

Calculus Homework Guidelines Regarding Limits:

Ex: Find the limit analytically:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)(1 - \cos(x))}{-2x^2} &= -\frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} \cdot \frac{1 - \cos(x)}{x} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} \right] \cdot \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(x)}{x} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} [1][0] \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow -9} \frac{x^2 + 6x - 27}{x + 9} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -9} \frac{(x + 9)(x - 3)}{x + 9} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -9} x - 3 \\ &= -9 - 3 \\ &= -12\end{aligned}$$

- ✓ All work must be done vertically, aligned at the equals sign.
- ✓ The limit must be written at each step until you can use direct substitution or a special limit property. You must show the substitution so that the second to last step is an expression that no longer has a limit and has no variables.
- ✓ Intermediate steps must be shown, within reason. No “giant leaps” to the correct answer. The use of the properties of limits should be demonstrated within reason.
- ✓ If you want to reason that a limit is $\pm\infty$ because of division by small numbers close to zero, your solution must demonstrate a limit such as :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow k^\pm} \frac{c}{x - k} = \frac{c}{0^\pm}, \text{ provided } c \in \mathbb{R} \text{ } c \neq 0.$$

- ✓ You may not plug in numbers close to the limit and use your calculator to guess at the correct answer. Analytic \leftrightarrow Algebraic.
- ✓ The method you use to achieve your final answer must be correct/valid. Work that so happens to lead to the final result, but does not make sense, will be penalized.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (3x + \sqrt{9x^2 - x}) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x + \sqrt{9x^2 - x}}{1} \cdot \frac{3x - \sqrt{9x^2 - x}}{3x - \sqrt{9x^2 - x}} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{9x^2 - (9x^2 - x)}{3x - \sqrt{9x^2 - x}} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{3x - \sqrt{9x^2 - x}} \\
 &\downarrow \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{3x - \sqrt{9x^2}} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{3x - 3|x|} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{3x - 3(-x)} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{6x} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{6} \quad |x| = \begin{cases} -x & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases} \\
 &= \frac{1}{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{s+1}} - 1}{s} &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{s+1}} - \frac{\sqrt{s+1}}{\sqrt{s+1}}}{s} \\
 &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1 - \sqrt{s+1}}{\sqrt{s+1}}}{s} \\
 &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \sqrt{s+1}}{s\sqrt{s+1}} \\
 &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \sqrt{s+1}}{s\sqrt{s+1}} \cdot \frac{1 + \sqrt{s+1}}{1 + \sqrt{s+1}} \\
 &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - (s+1)}{s\sqrt{s+1}(1 + \sqrt{s+1})} \\
 &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{-s}{s\sqrt{s+1}(1 + \sqrt{s+1})} \\
 &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{s+1}(1 + \sqrt{s+1})} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(\theta) \tan(\theta)}{\theta} &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(\theta) \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\cos(\theta)}}{\theta} \\
 &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\theta} \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Use the following information to evaluate the limits:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = 2 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)g(x)] &= \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \right] \cdot \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) \right] \\
 &= (2) \left(\frac{3}{4} \right) \\
 &= \frac{3}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left[4f(x) + 3[g(x)]^2 \right] &= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} [4f(x)] + \lim_{x \rightarrow c} [3[g(x)]^2] \\
 &= 4 \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) + 3 \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow c} [g(x)]^2 \\
 &= 4 \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) + 3 \cdot \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) \right]^2 \\
 &= 4 \cdot (2) + 3 \cdot \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^2 \\
 &= 8 + \frac{9}{16} \\
 &= \frac{137}{16}
 \end{aligned}$$