

2.3 Hw Solutions

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Question 1:

a. We can solve this by using laws 1 and 3)

Solution:



$$\begin{aligned}1 + 4 \cdot (-5) \\ = -19.\end{aligned}$$

b.) We can solve this by using law no. 6

$$\begin{aligned}-5^3 \\ = -125.\end{aligned}$$

c.) Law no. 11

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{1} \\ = 1.\end{aligned}$$

d.) Laws 3 and 5

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{5(1)}{-5} \\ = -1.\end{aligned}$$

e.) Law no. 5

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{5}{0} \\ = DNE.\end{aligned}$$

f.) Laws 4 and 5

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{5(0)}{1} \\ = 0.\end{aligned}$$

Question 2:

Solution:



Plug in 12 for x:

$$\begin{aligned} 8 - \frac{1}{3}(12) \\ = 4. \end{aligned}$$

Question 3:

Solution:



If we plug in -3 into the denominator, we get 0, so we must factor

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

Cancel out common factors:

$$\frac{x}{x-7}.$$

Plug -3 into new equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-3}{-3-7} \\ = \frac{3}{10}. \end{aligned}$$

Question 4:

Solution:



2 is not in the domain and the numerator cannot be factored, So DNE

Question 5:

Solution:



If we plug in -4 into the denominator, we get 0, so we must factor the equation and simplify, we can factor the denominator by using sum of squares.

Sum of Squares:

$$(a^3 + b^3) = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2).$$

So the denominator turns into:

$$(u + 4)(u^2 - 4u + 16).$$

With this, we get the equation:

$$\frac{u+4}{(u+4)(u^2-4u+16)}.$$

now we can cancel out (u+4) and get the new equation:

$$\frac{1}{u^2-4u+16}.$$

with this equation, we can plug in -4 and get our limit:

So:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(-4)^2-4(-4)+16} \\ = \frac{1}{48}. \end{aligned}$$

Question 6:

Solution:

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We can see that if we plug in 0 to the denominator, we get 0, Therefore it is not in the domain and we must factor and simplify.

If we distribute out the first portion of the numerator, we get

$$h^2 - 16h + 64 - 64.$$

So altogether we have:

$$\frac{h^2 - 16h}{h}.$$

Which can be further simplified to:

$$\frac{h(h-16)}{h}.$$

Furthermore, we can cancel out the common factor h and we are left with:

$$h - 16.$$

Now we can plug in 0 to this new equation and we are just left with our limit which is **-16**

Question 7:

Solution:



First multiply the numerator and denominator by the conjugate.

$$\frac{2-x}{\sqrt{x+2}-2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x+2}+2}{\sqrt{x+2}+2}.$$

This gives us:

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

The denominator can be rewritten as:

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

Now we want to cancel out the common terms of $x-2$, but first we need to **algebraically rewrite 2-x as x-2**

$$\begin{aligned} 2-x &= -1(-2) - x \\ \text{turn 2 into } -1 \cdot -2 & \\ &= -1(-2) - (x) \\ \text{factor -1 out of } x &= -1(-2+x) \\ \text{Factor -1 out of } -1(-2)-(x) &= -1(x-2) \\ &\text{reorder term.} \end{aligned}$$

Now we have

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

Cancel out the common factor $x-2$

$$-1(\sqrt{x+2}+2).$$

distribute the -1

$$-\sqrt{x+2}-2.$$

Now we can plug 2 into this equation and get:

$$\begin{aligned} -\sqrt{4}-2 \\ = -4. \end{aligned}$$

Question 8:

Solution:



First we must simplify the numerator, so first multiply to get a common denominator on both sides.

$$\frac{1}{(x+4)^2} \cdot \frac{x^2}{x^2}.$$

And:

$$\frac{1}{x^2} \cdot \frac{(x+h)^2}{(x+h)^2}.$$

After this we get:

$$\frac{x^2}{x^2 (x+h)^2} - \frac{(x+h)^2}{x^2 (x+h)^2}.$$

Now that they have common denominators, we can subtract them and get:

$$\frac{x^2 - (x+h)^2}{x^2 (x+h)^2}.$$

Now we use the difference of squares formula to simplify the numerator

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b).$$

Where $a = x^2$ and $b = (x+h)^2$

So:

$$(x+x+h)(x-(x+h)).$$

simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} (2x+h)(x-x-h) \\ &= (2x+h) - h \\ &= -(2x+h)h. \end{aligned}$$

now that the numerator is simplified our equation looks like:

$$-\frac{(2x+h)h}{x^2(x+h)^2}.$$

Now we can multiply by the reciprocal, which cancels out the h on top and leaves us with:

$$-\frac{(2x+h)}{x^2(x+h)^2}.$$

and now if we plug in 0 for h we get

$$-\frac{2}{x^3}.$$

Question 11:

Solution:

