



# LIMIT OF A FUNCTION

The **limit** of a function  $f$  as  $x$  approaches  $p$  is the number  $L$  if the value of the function gets closer and closer to  $L$  as  $x$  gets closer and closer to  $p$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = L$$

“the limit of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches  $p$  is  $L$ ”

**Example:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x^2 - 1) = 8$

*Inputs approaching 3 from the left*

$p$	2.2	2.5	2.7	2.9	2.99	2.999	2.9999
$f(p)$	3.84	5.25	6.29	7.41	7.9401	7.9940	7.9994

*Inputs approaching 3 from the right*

$p$	3.0001	3.001	3.01	3.1	3.5	3.7	4
$f(p)$	8.0006	8.0060	8.0601	8.61	11.25	12.69	15

*One-sided limits* are those that approach to a single real value from one side of a function, either the left or the right.

*left-sided or left-hand limit:*  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p^-} f(x)$  *ex.*  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} (x^2 - 1)$

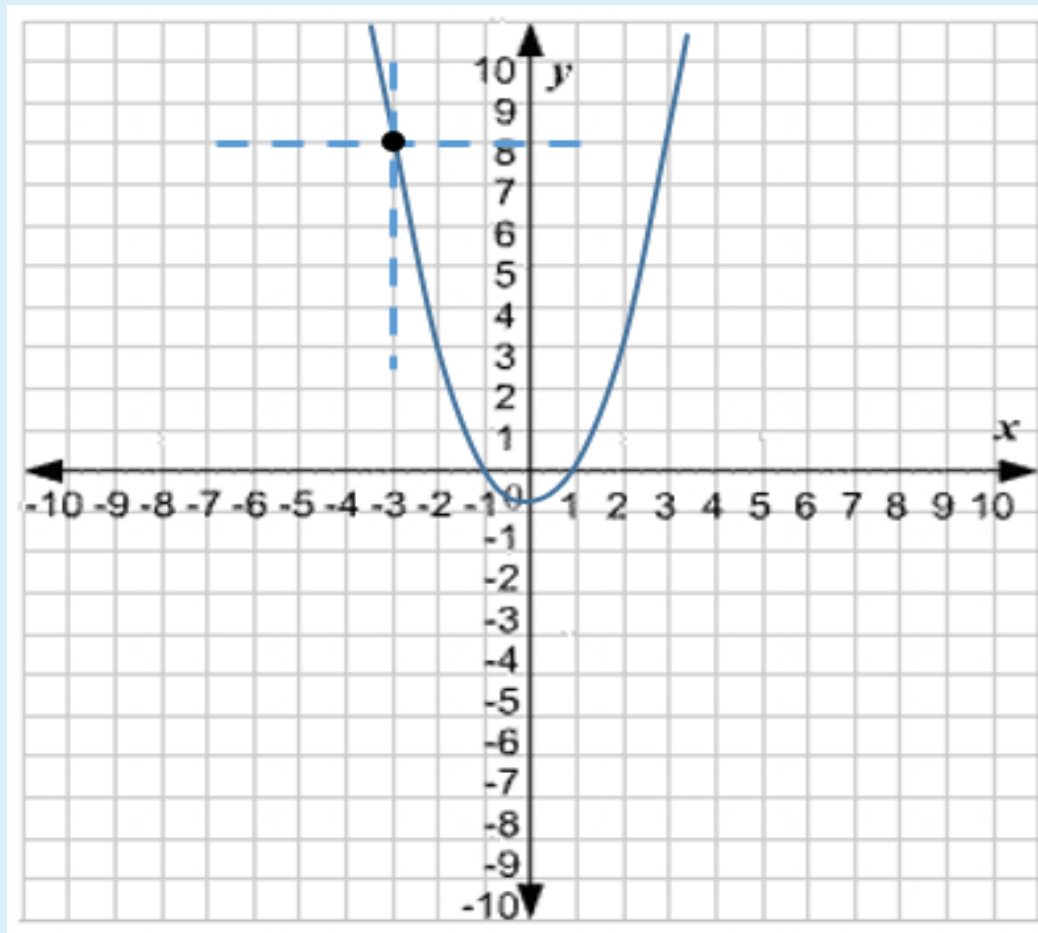
*right-sided or right-hand limits:*  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p^+} f(x)$  *ex.*  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} (x^2 - 1)$

