

Bell Work

Graph then state the domain, range, x-intercept, y-intercept, vertical and horizontal asymptotes, holes. If an item does not exist, write 'none'

$$y = \frac{x^2 - 25}{x - 5}$$

Follow up question...


How would this change if we had:

$$y = \frac{x - 5}{x^2 - 25}$$



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Day 71



12.1 Limits an Intro to Calculus

- **Objective:** Use definition of limits to determine if limits exist and evaluate them

Definition of Limit

If $f(x)$ becomes arbitrarily close to a unique number L as x *approaches c from either side*,
the limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches c is L .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$$

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■ Example 1: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (3x - 2)$

■ x | 1.9 1.99 1.999 2.0 2.001 2.01 2.1

■ $f(x)$ |

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Example 1: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (3x - 2)$

x	1.9	1.99	1.999	2.0	2.001	2.01	2.1
f(x)	3.7	3.97	3.997	_____	4.003	4.03	4.3

Two sets (one from both the left and the right) of x-values approach 4...

Example 1 Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (3x - 2) = 4$$

* Note: You can find the limit with direct substitution $3(2) - 2 = 4$ *

Example 2: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{x^2-4}$

x	 	1.9	1.99	1.999	2.0	2.001	2.01	2.1
f(x)	 							

Example 2: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{x^2-4}$

x	 	1.9	1.99	1.999	2.0	2.001	2.01	2.1
f(x)	 	.2564	.2506	.25006	_____	.2499	.2493	.2439

Example 2 Solution

Two sets (one from both the left and the right) of x-values approach 0.25...

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{x^2-4} = 0.25$$

Even though $x=2$ is undefined we say the limit as x approaches 2 is 0.25

Example 3: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x+3}{x^2-9} = \frac{x+3}{(x+3)(x-3)}$

<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>2.99</u>	<u>2.999</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>3.0001</u>	<u>3.01</u>	<u>3.1</u>
f(x)		-10	-100	-1000	_____	1000	100	10

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x+3}{x^2-9}$ does not exist...

Because $f(x)$ is not approaching a unique number L as x approaches 3 we can conclude that this limit does not exist.

Additional Note on Example 3

Note: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x+3}{x^2-9} = -0.17$

Therefore, a hole exists at -3
and a vertical asymptote at 3

For next time...

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