

Finite limits, properties of limits

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Here are some key ideas from sections 2.3 and 2.4.

- We write $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ to mean the function $f(x)$ approaches _____ as x approaches _____.
- If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$, then $f(x)$ [has to/might not] equal L .
- We write $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = L$ to mean $f(x)$ approaches L from _____.
Likewise, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = L$ means $f(x)$ approaches L from _____.
- The line $x = a$ is a vertical asymptote if
- If $f(x) \leq g(x)$ when x is near a , and if the limits both exist as x approaches a , then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ _____ $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$.
- **Squeeze theorem:** If $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$ when x is near a , and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = L$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) =$ _____.
- Important limit that you should know: $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} =$ _____.

Midterm practice:

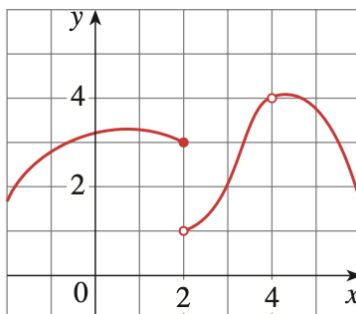
- (a) For what values of m are the vectors $[-6, m, 2]$ and $[m, m^2, m]$ orthogonal?
- (b) Find two unit vectors that make an angle of 60° with $\mathbf{v} = [3, 4]$.

My Attempt:

Solution:

Problem 1: (Stewart 2.3) For the given graph of the function f , state the value of each quantity if it exists. If it does not, explain why.

- a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$ b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$ c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ d) $f(2)$ e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x)$ f) $f(4)$



My Attempt:

Solution:

Problem 2: (Stewart 2.3) Determine

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

Hint: plug in values to see which infinity it approaches.

My Attempt:

Solution:

Problem 3: (Stewart 2.3) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \ln(x^2 - 9)$.

My Attempt:

Solution:

Problem 4: (Stewart 2.3) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2\pi^-} x \csc x$. *Hint: $\csc(x)$ is the cosecant function, which is $1/\sin(x)$.*

My Attempt:

Solution:

Problem 5: (Stewart 2.4) Find

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

My Attempt:

Solution:

Problem 6: (Stewart 2.4) Evaluate

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{t\sqrt{1+t}} - \frac{1}{t} \right).$$

My Attempt:

Solution:

Problem 7: (Stewart 2.4) Find

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 4x}{\sin 6x}.$$

My Attempt:

Solution:

Challenge problem: (Stewart 2.4) Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^4 \cos \frac{2}{x} = 0$.