

Exercise 1 A student's attempt to evaluate the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (3x^2 - 1)$ using limit laws is recorded below. From one line to the next, only one limit law should be utilized. Which of the following options best describes the student's work?

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (3x^2 - 1) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (3x^2) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (-1) \\ &= 3 \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (-1) \\ &= 3 \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x) \right)^2 + \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (-1) \\ &= 3(2)^2 + (-1) \\ &= 11\end{aligned}$$

Multiple Choice:

- (a) The work is perfect ✓
- (b) The answer is correct, but the student skipped some steps, or made a mistake along the way
- (c) The answer is incorrect

Feedback(attempt): This work is completely correct. You should be able to reproduce such a sequence of steps, even though you know that for polynomial functions it is sufficient to just evaluate the function at the limit point to get the limit (i.e. polynomial functions are “continuous”).