \cdot \frac{1}{x-1}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{x+1}$$

$$\frac{1}{1+1}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

37.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 3} \frac{t^2 - 9}{2t^2 + 7t + 3}$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 3} \frac{(t+3)(t-3)}{(2t+1)(t+3)}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 3} \frac{t-3}{2t+1}$$

$$\frac{-3-3}{2(-3)+1}$$

$$\frac{6}{5}$$

40.  $\lim_{p \rightarrow -2} \frac{(p+4)^{-1} - 2^{-1}}{p+2}$

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow -2} \frac{\frac{1}{p+4} - \frac{1}{2}}{p+2}$$

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow -2} \frac{\frac{2-p-4}{2(p+4)}}{p+2}$$

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow -2} \frac{-\frac{p-2}{2(p+4)}}{p+2} \cdot \frac{1}{p+2}$$

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow -2} \frac{-\frac{1}{2(p+4)}}{p+2}$$

$$\frac{-1}{2(-2+4)}$$

$$\frac{-1}{4}$$

35.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 4}{x^2 + x - 6}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2(x+1) - 4(x+1)}{(x+3)(x-2)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x+2)(x-2)(x+1)}{(x+3)(x-2)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x+2)(x+1)}{(x+3)}$$

$$\frac{(2+2)(2+1)}{(2+3)}$$

$$\frac{12}{5}$$

38.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{3}{x+5} - \frac{3}{5}}{x}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{15-3(x+5)}{5(x+5)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{15-3x-15}{5(x+5)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-3x}{5(x+5)} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-3}{5(x+5)}$$

$$\frac{-3}{5(0+5)} = -\frac{3}{25}$$

41.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+t} - \sqrt{1-t}}{t}$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{1+t} - \sqrt{1-t})(\sqrt{1+t} + \sqrt{1-t})}{t(\sqrt{1+t} + \sqrt{1-t})}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1+t - 1+t}{t(\sqrt{1+t} + \sqrt{1-t})}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{2t}{t(\sqrt{1+t} + \sqrt{1-t})}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{\sqrt{1+t} + \sqrt{1-t}}$$

$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{1+0} + \sqrt{1-0}}$$

$$= 1$$

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

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

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2x+h)h}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2x+h$$

$$2x+0$$

$$2x$$

39.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3+h)^3 - 27}{h}$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3+h-3)[(3+h)^2 + 3(3+h) + 9]}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h[(3+h)^2 + 3(3+h) + 9]}{h}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (3+h)^2 + 9 + 3h + 9 \\ & (3+0)^2 + 9 + 3(0) + 9 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 27$$

42.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sqrt{x+6} - x}{x^3 - 3x^2}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(\sqrt{x+6} - x)(\sqrt{x+6} + x)}{(x^3 - 3x^2)(\sqrt{x+6} + x)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x+6 - x^2}{(x^3 - 3x^2)(\sqrt{x+6} + x)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{-1(x-3)(x+2)}{x^2(x-3)(\sqrt{x+6} + x)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{-1(x+2)}{x^2(\sqrt{x+6} + x)}$$

$$\frac{-1(3+2)}{(3)^2(\sqrt{3+6} + 3)} = \frac{-5}{9(6)}$$

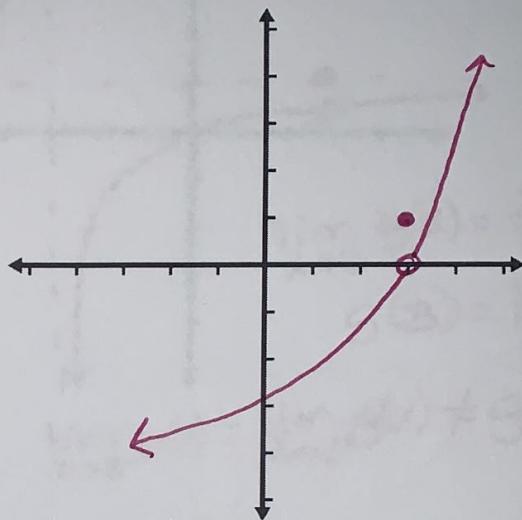
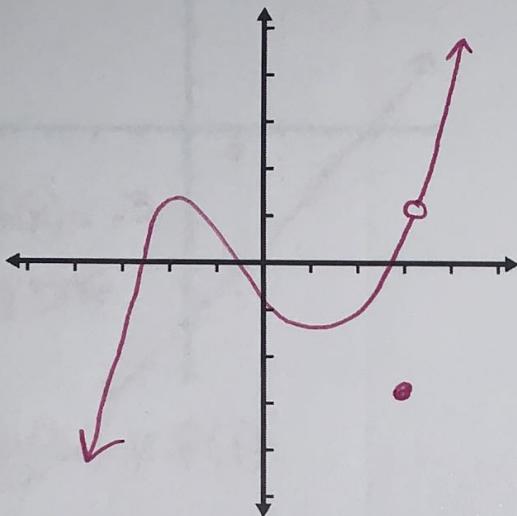
$$\frac{-5}{54}$$

## Continuity and Intermediate Value Theorem

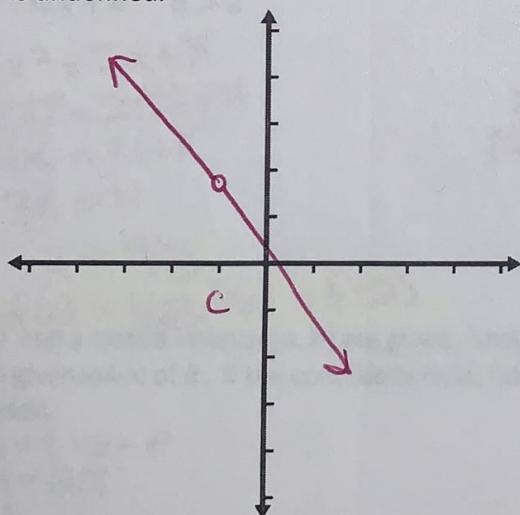
Sketch the graph of a function  $f$  that satisfies the stated conditions.

