

# Sections 1.1-1.3: Limits

9. For the function  $f$  graphed in the accompanying figure, find
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x)$
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$
  - the vertical asymptotes of the graph of  $f$ .

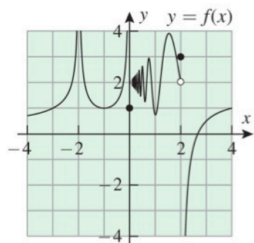


Figure Ex-9

10. For the function  $f$  graphed in the accompanying figure, find
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x)$
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x)$
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$
  - the vertical asymptotes of the graph of  $f$ .

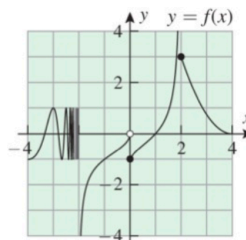


Figure Ex-10

Find the limits.

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

7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x^4 - 1}{x - 1}$

9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 + 6x + 5}{x^2 - 3x - 4}$

13.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 2} \frac{t^3 + 3t^2 - 12t + 4}{t^3 - 4t}$

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

16.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{x}{x - 3}$

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

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

25.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \frac{3 - x}{x^2 - 2x - 8}$

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

29.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{x - 9}{\sqrt{x} - 3}$

31. Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x - 1, & x \leq 3 \\ 3x - 7, & x > 3 \end{cases}$ , find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$ . *JUSTIFY*.

EXAMPLE: Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = b$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = b$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = b$ .

35. **TRUE/FALSE:** If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$  both exist and are equal, then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 1$ . *Justify*.

37. Rationalize the numerator and then find the limit of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+4} - 2}{x}$ .

4. For the function  $G$  graphed in the accompanying figure, find
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} G(x)$
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} G(x)$ .

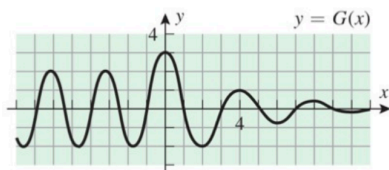


Figure Ex-4

5. Given that:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = 3, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} g(x) = -5, \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} h(x) = 0$$

Find the limits that exist. If the limit does not exist, explain.

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} [f(x) + 3g(x)]$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} [h(x) - 4g(x) + 1]$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} [f(x)g(x)]$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} [g(x)]^2$

Find the limits.

11.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \sqrt{x}$

13.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{3x+1}{2x-5}$

15.  $\lim_{y \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3}{y+4}$

20.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{5-2t^3}{t^2+1}$

23.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \sqrt[3]{\frac{2+3x-5x^2}{1+8x^2}}$

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

31\*.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \sqrt{x^2+3} - x$

35.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{e^x+e^{-x}}{e^x-e^{-x}}$

Evaluate the limit using an appropriate substitution.

59.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln(2x)}{\ln(3x)}$  (Hint:  $t=\ln x$ )

62.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \left(1 + \frac{2}{x}\right)^x$  (Hint:  $t=x/2$ )

66. The population  $p$  of the United States (in millions) in year  $t$  can be modeled by

$$p(t) = \frac{525}{1 + 1.1e^{-0.0222(t-1990)}}$$

- (a) Based on this model, what was the US population in 1990?
- (b) Plot  $p$  versus  $t$  for the 200-year period from 1950 to 2150.
- (c) By evaluating an appropriate limit, show that the graph of  $p$  versus  $t$  has a horizontal asymptote  $p=c$  for an appropriate  $c$ .
- (d) What is the significance of the constant  $c$  in part (c) for the population predicted by this model?