AP Calculus In-Class One – Limit and Continuity

1.1 Definitions of Limits; 1.2 Continuity; 1.3 Limits Properties

1. Show that limits do not exist.

$$f = \frac{|x|}{x}$$

(a)
$$\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{|x|}{x}$$

(b)
$$\lim_{x\to 3} \frac{|x-3|}{x-3}$$

(c)
$$\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{1}{2+10^{\frac{1}{x}}}$$

2. Find limits.

(a)
$$\lim_{x\to 2} \frac{x^2-4}{x^2+4}$$

(b)
$$\lim_{x \to 3} \frac{3-x}{x^2-2x-3}$$

(c)
$$\lim_{x\to 4} \frac{2-\sqrt{x}}{2x^2-7x-4}$$

(d)
$$\lim_{x \to 9} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 3}{2x^2 - 17x - 9}$$

(e)
$$\lim_{x\to a} (2-e)$$

3. Use one-sided limits to discuss the continuity, indicating the type of discontinuity, and sketch

the graph of the function:
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - x, & \text{if } -1 \le x < 0 \\ 2x^2 - 2, & \text{if } 0 \le x \le 1 \\ -x + 2, & \text{if } 1 < x < 2 \\ 1, & \text{if } x = 2 \\ 2x - 4, & \text{if } 2 < x < 3 \end{cases}$$

- 4. If $\lim_{x\to a} f(x) = L \neq 0$ and $\lim_{x\to a} g(x) = 0$. Prove that $\lim_{x\to a} [f(x)/g(x)]$ does not exist.
- 5. Find limits.

(a)
$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{4 - x^2}{x^2 - 1}$$

(b)
$$\lim_{x \to +\infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + 1} - x)$$

(c)
$$\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\sqrt{1-2x+x^2}-(1+x)}{x}$$

(d)
$$\lim_{t\to 0} \frac{\left(\sqrt{1+t^2}+t\right)^n - \left(\sqrt{1+t^2}-t\right)^n}{t}$$

6. Discuss the continuity and sketch the graph of $g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x+1|}{x+1}, & \text{if } x \neq -1 \\ 2, & \text{if } x = -1 \end{cases}$.