Answers will vary  
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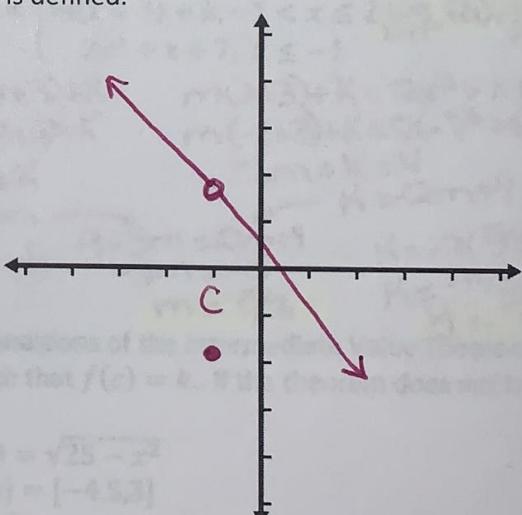
1.  $f$  has a limit at  $x = 3$ , but is not continuous at  $x = 3$
2.  $f$  is not continuous at  $x = 3$ , but if its value at  $x = 3$  is changed from  $f(3) = 1$  to  $f(3) = 0$ ,  $f$  becomes continuous at  $x = 3$ .



3.  $f$  has a removable discontinuity at  $x = c$  for which  $f(c)$  is undefined.



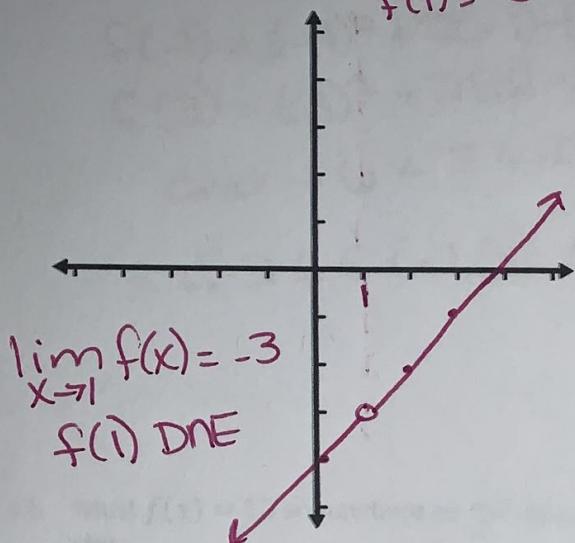
4.  $f$  has a removable discontinuity at  $x = c$  for which  $f(c)$  is defined.



Use the definition of continuity to prove that the function is discontinuous at the given value of  $a$ . Sketch the graph of the function.

5.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 5x + 4}{x-1}, a = 1$

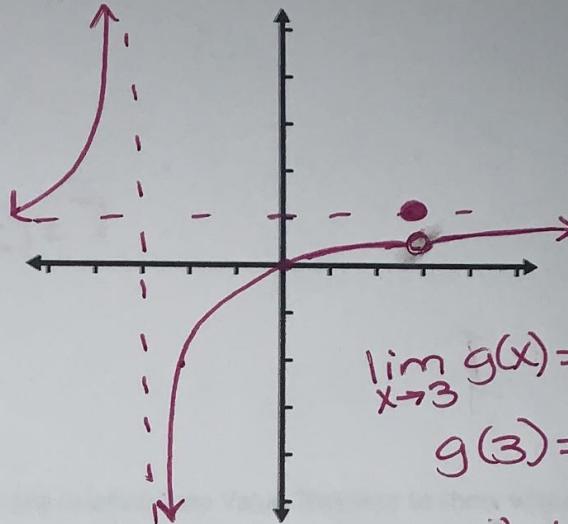
$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{(x-4)(x-1)}{x-1} \\ f(x) &= x-4 \\ f(1) &= -3 \text{ hole} \end{aligned}$$



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

6.  $g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x^2 - 9} & \text{if } x \neq 3 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 3 \end{cases}, a = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= \frac{x(x-3)}{(x+3)(x-3)} && \text{hole at } (3, \frac{1}{2}) \\ &= \frac{x}{x+3} && \text{VA at } x=3 \end{aligned}$$



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

Use the definition of continuity to find the values of  $k$  and/or  $m$  that will make the function continuous everywhere.

7.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} kx^2 & x \leq 2 \\ 2x + k & x > 2 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} Kx^2 &= 2x + K \\ K(2)^2 &= 2(2) + K \\ 4K &= 4 + K \\ 3K &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$K = 4/3$$

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

A function  $f$  and a closed interval  $[a, b]$  are given. Show whether the conditions of the Intermediate Value Theorem hold for the given value of  $k$ . If the conditions hold, find a number  $c$  such that  $f(c) = k$ . If the theorem does not hold, give the reason.