**Note:** The limit of a function exists if the left-hand and right-hand limits exist and are the same.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x)$  exists and is equal to  $L$  iff the

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow p^-} f(x) = L \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow p^+} f(x) = L$$

**Example:** By inspection, determine the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} (x^2 - 1)$



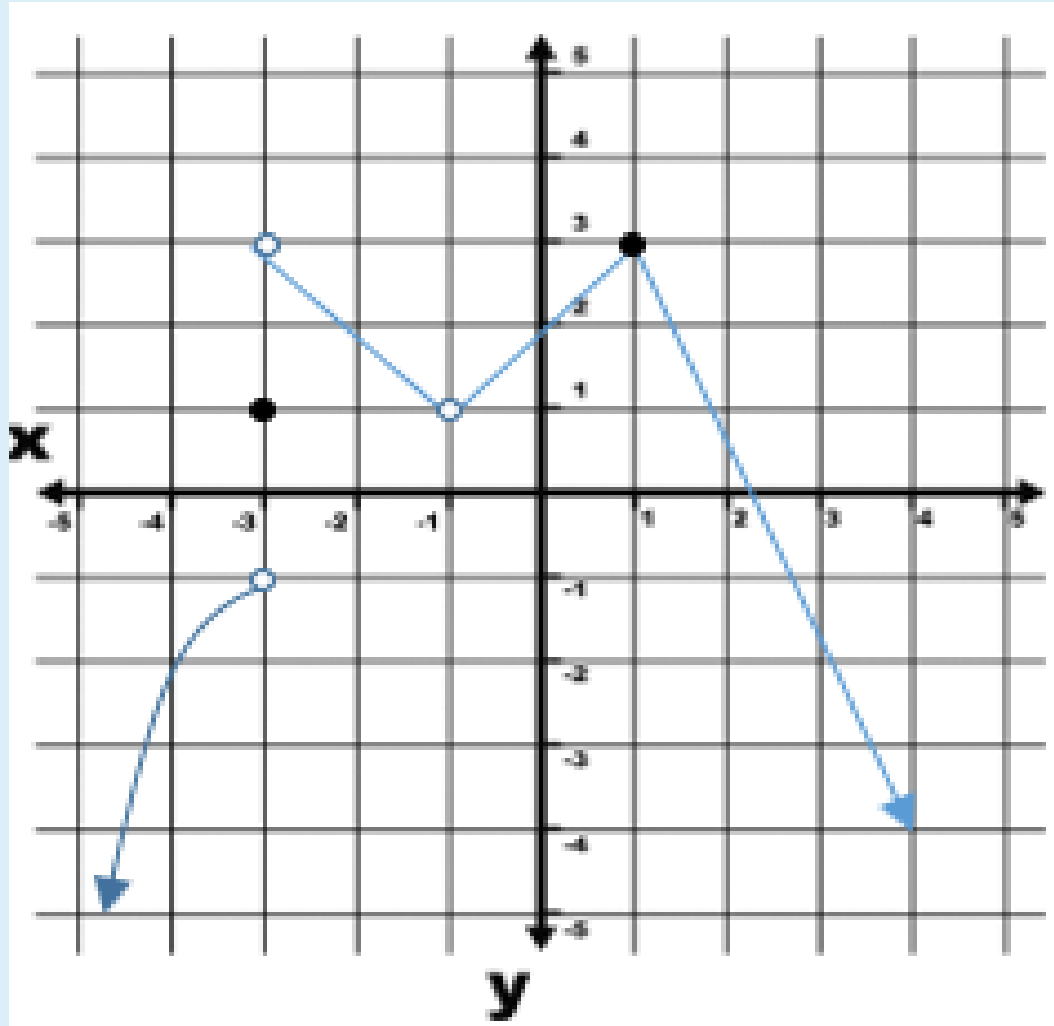
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} (x^2 - 1) = 8$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} (x^2 - 1) = 8$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} (x^2 - 1) = 8$$

