

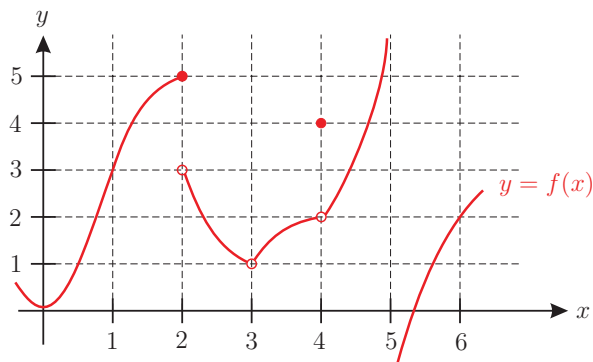
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The Limit of a Function (函數的極限)

- Find the values and limits of the function $f(x)$ given below at $a = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$.



Solution [註：本解答僅提示重點，請自行補足細節流程。]

1. (a) $f(1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 3$
(b) $f(2) = 5$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ does not exist.
(c) $f(3)$ is undefined and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 1$
(d) $f(4) = 4$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = 2$
(e) $f(5)$ is undefined and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x)$ does not exist.
(f) $f(6) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 6} f(x) = 2$



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Basic Formulas for Limits (極限的運算公式)

1. Suppose that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 3$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x) = -1$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} h(x) = 5$.

Evaluate the following limits.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [2f(x) + 5g(x)]$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [f(x)]^3$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \sqrt{h(x) - 4g(x)}$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{f(x)g(x)}{[h(x)]^2}$

2. Find the following limits.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x^3 + 4x - 2)$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{4x+3}}{x^2 + x + 1}$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x^2 - x - 6}$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2 - 2x - 8}{x^2 + 3x + 2}$

(e) $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+h)^3 - 8}{h}$

(f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x} - 2}{x - 8}$

(g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 3}{x - 9}$

(h) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 16} - 4}{x^2}$

(i) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t^2}{\sqrt{t^2 + 9} - 3}$

3. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x) - 5}{x - 1} = 8$, find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$.

4. Find the number c such that $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{3x^2 + cx + c + 3}{x^2 + x - 2}$ exists and evaluate this limit.

Solution [註：本解答僅提示重點，請自行補足細節流程。]

1. (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [2f(x) + 5g(x)] = 2 \times 3 + 5 \times (-1) = 1$
 (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [f(x)]^3 = 3^3 = 27$
 (c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \sqrt{h(x) - 4g(x)} = \sqrt{5 - 4 \times (-1)} = 3$
 (d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{f(x)g(x)}{[h(x)]^2} = \frac{3 \times (-1)}{5^2} = -\frac{3}{25}$
2. (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x^3 + 4x - 2) = (-1)^3 + 4 \times (-1) - 2 = -7$
 (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{4x+3}}{x^2+x+1} = \frac{\sqrt{4 \times 2+3}}{2^2+2+1} = \frac{\sqrt{11}}{7}$
 (c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2-2x-3}{x^2-x-6} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x+1)(x-3)}{(x+2)(x-3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x+1}{x+2} = \frac{4}{5}$
 (d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2-2x-8}{x^2+3x+2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{(x+2)(x-4)}{(x+2)(x+1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x-4}{x+1} = 6$
 (e) $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+h)^3-8}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(12+6h+h^2)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (12+6h+h^2) = 12$
 (f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x}-2}{x-8} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{(\sqrt[3]{x}-2)(\sqrt[3]{x^2}+2\sqrt[3]{x}+4)}{(x-8)(\sqrt[3]{x^2}+2\sqrt[3]{x}+4)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{x-8}{(x-8)(\sqrt[3]{x^2}+2\sqrt[3]{x}+4)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}+2\sqrt[3]{x}+4} = \frac{1}{12}$
 (g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{\sqrt{x}-3}{x-9} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{(\sqrt{x}-3)(\sqrt{x}+3)}{(x-9)(\sqrt{x}+3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{x-9}{(x-9)(\sqrt{x}+3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}+3} = \frac{1}{6}$
 (h) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x^2+16}-4}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{x^2+16}-4)(\sqrt{x^2+16}+4)}{x^2(\sqrt{x^2+16}+4)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{x^2(\sqrt{x^2+16}+4)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+16}+4} = \frac{1}{8}$
 (i) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t^2}{\sqrt{t^2+9}-3} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t^2(\sqrt{t^2+9}+3)}{(\sqrt{t^2+9}-3)(\sqrt{t^2+9}+3)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t^2(\sqrt{t^2+9}+3)}{t^2} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (\sqrt{t^2+9}+3) = 6$