9.  $f(x) = 2 + x - x^2$   
 $[a, b] = [0, 3]$   
 $k = 1$

Since  $f(x)$  is continuous from  $(0, 3)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= 2 + 0 - 0^2 = 2 \\ f(3) &= 2 + 3 - 3^2 = -4 \end{aligned}$$

and  $-4 < 1 < 2$

$$\therefore \exists c \in (0, 3) \text{ s.t. } f(c) = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(c) &= 2 + c - c^2 \\ 1 &= 2 + c - c^2 \\ c^2 - c - 1 &= 0 \\ c &= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2(1)} \\ c &= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2} \\ c &= \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

8.  $g(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 5, & x > 2 \\ m(x+3) + k, & -1 < x \leq 2 \\ 2x^3 + x + 7, & x \leq -1 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 5 &= m(x+3) + k & \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} g(x) = f(2) \\ (2)^2 + 5 &= m(2+3) + k & \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} g(x) = f(-1) \\ 9 &= 5m + k \\ K &= 9 - 5m \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m(x+3) + k &= 2x^3 + x + 7 \\ m(-1+3) + k &= 2(-1)^3 + (-1) + 7 \\ 2m + k &= 4 \\ 9 - 5m &= 2m + 11 \\ -3m &= -5 \\ m &= 5/3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} K &= -2(5/3) + 4 \\ K &= -10/3 + 12/3 \\ K &= 2/3 \end{aligned}$$

10.  $f(x) = \sqrt{25 - x^2}$   
 $[a, b] = [-4.5, 3]$   
 $k = 3$

Since  $f(x)$  is continuous from  $(-4.5, 3)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-4.5) &= \sqrt{25 - (-4.5)^2} = \sqrt{20.25} \approx 2.18 \\ f(3) &= \sqrt{25 - (3)^2} = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } 2.18 &< 3 < 4 \\ \therefore \exists c &\in (-4.5, 3) \text{ s.t. } f(c) = 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(c) &= \sqrt{25 - c^2} \\ 3 &= \sqrt{25 - c^2} \\ 9 &= 25 - c^2 \\ -16 &= c^2 \\ 16 &= c^2 \\ c &= \pm 4 \end{aligned}$$

For Questions 11 and 12: Given the function  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 5$ .

11. Does  $f(x) = 7$  somewhere on the interval  $[-1, 3]$ ? Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show why or why not.

Since  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $(-1, 3)$

$$f(-1) = (-1)^2 + 2(-1) - 5 = -6$$

$$f(3) = (3)^2 + 2(3) - 5 = 10$$

and  $-6 < 7 < 10$

$$\therefore \exists c \in (-1, 3) \text{ s.t. } f(c) = 7$$

12. Must  $f(x) = 12$  somewhere on the interval  $[-1, 3]$ ? Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show why or why not.

Since  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $(-1, 3)$

$$f(-1) = -6$$

$$f(3) = 10$$

and 12 is not between -6 and 10

$$\therefore \nexists c \in (-1, 3) \text{ s.t. } f(c) = 12$$

13. The amount of money raised during a fund-raising campaign is modeled by the function  $M$  defined by  $M(t) = \frac{240(2^t - 1)}{2^t + 36}$ , where  $M(t)$  is measured in United States dollars and  $t$  is the time in days since that campaign began. According to this model, is there a time  $t$ , for  $0 \leq t \leq 2$  at which the amount of money raised is 10 dollars? Justify your answer.

Since  $m(t)$  is continuous from  $(0, 2)$

$$m(0) = \frac{240(2^0 - 1)}{2^0 + 36} = 0$$

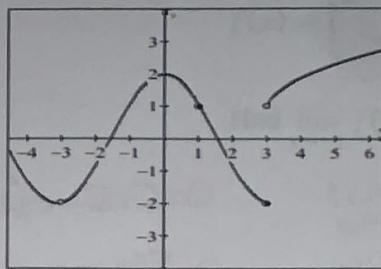
$$m(2) = \frac{240(2^2 - 1)}{2^2 + 36} = 18$$

and  $0 < 10 < 18$

$$\therefore \exists t \in (0, 2) \text{ s.t. } m(t) = 10$$

# One-Sided Limits Graphically and Algebraically

1. Given the graph of  $f(x)$ , determine the following.



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

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

c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x) = -2$

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

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

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

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

h.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = 1$

i.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) \text{ DNE}$

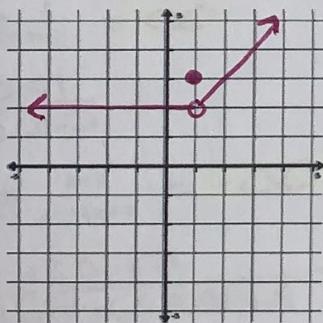
j.  $f(-3) \text{ DNE}$

k.  $f(1) = 1$

l.  $f(3) = -2$

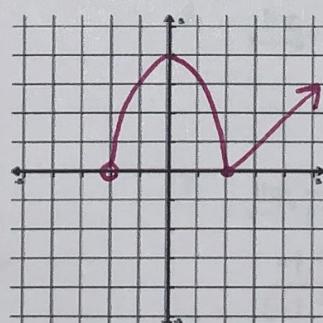
2. Sketch each piecewise function below and determine, if it exists, the given limit. If the limit does not exist, provide an explanation.

a. 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2, & x < 1 \\ 3, & x = 1 \\ x + 1, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$



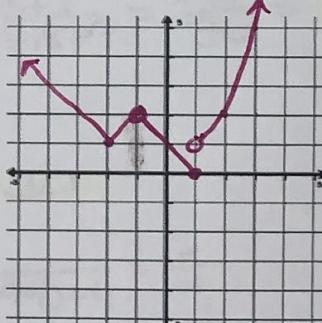
$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 2$

b. 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 4 - x^2, & -2 < x \leq 2 \\ x - 2, & x > 2 \end{cases}$$



$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 0$

c. 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} |x + 2| + 1, & x < -1 \\ -x + 1, & -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ x^2 - 2x + 2, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$



$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) \text{ DNE}$

3. For each function below, determine, if it exists, the given limit. If the limit does not exist, provide an explanation.