**Example:** Let us consider the function whose graph is shown below.



**a:**  $f(1) = 3$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 3$$

**b:**  $f(-1) = DNE$

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

**c:**  $f(-3) = 1$

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

# LIMIT LAWS:

## Law 1: Limit of a Constant

If  $f(x) = c$ , where  $c$  is a constant, then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = c$

**Example:** (1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 7 = 7$                       (2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2}$

## Law 2: Identity Law of Limits

If  $f(x) = x$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} x = p$

**Example:** (1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x = 3$                       (2)  $\lim_{w \rightarrow 1/2} w = \frac{1}{2}$

For the Operational Laws for Limits, we let the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} g(x) = M$ ,

**Law 3:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} k \cdot f(x) = k \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow p} k \cdot f(x) = k \cdot L$$

**Example:** (1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} 2x = 2 \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} x = 2 \cdot -2 = -4$

$$(2) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3x}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x = \frac{3}{4} \cdot 2 = \frac{6}{4} = \frac{3}{2}$$

For the Operational Laws for Limits, we let the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} g(x) = M$ ,

**Law 4:** The **limit of a sum or difference of two functions** as  $x$  approaches  $p$  is equal to the sum or difference of their limits.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow p} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow p} g(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow p} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = L \pm M$$

**Example:** (1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (4x - 3) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 4x - \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 3$

$$= 4 \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x - \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 3$$
$$= 4 \cdot 2 - 3$$

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



For the Operational Laws for Limits, we let the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} g(x) = M$ ,

**Law 5:** The **limit of a product** of two functions as  $x$  approaches  $p$  is equal to the product of their limits.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow p} [f(x) \cdot g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow p} g(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow p} [f(x) \cdot g(x)] = L \cdot M$$

**Example:** (1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x + 3)(x - 2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x + 3) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x - 2)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x + 3) \right] \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x - 2) \right] \\ &= \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} x + \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} 3 \right] \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} x - \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} 2 \right] \\ &= [-1 + 3][-1 - 2] \\ &= [2][-3] \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x + 3)(x - 2) = -6$$

For the Operational Laws for Limits, we let the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} g(x) = M$ ,

**Law 6:** The **limit of a quotient** of two functions as  $x$  approaches  $p$  is equal to the quotient of their limits.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow p} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow p} g(x)} \text{ then } \lim_{x \rightarrow p} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{L}{M}, \text{ where } M \neq 0$$

**Example:** (1) 
$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x - 3}{x + 1} &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (2x - 3)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x + 1)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 2x - \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 3}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x + \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 1} \\ &= \frac{2 \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x - \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 3}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x + \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 1} = \frac{2 \cdot 2 - 3}{2 + 1} \end{aligned}$$

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

For the Operational Laws for Limits, we let the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} g(x) = M$ ,

**Law 7:** The **limit of an  $n$ th power** of a function as  $x$  approaches  $p$  is equal to the  $n$ th power of its limit.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow p} [f(x)]^n = \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) \right]^n$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow p} [f(x)]^n = L^n$$

**Example:**

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [x]^4 &= \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x \right]^4 \\ &= [2]^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [x]^4 = \mathbf{16}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (2) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^3 - 2x^2) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^3 - \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 2x^2 \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^3 - 2 \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^2 \\ &= \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x \right]^3 - 2 \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x \right]^2 \\ &= [2]^3 - 2[2]^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^3 - 2x^2) = \mathbf{0}$$

For the Operational Laws for Limits, we let the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} g(x) = M$ ,

**Law 8:** The **limit of an  $n$ th root** of a function as  $x$  approaches  $p$  is equal to the  $n$ th root of its limit.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow p} \sqrt[n]{f(x)} = \sqrt[n]{\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow p} \sqrt[n]{f(x)} = \sqrt[n]{L} \text{ or } L^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

