

Calculating a Limit by Multiplying by a Conjugate

Conjugate: $a+b \leftrightarrow a-b$ multiply with sign's being reversed

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} \frac{\sqrt{x+2} - 3}{x-7} = 6$$

Multiply the expression by numerator's conjugate

$$\frac{(\sqrt{x+2} - 3) \cdot (\sqrt{x+2} + 3)}{(x-7)(\sqrt{x+2} + 3)}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{x^2+4} + 3\sqrt{x+2} - 3\sqrt{x+2} - 9}{(x-7)(\sqrt{x+2} + 3)}$$

$$\frac{x+2-9}{(x-7)(\sqrt{x+2} + 3)}$$

$$\frac{(x-7)}{(x-7)(\sqrt{x+2} + 3)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 7}$$

$$\frac{1}{(\sqrt{x+2} + 3)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{7+2} + 3}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{9} + 3}$$

$$\frac{1}{3+3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 7}$$

$$\frac{1}{6}$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x+15} - 4}{x-1} = \left(\frac{1}{8} \right)$$

$$\frac{(\sqrt{x+15} - 4)}{(x-1)} \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{x+15} + 4)}{(\sqrt{x+15} + 4)}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 225} + 4\sqrt{x+15} - 4\sqrt{x+15} - 16}{(x-1)(\sqrt{x+15} + 4)}$$

$$\frac{x + 15 - 16}{(x-1)(\sqrt{x+15} + 4)}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{x} - 1}{(\cancel{x} - 1)(\sqrt{x+15} + 4)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+15} + 4}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{x+15} + 4$$

$$\frac{1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{x+15} + \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 4} = \left(\frac{1}{8} \right)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{x+15} + \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 4$$

$$\sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x + 15} + 4$$

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$$\sqrt{1 + 15}$$

$$\sqrt{16} + 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4 + 4 \\ = \\ 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x+8} - 3}{x-1}$$

$$\frac{(\sqrt{x+8} - 3) \cdot (\sqrt{x+8} + 3)}{(x-1)(\sqrt{x+8} + 3)}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 64} + 3\sqrt{x+8} - 3\sqrt{x+8} - 9}{x\sqrt{x+8} + 3x - 1\sqrt{x+8} - 3}$$

$$\frac{x+8-9}{x\sqrt{x+8} + 3x - 1\sqrt{x+8} - 3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-1}{x\sqrt{x+8} + 3x - 1\sqrt{x+8} - 3}$$

$$\frac{1-1}{1\sqrt{1+8} + 3(1) - 1\sqrt{1+8} - 3}$$

0

$$\frac{\cancel{x-1}}{(\cancel{x-1})(\sqrt{x+8} + 3)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+8} + 3}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+8} + 3}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{9} + 3}$$

$$\frac{1}{3+3}$$

$$\frac{1}{6}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x+8} - 3}{x-1}$$

$$\frac{(\sqrt{x+8} - 3) \cdot (\sqrt{x+8} + 3)}{(x-1)(\sqrt{x+8} + 3)}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 64} + 3\sqrt{x+8} - 3\sqrt{x+8} - 9}{x\sqrt{x+8} + 3x - 1\sqrt{x+8} - 3}$$

$$\frac{x+8-9}{x\sqrt{x+8} + 3x - 1\sqrt{x+8} - 3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+25} - 5}{x} = 1/10$$

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$$\frac{(\sqrt{x+25} - 5)}{x} \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{x+25} + 5)}{(\sqrt{x+25} + 5)}$$

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$$\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 625} + 5\sqrt{x+25} - 5\sqrt{x+25} - 25}{x\sqrt{x+25} + 5x}$$

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$$\frac{x + 25 - 25}{x\sqrt{x+25} + 5x}$$

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$$\frac{x}{x\sqrt{x+25} + 5x}$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+25} + 5x}$$

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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{0+25} + 5(0)}$$

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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{25} + 5}$$

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$$\frac{1}{5+5}$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{10}$$

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$$\frac{1}{10}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+4} - 2}{x}$$

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$$\frac{(\sqrt{x+4} - 2) \cdot (\sqrt{x+4} + 2)}{x(\sqrt{x+4} + 2)}$$

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$$\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 16} + 2\sqrt{x+4} - 2\sqrt{x+4} - 4}{x\sqrt{x+4} + 2x}$$

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$$\frac{x + 4 - 4}{x\sqrt{x+4} + 2x}$$

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$$\frac{\cancel{x}}{\cancel{x}\sqrt{x+4} + 2x}$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+4} + 2x}$$

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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{0+4} + 2(0)}$$

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$$\frac{1}{4+0}$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{4}$$

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$$\left(\frac{1}{4} \right)$$