a. 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - 1, & x \leq -2 \\ -x + 2, & x > -2 \end{cases}$$

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

b. 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -x^2 + 4x - 3, & x < 1 \\ x - 7, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = -(1)^2 + 4(1) - 3 = 0$

c.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+3, & x \in (-\infty, 0] \\ -x+2, & x \in (0, 2) \\ (x-2)^2, & x \in [2, \infty) \end{cases}$

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$

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

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) \text{ DNE}$$

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

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 0$$

d.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 2x + 1, & x < -1 \\ -\frac{x}{2} + \frac{7}{2}, & x \geq -1 \end{cases}$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = (-1)^2 - 2(-1) + 1 = 4$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{7}{2} = 4$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = 4$$

e.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} (x+1)^2 - 1, & -2 \leq x < 0 \\ \frac{5}{4} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right), & 0 \leq x < 2 \\ (x-3)^2 - 1, & 2 \leq x \leq 4 \end{cases}$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \frac{5}{4} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = (2-3)^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 0$$

Evaluate each limit.

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

$$\frac{2.01}{2.01-2}$$

5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} \frac{x+1}{x^2-6x+9} = \frac{-3+1}{9+18+9} = \frac{-2}{36} = -\frac{1}{18}$

6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \frac{x+2}{x^2+6x+9} = -\infty$

$$\frac{-3.01+2}{(-3.01)^2+6(-3.01)+9} = \frac{-\#}{+\#}$$

7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \frac{x-2}{x^2+4x+4} = -\infty$

$$\frac{-1.99-2}{(-1.99)^2+4(-1.99)+4} = \frac{-\#}{+\#}$$

8.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \frac{x^2}{3x+9} = -\infty$

$$\frac{(-3.01)^2}{3(-3.01)+9} = \frac{+}{-}$$

9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x^2}{2x-4} = \infty$

$$\frac{(2.01)^2}{2(2.01)-4} = \frac{+}{+}$$

10.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \frac{1}{x^2-4} = -\infty$

$$\frac{1}{(-1.99)^2-4} = \frac{1}{-\#}$$

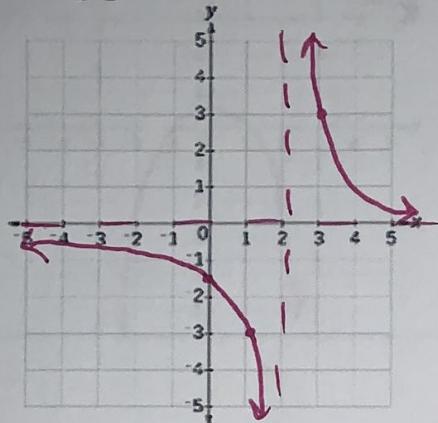
11.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} -\frac{2}{x^2-1} = \infty$

$$\frac{-2}{(-.99)^2-1} = \frac{-2}{-\#}$$

# Vertical and Horizontal Asymptotes Worksheet

State the vertical, horizontal, or slant asymptotes for the following (justify using limits). Sketch the graph and find the end behavior.

1.  $f(x) = \frac{3}{x-2}$



Vertical Asymptote:  $x = 2$

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

Horizontal Asymptote:  $y = 0$

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

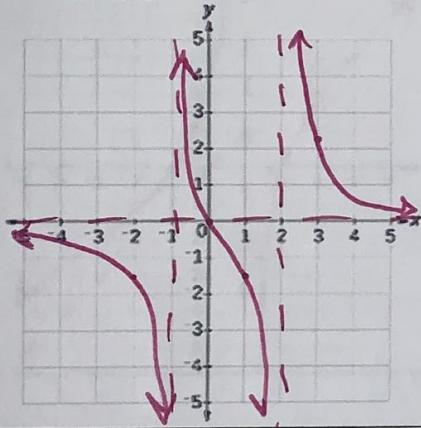
Slant Asymptote: none

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

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

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

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



Vertical Asymptote:  $x = 2, x = -1$

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

Horizontal Asymptote:  $y = 0$

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

Slant Asymptote: none

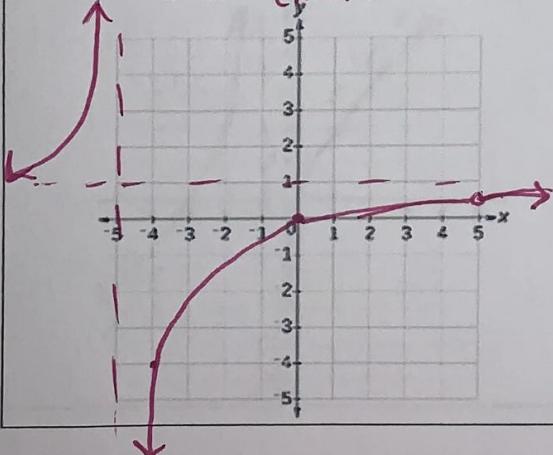
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = -\infty$$

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

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

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

3.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2-5x}{x^2-25} = \frac{x(x-5)}{(x+5)(x-5)} = \frac{x}{x+5}$