**Example:**

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \sqrt[3]{5x - 2} &= \sqrt[3]{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (5x - 2)} &&= \sqrt[3]{5 \cdot 2 - 2} \\ &= \sqrt[3]{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 5x - \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 2} &&= \sqrt[3]{10 - 2} \\ &= \sqrt[3]{5 \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x - \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 2} &&= \sqrt[3]{8} \\ &&&= 2 \end{aligned}$$

**Note:** The  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = f(p)$ .


**Examples:**

$$(1) \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 2x^3 = 2 \cdot [3]^3 = \mathbf{54}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(2) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (1 - 2x + 3x^2 - x^3) \\&= 1 - 2(2) + 3(2)^2 - (2)^3 \\&= 1 - 2(2) + 3(4) - (8) \\&= 1 - 4 + 12 - 8 \\&= \mathbf{1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(3) \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2 - 7x - 9}{4x - 5} \\&= \frac{(-2)^2 - 7(-2) - 9}{4(-2) - 5} \\&= \frac{4 + 14 - 9}{-8 - 5} \\&= \frac{\mathbf{9}}{\mathbf{-13}}\end{aligned}$$

However, evaluating the limit by direct substitution is not always possible.

**Example:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 5x - 14}{x - 2} =$  

Using direct substitution,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 5x - 14}{x - 2} = \frac{0}{0}$ , the function indeterminate.

It means that 2 is not in the domain of  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 5x - 14}{x - 2}$

$x$	1.899	1.999	1.99999	2	2.00001	2.001	2.25
$\frac{x^2 + 5x - 14}{x - 2}$	8.899	8.999	8.99999	DNE	9.00001	9.001	9.25

Example 1:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 5x - 14}{x - 2} = ?$

Solution: 
$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 5x - 14}{x - 2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x + 7)(x - 2)}{x - 2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x + 7) \\ &= 2 + 7 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 5x - 14}{x - 2} &= 9\end{aligned}$$

Note:: This method of evaluating a limit is called the dividing out technique.

## Dividing Out Technique

Example 2:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x^2 + x - 12}{x^2 + 6x + 8}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{(x + 4)(x - 3)}{(x + 4)(x + 2)}$$
$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{(x - 3)}{(x + 2)}$$
$$= \frac{-4 - 3}{-4 + 2}$$
$$= \frac{-7}{-2}$$
$$= \frac{7}{2}$$

Example 3:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^3 - 27}{x^2 - 9}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x - 3)(x^2 + 3x + 9)}{(x + 3)(x - 3)}$$
$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x^2 + 3x + 9)}{(x + 3)}$$
$$= \frac{(3)^2 + 3(3) + 9}{3 + 3}$$
$$= \frac{9 + 9 + 9}{3 + 3} = \frac{27}{6}$$
$$= \frac{9}{2}$$



## Rationalizing Technique

The next examples can be done by rationalizing the numerator or the denominator to get rid of the radical signs and make the dividing out technique possible.

Example 4:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{\sqrt{x^2-4}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{\sqrt{x^2-4}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x^2-4}}{\sqrt{x^2-4}} &&= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x^2-4}}{x+2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)\sqrt{x^2-4}}{(\sqrt{x^2-4})^2} &&= \frac{\sqrt{(2)^2-4}}{2+2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)\sqrt{x^2-4}}{x^2-4} &&= \frac{\sqrt{4-4}}{4} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)\sqrt{x^2-4}}{(x+2)(x-2)} &&= \frac{0}{4} \\ &&&= \mathbf{0}\end{aligned}$$

## Rationalizing Technique

### Example 5:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-1}{\sqrt{x^2+3}-2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-1}{\sqrt{x^2+3}-2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x^2+3}+2}{\sqrt{x^2+3}+2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(\sqrt{x^2+3}+2)}{x+1} \\&= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(\sqrt{x^2+3}+2)}{(\sqrt{x^2+3})^2 - (2)^2} &= \frac{(\sqrt{(1)^2+3}+2)}{1+1} \\&= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(\sqrt{x^2+3}+2)}{(x^2+3)-4} &= \frac{(\sqrt{4}+2)}{2} \\&= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(\sqrt{x^2+3}+2)}{x^2-1} &= \frac{2+2}{2} \\&= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(\sqrt{x^2+3}+2)}{(x+1)(x-1)} &= \frac{4}{2} = \mathbf{2}\end{aligned}$$

## Limits at Infinity

To describe the behavior of a function as  $x$  increases or decreases without bound defines the limit of a function at infinity.

