**Topic**: Limit of a vector function

Question: Find the limit of the vector function.

$$\lim_{t \to 0} \left( (t+4)\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + \frac{2t}{\sin t} \mathbf{k} \right)$$

## **Answer choices:**

$$\mathbf{A} \qquad 4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathsf{B} \qquad 4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$$

C 
$$-4i - 3j$$

$$D \qquad -4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$$

Solution: A

We'll rewrite the limit as three separate limits.

$$\lim_{t \to 0} \left( (t+4)\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + \frac{2t}{\sin t} \mathbf{k} \right)$$

$$\lim_{t\to 0} (t+4)\mathbf{i} + \lim_{t\to 0} 3\mathbf{j} + \lim_{t\to 0} \frac{2t}{\sin t}\mathbf{k}$$

Evaluate the first limit.

$$(0+4)\mathbf{i} + \lim_{t\to 0} 3\mathbf{j} + \lim_{t\to 0} \frac{2t}{\sin t}\mathbf{k}$$

$$4\mathbf{i} + \lim_{t \to 0} 3\mathbf{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{2t}{\sin t} \mathbf{k}$$

Evaluate the second limit.

$$4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{2t}{\sin t} \mathbf{k}$$

If we evaluate the last limit at t=0, we'll get a 0/0 value, which is indeterminate. So we'll use L'Hospital's rule to simplify the function, and then we'll evaluate the limit.

$$4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{2}{\cos t} \mathbf{k}$$

$$4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{\cos(0)}\mathbf{k}$$

$$4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{1}\mathbf{k}$$



 $4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ 

This is the limit of the vector function.



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$$\lim_{t \to 0} \left( \ln(2t + e)\mathbf{i} + \frac{6}{\cos t}\mathbf{j} + (t^3 - 1)\mathbf{k} \right)$$

## **Answer choices:**

$$A i - k$$

$$B \qquad i + 6j - k$$

$$C \qquad -\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathsf{D} \qquad -\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}$$

Solution: B

We'll rewrite the limit as three separate limits.

$$\lim_{t\to 0} \left( \ln(2t+e)\mathbf{i} + \frac{6}{\cos t}\mathbf{j} + (t^3 - 1)\mathbf{k} \right)$$

$$\lim_{t \to 0} \ln(2t + e)\mathbf{i} + \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{6}{\cos t}\mathbf{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} (t^3 - 1)\mathbf{k}$$

Evaluate the first limit.

$$\ln(2(0) + e)\mathbf{i} + \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{6}{\cos t}\mathbf{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} (t^3 - 1)\mathbf{k}$$

$$\ln(e)\mathbf{i} + \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{6}{\cos t}\mathbf{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} (t^3 - 1)\mathbf{k}$$

$$1\mathbf{i} + \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{6}{\cos t} \mathbf{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} (t^3 - 1) \mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{i} + \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{6}{\cos t} \mathbf{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} (t^3 - 1) \mathbf{k}$$

Evaluate the second limit.

$$\mathbf{i} + \frac{6}{\cos(0)}\mathbf{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} (t^3 - 1)\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{i} + \frac{6}{1}\mathbf{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} (t^3 - 1)\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} (t^3 - 1)\mathbf{k}$$

Evaluate the third limit.

$$\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + (0^3 - 1)\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} - 1\mathbf{k}$$

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$$\lim_{t \to 0} \left( \ln(t^2 + e)\mathbf{i} + (4t^2 + 2)\mathbf{j} + \frac{6t}{\sin(2t)}\mathbf{k} \right)$$

## **Answer choices:**

$$A \qquad -\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 6\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{B} \qquad \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$$

$$C \qquad -\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$$

$$D \qquad \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$$

Solution: D

We'll rewrite the limit as three separate limits.

$$\lim_{t \to 0} \left( \ln(t^2 + e)\mathbf{i} + (4t^2 + 2)\mathbf{j} + \frac{6t}{\sin(2t)}\mathbf{k} \right)$$

$$\lim_{t \to 0} \ln(t^2 + e)\mathbf{i} + \lim_{t \to 0} (4t^2 + 2)\mathbf{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{6t}{\sin(2t)}\mathbf{k}$$

Evaluate the first limit.

$$\ln(0^2 + e)\mathbf{i} + \lim_{t \to 0} (4t^2 + 2)\mathbf{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{6t}{\sin(2t)}\mathbf{k}$$

$$\ln(e)\mathbf{i} + \lim_{t \to 0} (4t^2 + 2)\mathbf{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{6t}{\sin(2t)}\mathbf{k}$$

$$1\mathbf{i} + \lim_{t \to 0} (4t^2 + 2)\mathbf{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{6t}{\sin(2t)}\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{i} + \lim_{t \to 0} (4t^2 + 2)\mathbf{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{6t}{\sin(2t)}\mathbf{k}$$

Evaluate the second limit.

$$\mathbf{i} + (4(0)^2 + 2)\mathbf{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{6t}{\sin(2t)}\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{6t}{\sin(2t)} \mathbf{k}$$



If we evaluate the last limit at t=0, we'll get a 0/0 value, which is indeterminate. So we'll use L'Hospital's rule to simplify the function, and then we'll evaluate the limit.

$$\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{6}{2\cos(2t)} \mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \frac{6}{2\cos(2(0))}\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \frac{6}{2(1)}\mathbf{k}$$

$$i + 2j + 3k$$

This is the limit of the vector function.