$$\begin{aligned}
3. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left[\frac{f(x) - 5}{x - 1} \times (x - 1) + 5 \right] \\
&= \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x) - 5}{x - 1} \right) \times \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x - 1) \right) + \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 5 \right) = 8 \times 0 + 5 = 5
\end{aligned}$$

$$4. \text{ Suppose } \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{3x^2 + cx + c + 3}{x^2 + x - 2} = L. \text{ We have that}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (3x^2 + cx + c + 3) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \left(\frac{3x^2 + cx + c + 3}{x^2 + x - 2} \times (x^2 + x - 2) \right) \\
&= \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{3x^2 + cx + c + 3}{x^2 + x - 2} \right) \times \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (x^2 + x - 2) \right) = L \times 0 = 0 \\
\implies 3 \times (-2)^2 + c \times (-2) + c + 3 &= 15 - c = 0 \implies c = 15
\end{aligned}$$

In addition,

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{3x^2 + cx + c + 3}{x^2 + x - 2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{3x^2 + 15x + 18}{x^2 + x - 2} \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{3(x + 3)(x + 2)}{(x - 1)(x + 2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{3(x + 3)}{(x - 1)} = -1
\end{aligned}$$



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The Squeeze Theorem (夾擠定理)

1. Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^4 \cos \frac{1}{x^2}$.
2. If $8x - 9 \leq f(x) \leq 4x^2 - 8x + 7$ for $x \geq 0$, find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$.
3. Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ if

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \text{ is a rational number (有理數),} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is an irrational number (無理數).} \end{cases}$$

Solution [註：本解答僅提示重點，請自行補足細節流程。]

1. \because For $x \neq 0$, $-1 \leq \cos \frac{1}{x^2} \leq 1 \implies -x^4 \leq x^4 \cos \frac{1}{x^2} \leq x^4$.

In addition, we have $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (-x^4) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^4 = 0$.

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^4 \cos \frac{1}{x^2} = 0$ by the squeeze theorem.

2. $\because 8x - 9 \leq f(x) \leq 4x^2 - 8x + 7$ for $x \geq 0$ and

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (8x - 9) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (4x^2 - 8x + 7) = 7$.

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 7$ by the squeeze theorem.

3. $\because 0 \leq f(x) \leq x^2$ for all real number x and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 = 0$.

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$ by the squeeze theorem.

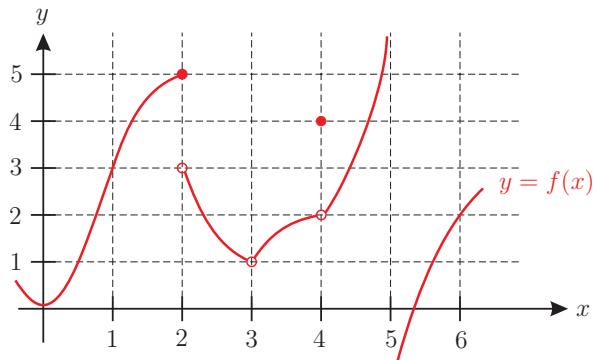
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One-Sided Limits (單邊極限)

1. Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ when $a = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$.