Vertical Asymptote:  $x = -5$

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

Horizontal Asymptote:  $y = 1$

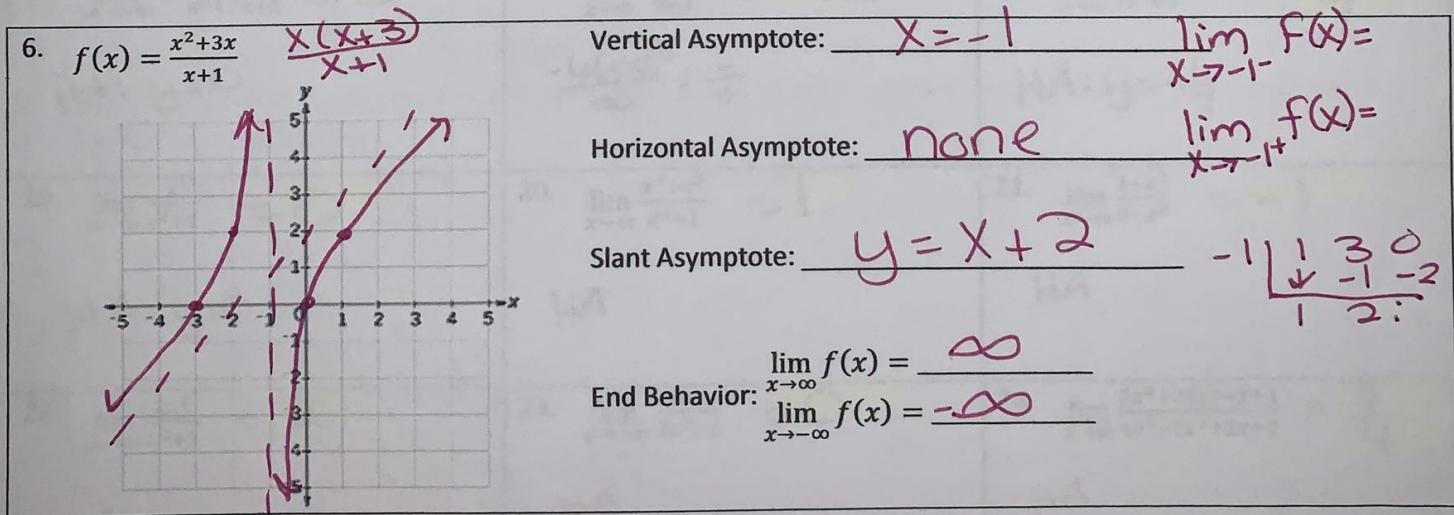
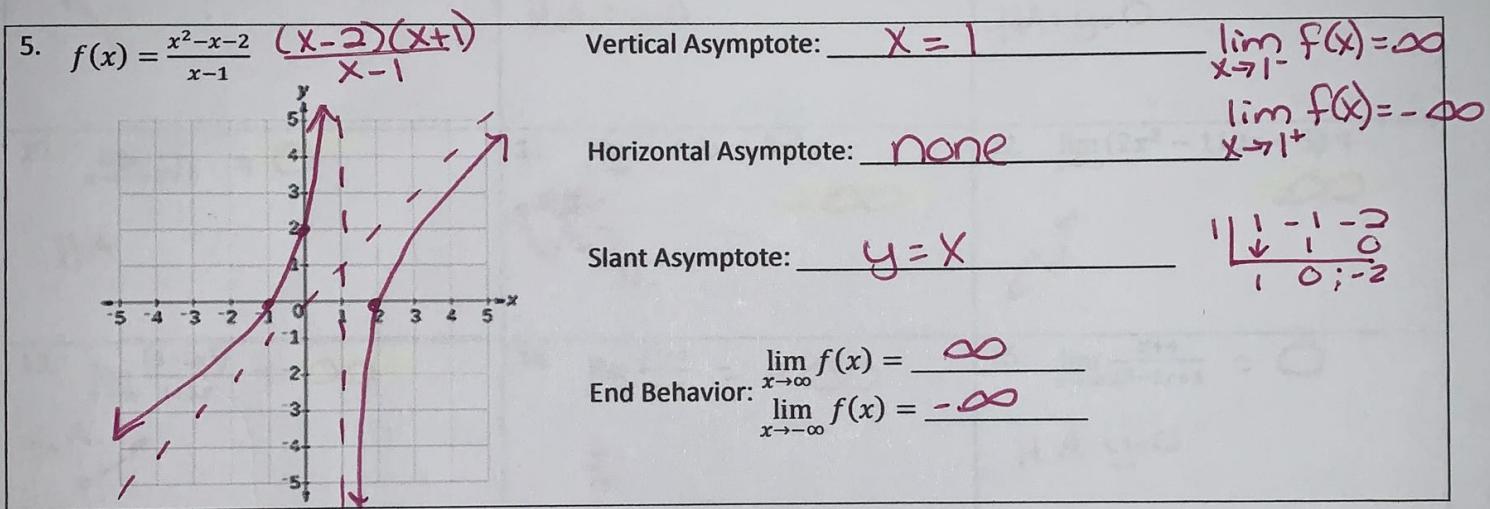
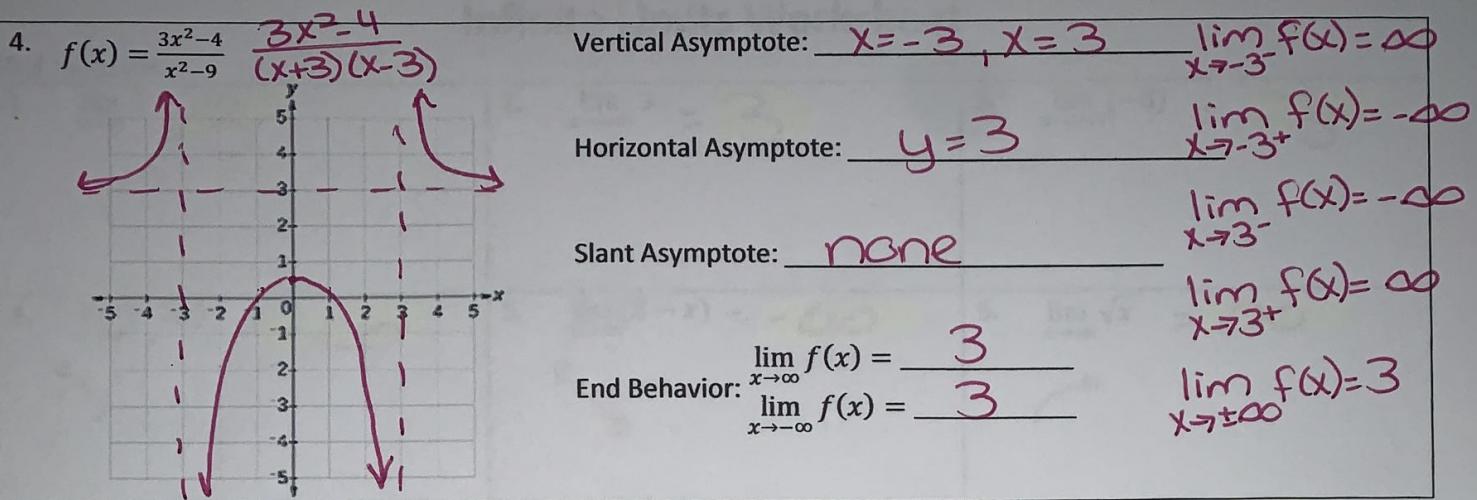
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^+} f(x) = -\infty$$