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

Some properties of the *limits at infinity*:

$$(1) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

$$(3) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{x}} = 0$$

$$(2) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^n} = 0$$

$$(4) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{c^x} = 0$$

where  $c > 0$ ,  $c$  is any real number

Some properties of *infinite limits*:

If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \infty$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L$  then for every  $c$  and  $L$  that are real,

$$(5) \lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = \infty$$

$$(6) \text{ If } L > 0 \text{ then } \lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = \infty$$

$$(7) \text{ If } L < 0 \text{ then } \lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = -\infty$$

$$(8) \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{g(x)}{f(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)} = 0$$

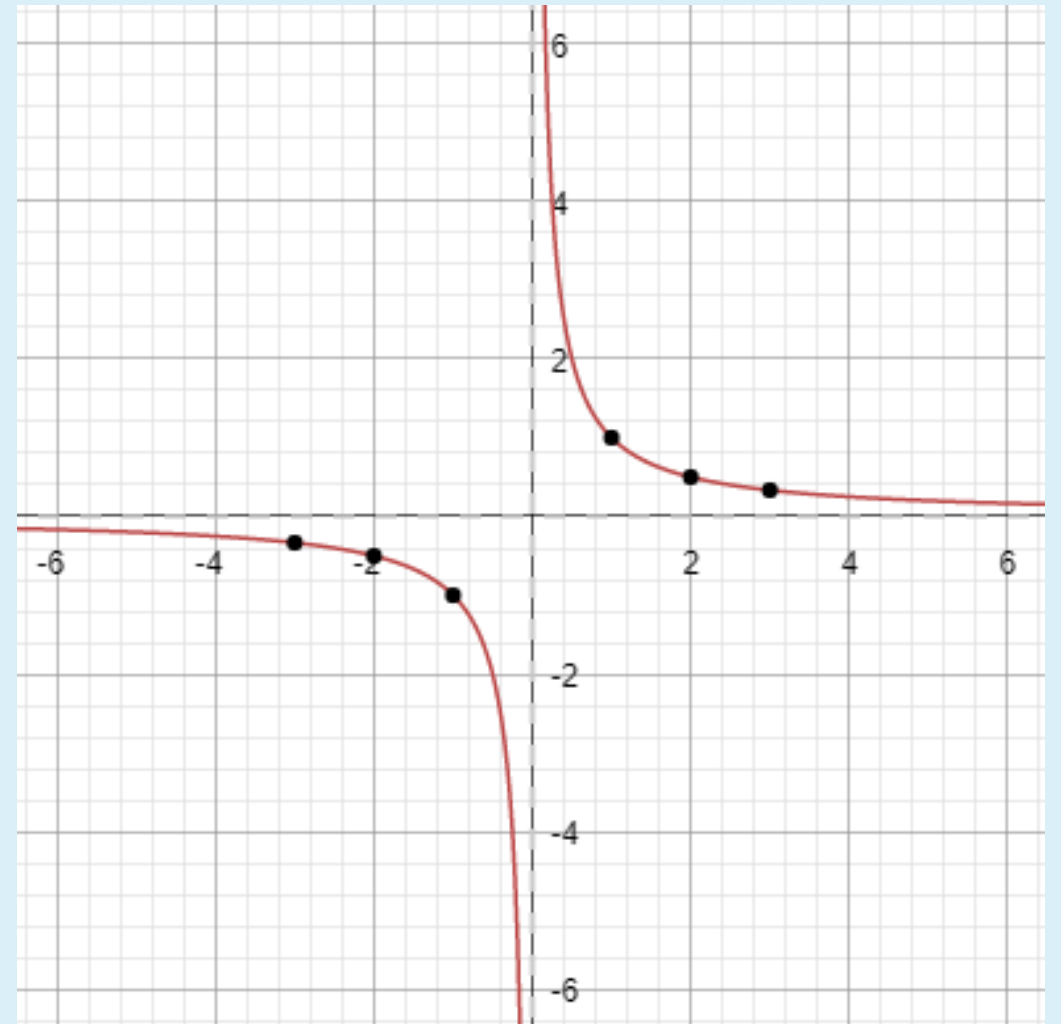
**Example 1:** Let us observe the graph of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  and find the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x}$