2. Find the following limits.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \llbracket x \rrbracket$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \llbracket x \rrbracket$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \llbracket x \rrbracket$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} x \llbracket x \rrbracket$

(e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\llbracket x \rrbracket}{x}$

(f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x|}{x}$

(g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{|x - 2|}$

3. Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x)$ if $g(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^2 + x - 2 & \text{if } x < 1, \\ x^2 - 2x + 3 & \text{if } x \geq 1. \end{cases}$

4. If $-x^2 + 4x - 3 \leq f(x) \leq x^2 - 2x + 1$ for $x > 2$, find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$.

Solution [註：本解答僅提示重點，請自行補足細節流程。]

1. (a) $\begin{cases} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 3 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = 3 \end{cases} \implies \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 3$
 - (b) $\begin{cases} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 5 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 3 \end{cases} \implies \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) \text{ does not exist.}$
 - (c) $\begin{cases} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = 1 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = 1 \end{cases} \implies \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 1$
 - (d) $\begin{cases} \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x) = 2 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x) = 2 \end{cases} \implies \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = 2$
 - (e) $\begin{cases} \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) \text{ does not exist.} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) \text{ does not exist.} \end{cases} \implies \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x) \text{ does not exist.}$
 - (f) $\begin{cases} \lim_{x \rightarrow 6^-} f(x) = 2 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 6^+} f(x) = 2 \end{cases} \implies \lim_{x \rightarrow 6} f(x) = 2$
2. (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \llbracket x \rrbracket = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} 3 = 3$
 - (b) $\because \begin{cases} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \llbracket x \rrbracket = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 0 = 0 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \llbracket x \rrbracket = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 1 = 1 \end{cases} \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \llbracket x \rrbracket \text{ does not exist.}$
 - (c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \llbracket x \rrbracket = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} 3 = 3$
 - (d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} x \llbracket x \rrbracket = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} x \cdot 2 = 6$
 - (e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\llbracket x \rrbracket}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{0}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} 0 = 0$
 - (f) $\because \begin{cases} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|x|}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{(-x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (-1) = -1 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|x|}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} 1 = 1 \end{cases}$
 $\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x|}{x} \text{ does not exist.}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(g)} \quad & \therefore \begin{cases} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{|x - 2|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{(x - 2)(x + 1)}{-(x - 2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} (-(x + 1)) = -3 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{|x - 2|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{(x - 2)(x + 1)}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (x + 1) = 3 \end{cases} \\
& \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{|x - 2|} \text{ does not exist.}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
3. \quad & \therefore \begin{cases} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (3x^2 + x - 2) = 2 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (x^2 - 2x + 3) = 2 \end{cases} \\
& \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) = 2.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
4. \quad & \therefore -x^2 + 4x - 3 \leq f(x) \leq x^2 - 2x + 1 \text{ for } x > 2 \text{ and} \\
& \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (-x^2 + 4x - 3) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (x^2 - 2x + 1) = 1. \\
& \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 1 \text{ by the squeeze theorem.}
\end{aligned}$$



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Two Important Limits (重要的極限公式)

1. Find the following limits.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(5x)}{4x}$

(b) $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(6\theta)}{\sin(2\theta)}$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x^2)}{x}$

(d) $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(3\theta)}{\sin(2\theta)}$

(e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(3x)}{\tan(5x)}$

(f) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(4t) - 1}{3t}$

Solution [註：本解答僅提示重點，請自行補足細節流程。]