Slant Asymptote: none

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

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

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



# Infinite Limits Worksheet

Find the Limit.

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 3 = 3$	2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} 3 = 3$	3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (-3) = -3$
4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (-2x) = -\infty$	5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (3 - x) = -\infty$	6. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{x} = \infty$
7. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (4 - x) = \infty$	8. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8}{5-3x} = 0$ H.A.: y=0	9. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x-12} = 0$ H.A.: y=0
10. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3}{x+4} = 0$ H.A.	11. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1 + 2x - 3x^5) = -\infty$ E.O.B.	12. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (2x^3 - 110x + 5) = \infty$
13. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(3+2x^2)}{4+5x} = \infty$ S.A.	14. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2+x}{3-x} = -\infty$ $\pm$	15. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x+4}{x^2-2x+5} = 0$ H.A. y=0
16. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} -\frac{x-2}{x^2+2x+1} = 0$ H.A.: y=0	17. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7-6x^5}{x+3} = -\infty$ $\frac{-6(\infty)^5}{\infty} = \mp$	18. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6-x^3}{7x^3+3} = -\frac{1}{7}$ H.A.: y=-1/7
19. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^2+1} = 0$ H.A.: y=0	20. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^4+x^2}{x^4+1} = 1$ H.A.	21. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1+x^2}{2-x^2} = -1$ H.A.
22. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^2}{x^2+1} = 2$ H.A.	23. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x+4}{3x^2-5} = 0$ H.A.	24. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^3+25x^2-x+1}{4x^3-7x^2+2x+2} = \frac{3}{4}$ H.A.

## Released Multiple Choice Questions - Limits

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2x-1)(3-x)}{(x-1)(x+3)}$  is

- a. -3      b. -2      c. 2      d. 3      e. DNE

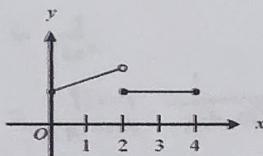
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-2x^2 + 7x - 3}{x^2 + 2x - 3}$$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5x^4 + 8x^2}{3x^4 - 16x^2}$  is

- a.  $-\frac{1}{2}$       b. 0      c.  $\frac{5}{3}$       d.  $\frac{7}{6}$       e. None of These

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2(5x^2 + 8)}{x^2(3x^2 - 16)} = \frac{5(0)^2 + 8}{3(0)^2 - 16} = -\frac{8}{16}$$

3. The figure below shows the graph of a function  $f$  with domain  $0 \leq x \leq 4$ . Which of the following statements are true?



Graph of  $f$

- I.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$  exists. ✓      II.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$  exists. ✓      III.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  exists.  
 a. I only      b. II only      c. I and II only      d. I and III only      e. I, II, and III

*End Behavior*

4. For  $x \geq 0$ , the horizontal line  $y = 2$  is an asymptote for the graph of the function  $f$ . Which of the following statements must be true?

- a.  $f(0) = 2$       b.  $f(x) \neq 2$       c.  $f(2)$  is undefined      d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \infty$       e.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 2$

H.A. 5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x - 4}{4x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x - 1} =$

- a. 4      b. 1      c.  $\frac{1}{4}$       d. 0      e. -1

6. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \ln x & \text{for } 0 < x \leq 2 \\ x^2 \ln 2 & \text{for } 2 < x \leq 4 \end{cases}$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  is
- a.  $\ln 2$       b.  $\ln 8$       c.  $\ln 16$       d. 4      e. DNE

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) \text{ DNE}$$

7. The function  $f$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[0, 2]$  and has values that are given in the table. The equation  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}$  must have at least two solutions in the interval  $[0, 2]$  if  $k =$

a. 0

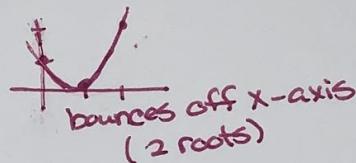
b.  $\frac{1}{2}$

c. 1

d. 2

e. 3

$x$	0	1	$k$	2
$f(x)$	1	$k$	2	



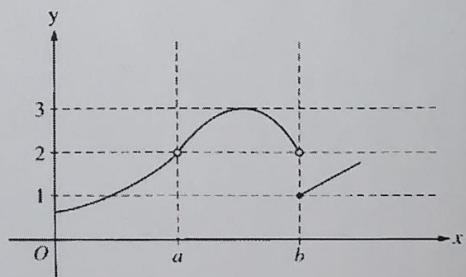
8. If  $a \neq 0$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^2 - a^2}{x^4 - a^4}$  is
- a.  $\frac{1}{a^2}$       b.  $\frac{1}{2a^2}$       c.  $\frac{1}{6a^2}$       d. 0      e. DNE

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

9. The graph of the function  $f$  is shown in the figure to the right.  
Which of the following statements about  $f$  is true?