as  $x \rightarrow \infty^-$

$x$	$f(x)$
-3	-0.33333
-2	-0.5
-1	-1
-0.5	-2
-0.25	-4
-0.10	-10

as  $x \rightarrow \infty^+$

$x$	$f(x)$
3	0.33333
2	0.5
1	1
0.5	2
0.25	4
0.10	10



### Example 2:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (4x) &= 4 \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \\ &= 4 \cdot \infty\end{aligned}$$

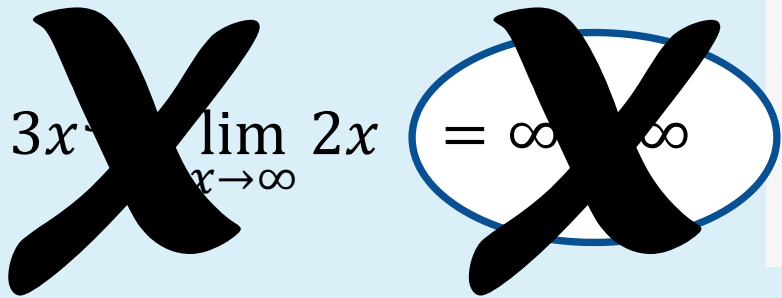
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (4x) = \infty$$

### Example 3:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( 3 + \frac{1}{3^x} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 3 + \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3^x} \\ &= 3 + 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( 3 + \frac{1}{3^x} \right) = 3$$

### Example 4:

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




but we cannot subtract  
infinities!!!

Because infinity is  
not a number.

### Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (3x^3 - 2x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^3 (3 - 2x^{-2}) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^3 \left( 3 - \frac{2}{x^2} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^3 \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( 3 - \frac{2}{x^2} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^3 \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 3 - \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{x^2} \right] \\ &= \infty [3 - 0]\end{aligned}$$

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

Example 5:

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 5x - 3}{2x^4 + 3x^3} = \mathbf{0}$$



# Limits involving Trigonometric Functions

## 4 Basic Limits Properties:

$$(1) \lim_{x \rightarrow p} \sin x = \sin p$$

$$(2) \lim_{x \rightarrow p} \cos x = \cos p$$

$$(3) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

$$(4) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = 0$$

## Example 1:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{\cos x - 3} &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin x}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\cos x - 3)} \\ &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin x}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos x - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 3} \\ &= \frac{\sin 0}{\cos 0 - 3} \\ &= \frac{0}{1 - 3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{\cos x - 3} = \mathbf{0}$$

### Example 2:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin 3x}{3x} = 2 \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{3x} = 2 \cdot 1 = \mathbf{2}$$

### Example 3:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sec x - 1}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{\cos x} - 1}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1 - \cos x}{\cos x}}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{\cos x} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\cos x} \\ &= 0 \cdot \frac{1}{\cos 0} \\ &= 0 \cdot 1 \\ &= \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

$$(1) \lim_{x \rightarrow p} \sin x = \sin p$$

$$(2) \lim_{x \rightarrow p} \cos x = \cos p$$

$$(3) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

$$(4) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = 0$$

### Example 4:

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

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

- (1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} \sin x = \sin p$
- (2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} \cos x = \cos p$
- (3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$
- (4)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = 0$