1. (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(5x)}{4x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin(5x)}{5x} \times \frac{5}{4} \right) = 1 \times \frac{5}{4} = \frac{5}{4}$
- (b) $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(6\theta)}{\sin(2\theta)} = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin(6\theta)}{6\theta} \times \frac{2\theta}{\sin(2\theta)} \times \frac{6}{2} \right) = 1 \times 1 \times 3 = 3$
- (c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x^2)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin(x^2)}{x^2} \times x \right) = 1 \times 0 = 0$
- (d) $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(3\theta)}{\sin(2\theta)} = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\left(\frac{\sin(3\theta)}{\cos(3\theta)} \right)}{\sin(2\theta)} \right) = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin(3\theta)}{3\theta} \times \frac{2\theta}{\sin(2\theta)} \times \frac{1}{\cos(3\theta)} \times \frac{3}{2} \right)$
 $= 1 \times 1 \times 1 \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$
- (e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(3x)}{\tan(5x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{\sin(3x)}{\cos(3x)} \right)}{\left(\frac{\sin(5x)}{\cos(5x)} \right)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin(3x)}{3x} \times \frac{5x}{\sin(5x)} \times \frac{\cos(5x)}{\cos(3x)} \times \frac{3}{5} \right)$
 $= 1 \times 1 \times 1 \times \frac{3}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$
- (f) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(4t) - 1}{3t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\cos(4t) - 1}{4t} \times \frac{4}{3} \right) = 0 \times \frac{4}{3} = 0$



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Infinite Limits and Vertical Asymptotes (無窮大的極限值與鉛直漸近線)

1. Find the following limits.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{2x}{x-4}$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{x-5}{x-3}$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{x+4}{x+1}$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x-3}{x^2+x-2}$

(e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x^2-4x+4}{x^2-x-2}$

(f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x+2}{x^2-2x+1}$

(g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \frac{x^2+2x-3}{x^2+3x+2}$

(h) $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \tan \theta$

(i) $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^+} \tan \theta$

2. Find the vertical asymptote(s) of the curve $y = \frac{x+1}{x^2+x-6}$.

Solution [註：本解答僅提示重點，請自行補足細節流程。]

1. (a) $\because x - 4 > 0$ for $x > 4$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} (x - 4) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} (2x) = 8$.
 $\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{2x}{x - 4} = \infty$
 - (b) $\because x - 3 < 0$ for $x < 3$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} (x - 3) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} (x - 5) = -2$.
 $\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{x - 5}{x - 3} = \infty$
 - (c) $\because x + 1 < 0$ for $x < -1$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} (x + 1) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} (x + 4) = 3$.
 $\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{x + 4}{x + 1} = -\infty$
 - (d) $\because x^2 + x - 2 = (x - 1)(x + 2) > 0$ for $x > 1$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (x^2 + x - 2) = 0$
and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (x - 3) = -2$.
 $\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x - 3}{x^2 + x - 2} = -\infty$
 - (e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x^2 - 4x + 4}{x^2 - x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{(x - 2)^2}{(x + 1)(x - 2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x - 2}{x + 1} = 0$
 - (f) $\because x^2 - 2x + 1 = (x - 1)^2 > 0$ for $x \neq 1$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^2 - 2x + 1) = 0$
and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x + 2) = 3$.
 $\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x + 2}{x^2 - 2x + 1} = \infty$
 - (g) $\because x^2 + 3x + 2 = (x + 2)(x + 1) < 0$ for $-2 < x < -1$,
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} (x^2 + 3x + 2) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} (x^2 + 2x - 3) = -3$.
 $\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 3}{x^2 + 3x + 2} = \infty$
 - (h) $\because \cos \theta > 0$ for $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \cos \theta = 0$ and $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \sin \theta = 1$.
 $\therefore \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \tan \theta = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \infty$
 - (i) $\because \cos \theta < 0$ for $\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \pi$, $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^+} \cos \theta = 0$ and $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^+} \sin \theta = 1$.
 $\therefore \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^+} \tan \theta = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^+} \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = -\infty$
2. Since $x^2 + x - 6 = 0 \implies (x + 3)(x - 2) = 0$, we conclude that the vertical asymptotes may be $x = -3$ or $x = 2$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(i)} \quad & \because \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} \frac{x+1}{x^2+x-6} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} \frac{x+1}{(x+3)(x-2)} = \infty \\
& \left(\text{or } \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \frac{x+1}{x^2+x-6} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \frac{x+1}{(x+3)(x-2)} = -\infty \right) \\
& \therefore x = -3 \text{ is a vertical asymptote.}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(ii)} \quad & \because \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x+1}{x^2+x-6} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x+1}{(x+3)(x-2)} = \infty \\
& \left(\text{or } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x+1}{x^2+x-6} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x+1}{(x+3)(x-2)} = -\infty \right) \\
& \therefore x = 2 \text{ is a vertical asymptote.}
\end{aligned}$$