- a.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow b} f(x)$  no
- c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow b} f(x) = 2$  no
- e.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  DNE no

- b.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 2$
- d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow b} f(x) = 1$



10.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n^3 - 5n}{n^3 - 2n^2 + 1}$  is
- a. -5      b. -2      c. 1      d. 3      e. DNE

$$\text{H.A. : } y = 3$$

11. 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  $f(-2) =$
- a. -4      b. -2      c. -1      d. 0      e. 2

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

$$f(x) = x-2$$

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

12.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n^2}{n^2 + 10,000n}$  is
- a. 0      b.  $\frac{1}{2500}$       c. 1      d. 4      e. DNE

13. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ , where  $L$  is a real number which of the following must be true?
- a.  $f'(a)$  exists      b.  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = a$   
 c.  $f(x)$  is defined at  $x = a$       d.  $f(a) = L$   
 e. None of these

14. If  $\begin{cases} f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2x+5} - \sqrt{x+7}}{x-2}, & \text{for } x \neq 2, \\ f(2) = k \end{cases}$  and if  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 2$ , then  $k =$
- a. 0      b.  $\frac{1}{6}$       c.  $\frac{1}{3}$       d. 1      e.  $\frac{7}{5}$

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

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

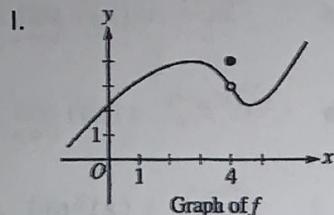
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7})}$$

$$f(2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(2)+5} + \sqrt{2+7}}$$

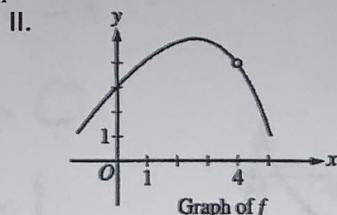
$$f(2) = \frac{1}{3+3}$$

# Limits Practice Test

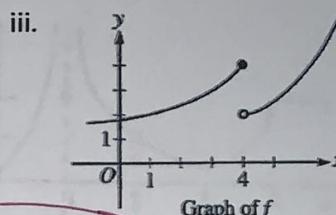
1. For which of the following does  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x)$  exist?



a. I only



b. II only



c. III only

d. I and II only

e. I, II, III

2. Use the table of values to evaluate the limit.

$x$	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0	0.1	0.2	0.3
$f(x)$	7.018	7.008	7.002	20	7.002	7.008	7.018
$g(x)$	4.126	4.789	4.989	8	8.0015	8.1016	8.546
$h(x)$	4971	8987	9972	undefined	8.997	8.987	8.971

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 7$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = 7$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 7$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x) = 8$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x) = 5$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) \text{ DNE}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} h(x) = 9$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} h(x) \text{ DNE}$$

3. Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-4x + 2x^3}{8x^3 + 4x^2 - 3}$ .

a.  $\frac{1}{4}$

b.  $-\frac{1}{4}$

c.  $-\frac{1}{2}$

d. 0

e.  $\infty$

4. Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x + 5}{3 - 2e^x}$ .

a.  $\frac{5}{3}$

b.  $\frac{1}{3}$

c.  $\frac{1}{2}$

d.  $-\frac{1}{2}$

e.  $\infty$

5. The graph of which function has  $y = 2$  as an asymptote?

a.  $y = e^{-x} + 2$

b.  $y = \ln(x - 2)$

c.  $y = -\frac{2x^2}{4+x^2}$

d.  $y = -\frac{2}{1-x}$

e.  $y = \frac{4x}{2+x}$

V.A.:  $x=2$

HA:  $y=-2$

HA:  $y=0$

HA:  $y=4$

6. State all the vertical and horizontal asymptotes and justify your answer.

$$f(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 50}{x^2 + 7x + 10}$$

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

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

V.A.:  $x = -2$

H.A.:  $y = 2$

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

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

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

7. Find the indicated limits from the graph below.

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

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

c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = \text{DNE}$

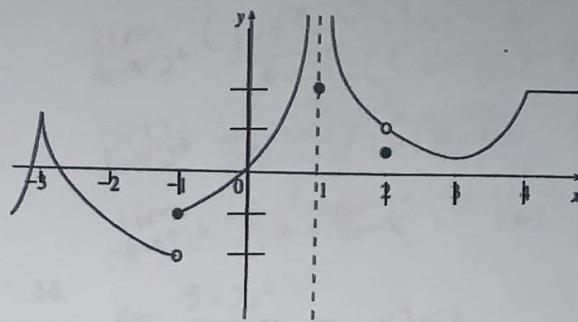
d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$

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

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

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

h.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} f(x) = 1.3$



8. Draw a graph of  $g(x)$  that has the following conditions.

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

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

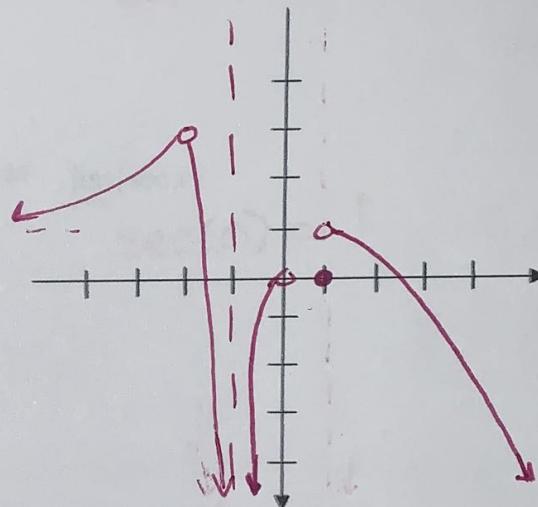
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} g(x) = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} g(x) = 3$$