### Example 5:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{\sin(x+3)}{x^2 + 7x + 12}$$

but for  $x = -3$ , the denominator is 0

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

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

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

$$= 1 \cdot \frac{1}{-3+4} = 1 \cdot 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{\sin(x+3)}{x^2 + 7x + 12} = 1$$

$$(1) \lim_{x \rightarrow p} \sin x = \sin p$$

$$(2) \lim_{x \rightarrow p} \cos x = \cos p$$

$$(3) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

$$(4) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = 0$$

### Practice Task #3: Limits of Algebraic Functions

A. Complete the table of values and give the limit of the given functions.

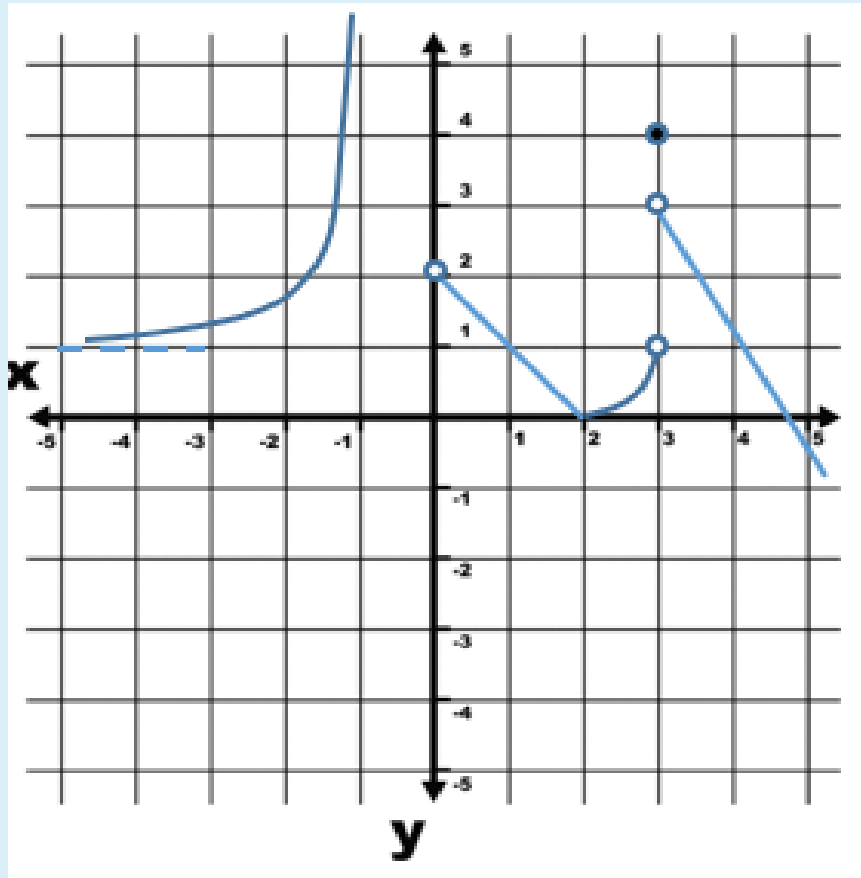
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} (x^2 - 3x + 2) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$x$	$f(x)$
-3	
-2.75	
-2.50	
-2.25	
-2.10	
-2.001	
-2.0001	

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x - 1} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$x$	$f(x)$
2	
1.75	
1.50	
1.25	
1.001	
1.0001	
1.000001	

B. Given the graph of the function  $f(x)$ , fill in the table with the missing values.



a.	$f(0)$	=
b.	$f(2)$	=
c.	$f(3)$	=
d.	$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$	=
e.	$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$	=
f.	$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x)$	=
g.	$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x)$	=

## Home Work #3:

Evaluate the limit of the given functions.

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

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - 25}{x^2 - 4x - 5}$$

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{7x^2 - 4x - 3}{3x^2 - 4x + 1}$$

$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 7} - 3}{x + 3}$$

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

$$(f) \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{\sqrt{x + 4} - 3}{x - 5}$$

$$(g) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x} - 1}{\sqrt{x} - 1}$$

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

## Home Work #3:

$$(i) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (3^{-x} + 2)$$

$$(j) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{9x^2}{x + 2}$$

$$(k) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x^2 - 5}{x^3 - 2x^2 - 1}$$

$$(l) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x^3 - x^2 + 2x)$$

$$(m) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x}{\sin x - 3}$$

$$(n) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{2x}$$

$$(o) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{\sin x}$$

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

$$\text{Hint: } \sin \alpha - \sin \beta = 2 \sin \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}$$