

Written Assignment 2
Due Tuesday, October 9th

1. In Chapter 2.3, do problems

- (a) #2
- (b) #4
- (c) #6
- (d) #8
- (e) #10.

2. For the following, graph a function $f(t)$ satisfying all of these given conditions.

(a) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} f(t) = -1$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f(t) = 2$, $f(0) = 1$

(b) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = 1$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow 3^-} f(t) = -2$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow 3^+} f(t) = 2$, $f(0) = -1$, $f(3) = -2$.

3. Compute the following limits algebraically.

(a) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 5} \frac{t^2 - 6t + 5}{t - 5}$

(b) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+t} - 1}{t}$. (Hint: multiply the top and bottom of the fraction by the quantity $\sqrt{1+t} + 1$. This is called “rationalizing” or “conjugating.”)

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{x}}{4 + x}$. (Hint: add the fractions and simplify first)

4. Write, in your own words, what it means for a function f to be continuous everywhere.

5. This problem shows you why numerical methods are not always reliable. We will investigate the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 4} - 2}{x^2}$.

- (a) Try to evaluate this limit by “cheating,” meaning plug in $x = 0.00000001$ (at least seven zeros).
- (b) Now evaluate the limit with the correct procedure and obtain the correct value of this limit.