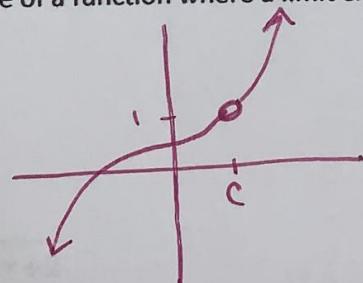
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} g(x) = 0$$

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

$$g(1) = 0$$



9. Draw an example of a function where a limit exists at a point but the function is still discontinuous at that point. Explain.



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

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

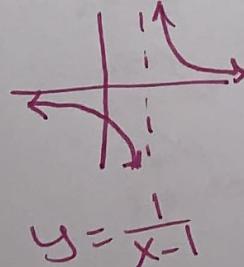
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = 1$$

$f(c)$  DNE because  
there is a removable  
discontinuity

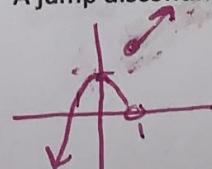
$\therefore$  discontinuous at  $x=c$   
because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \neq f(c)$

10. Draw the graph of an example of each of the following discontinuities. (Bonus for giving the equation of such a graph. The equation does not have to match the graph you draw.)

a. An infinite discontinuity



b. A jump discontinuity



$$y = \begin{cases} x+1, & x \geq 1 \\ -x^2+1, & x < 1 \end{cases}$$

Find the limit if it exists.

11.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{4x-20}{|x-5|}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{4(x-5)}{|x-5|}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{4(x-5)}{-1(x-5)} = -4$$

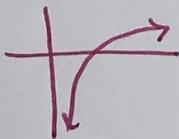
13.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-x} = \infty$



15.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} \frac{-3}{2+x} = -\infty$

$$\frac{-3}{2-1.99} = \frac{-\#}{+\#}$$

17.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln x = -\infty$



19.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{4x^2 - 4x + 2}}{5x - 3}$

behaves like:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{4x^2}}{5x}$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2|x|}{5x}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-2x}{5x} = -\frac{2}{5}$$

12.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{1-\sqrt{3-t}}{t-2}$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{(1-\sqrt{3-t})(1+\sqrt{3-t})}{(t-2)(1+\sqrt{3-t})}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{1-3+t}{(t-2)(1+\sqrt{3-t})}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{1}{1+\sqrt{3-t}} = \frac{1}{1+1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

14.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{5-2x^2}{x+2} = \infty$

$$\frac{5-2(\infty)^2}{\infty+2} = \frac{-\#}{+\#}$$

16.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\sec x)$

$$\sec(0) = 1$$

18.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{2}{x+3} - \frac{2}{3}}{x}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{6-2x-6}{3(x+3)}}{x}$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2}{3(x+3)} = -\frac{2}{9}$$

20.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8x^3 - 2x}{3x^2 - 5x^3}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8x^3 - 2x}{-5x^3 + 3x^2} = -\frac{8}{5}$$

21. Is the function continuous? Justify your answer.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 1 & x > 2 \\ 3 & x = 2 \\ 4x - 3 & x < 2 \end{cases}$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 4(2) - 3 = 5$$

$$f(2) = 3$$

$f(x)$  is not continuous bc

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

23. Given  $f(x) = \frac{2x^2 + 5x - 3}{x^2 - x - 12}$ , complete the chart below.

$f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x =$	Type of discontinuity
$x = -3$	Removable
$x = 4$	Infinite

Can  $f(x)$  be made continuous at any of the  $x$  values above? If so, at which  $x$  value and what point would you use to "repair" the discontinuity?

$f(-3) = 1$  will repair the removable discontinuity

$$f(-3) = \frac{2(-3) - 1}{-3 - 4}$$

24. Verify the conditions of the Intermediate Value Theorem and find the guaranteed value of  $c$  in  $(-3, 3)$  when  $f(x) = x^2 - 3x - 4$ , and  $f(c) = 6$ .

Since  $f(x)$  is continuous on the interval  $(-3, 3)$

$$f(-3) = (-3)^2 - 3(-3) - 4 = 14$$

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

$$-4 < 6 < 14 \therefore \exists c \in (-3, 3) \text{ s.t. } f(c) = 6$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(c) &= x^2 - 3x - 4 \\ 6 &= x^2 - 3x - 4 \\ 0 &= x^2 - 3x - 10 \\ 0 &= (x-5)(x+2) \\ x = 5 & \quad x = -2 \end{aligned}$$

22. Find the value of  $a$  and  $b$  that make the function continuous

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax^2 - b & \text{if } x \leq -1 \\ 2bx + 5 & \text{if } -1 < x < 2 \\ bx^2 + ax + 1 & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ax^2 - b &= 2bx + 5 \\ a(-1)^2 - b &= 2b(-1) + 5 \\ a - b &= -2b + 5 \\ a &= -b + 5 \\ a &= -3 + 5 \\ a &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2bx + 5 &= bx^2 + ax + 1 \\ 2b(2) + 5 &= b(2)^2 + a(2) + 1 \\ 4b + 5 &= 4b - 2b + 10 + 1 \\ 2b &= 6 \\ b &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

$$f(x) = \frac{2x-1}{x-4}$$