

Warm up: Find the following, does not exist or ∞ are fine.

a) $0 \cdot 0 = ?$

h) $(-1) \cdot \infty = ?$

b) $\frac{0}{0} = ?$

i) $1^0 = ?$

c) $0 + 1 = ?$

j) $0^1 = ?$

d) $1 \cdot \infty = ?$

k) $0^0 = ?$

e) $0 \cdot \infty = ?$

l) $1^\infty = ?$

f) $\infty + 1 = ?$

m) $2^\infty = ?$

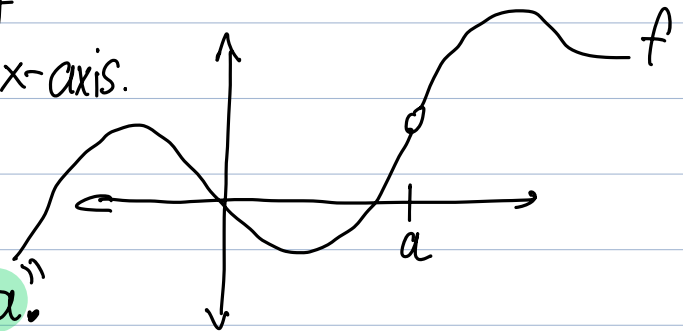
g) $\infty - \infty = ?$

n) $0^\infty = ?$

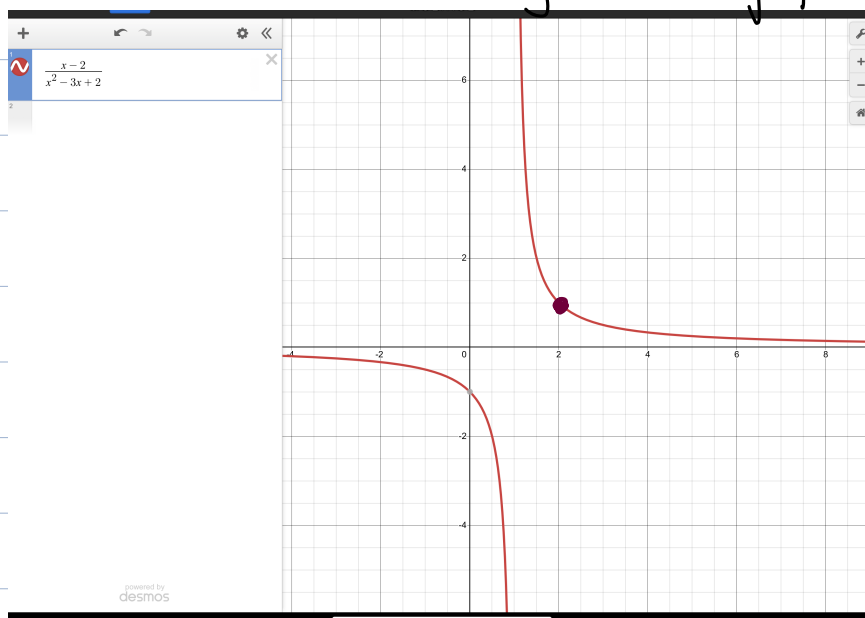
Definitions: Given a function f
and a point a on the x -axis.
there's $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ read

as the

"limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches a ."



For example: Take $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x^2-3x+2}$. $f(2) = \frac{2-2}{2^2-3 \cdot 2+2} = \frac{0}{0}$
which is undefined. But looking at the graph



We see that near 2, $f(x)$ is about 1 so
we should expect $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 1$. Indeed, $\frac{x-2}{x^2-3x+2} = \frac{x-2}{x-2} \cdot \frac{1}{x-1}$

so as long as x is not 2, $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x-2} \cdot \frac{1}{x-1} = \frac{1}{x-1}$
which means $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{x-1} = \frac{1}{2-1} = 1$.

In the last part of the example, I substituted 2 into $\frac{1}{x-1}$ to say $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{x-1} = \frac{1}{2-1}$. You can only do this when a function is "continuous" at a point. Formally a function f is continuous at a if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$. If f is continuous at every point we say f is continuous. Continuous roughly means the function can be drawn without lifting your pencil.

One sided limits

Limits to infinity:

Example the sign function. • sgn

- Projects:
- Interpreting $\frac{0}{0}$: $\frac{x}{x}$, $\frac{2x}{x}$, $\frac{x^2}{x}$, $\frac{x}{x^3}$, $\frac{x}{\sqrt{x}}$, $\frac{\sqrt{x}}{x}$, $\frac{\sin(x)}{x}$
 - Finding limits of type $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ where f and g are polynomials.
 - Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$. Hint: the unit circle
 - The δ - ϵ definition of the limit:
 - check x^2 is continuous at 2 i.e. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^2 = 4$

* Using the δ - ϵ definition to prove limit identities,
• scaling • addition • multiplying • composing

- Failure of continuity: look up
jump discontinuity, removable discontinuity, and
essential discontinuity.

Find examples

- Horizontal Asymptotes.

— classify $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ for f, g polynomials.