From (i) and (ii), the vertical asymptotes are $x = -3$ and $x = 2$.



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Limits at Infinity and Horizontal Asymptotes (無窮遠處的極限與水平漸近線)

1. Find the following limits.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4x^2 + 2x + 3}{5x^2 - x + 4}$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x^3 - x^2 + 5}{x^3 + 3x + 1}$$

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6x + 5}{7x^2 + 4x + 3}$$

$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 - x + 1}{3x^2 + 2}$$

$$(e) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 5}}$$

$$(f) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + 1} - x)$$

$$(g) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \sin \frac{1}{x}$$

$$(h) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

2. Find the horizontal and vertical asymptotes of the following curves.

$$(a) y = \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 - x - 2}$$

$$(b) y = \frac{x + 3}{\sqrt{4x^2 + 2x + 1}}$$

Solution [註：本解答僅提示重點，請自行補足細節流程。]

1. (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4x^2 + 2x + 3}{5x^2 - x + 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4 + \frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{x^2}}{5 - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{4}{x^2}} = \frac{4}{5}$
- (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x^3 - x^2 + 5}{x^3 + 3x + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2 - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{x^3}}{1 + \frac{3}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^3}} = 2$
- (c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6x + 5}{7x^2 + 4x + 3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{6}{x} + \frac{5}{x^2}}{7 + \frac{4}{x} + \frac{3}{x^2}} = 0$
- (d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 - x + 1}{3x^2 + 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}}{3 + \frac{2}{x^2}} = \infty$
- (e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 5}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-3}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{5}{x^2}}} \quad (\text{since } \sqrt{x^2} = -x \text{ for } x < 0)$
 $= -3$
- (f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + 1} - x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\sqrt{x^2 + 1} - x)(\sqrt{x^2 + 1} + x)}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1} + x}$
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1} + x} = 0$
- (g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \sin \frac{1}{x} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin t}{t} = 1$
(Let $t = \frac{1}{x}$. We get $x = \frac{1}{t}$ and $x \rightarrow \infty \iff t \rightarrow 0^+$)
- (h) $\because \text{For } x > 0, -1 \leq \sin x \leq 1 \implies -\frac{1}{x} \leq \frac{\sin x}{x} \leq \frac{1}{x}.$
In addition, we have $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0.$
 $\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 0$ by the squeeze theorem.
2. (a) $\because \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 - x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{x} - \frac{6}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{1}{x} - \frac{2}{x^2}} = 1$
 $\therefore y = 1$ is the only horizontal asymptote.
Since $x^2 - x - 2 = 0 \implies (x + 1)(x - 2) = 0$, we conclude that the vertical asymptotes may be $x = -1$ or $x = 2$.
 $\because \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 - x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{(x + 3)(x - 2)}{(x + 1)(x - 2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{x + 3}{x + 1} = -\infty$
 $\left(\text{or } \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 - x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{(x + 3)(x - 2)}{(x + 1)(x - 2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{x + 3}{x + 1} = \infty \right)$

$$\text{and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 - x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x+3)(x-2)}{(x+1)(x-2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x+3}{x+1} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$\therefore x = -1$ is the only vertical asymptote.

$$(b) \because \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x+3}{\sqrt{4x^2+2x+1}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1+\frac{3}{x}}{\sqrt{4+\frac{2}{x}+\frac{1}{x^2}}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

(since $\sqrt{x^2} = x$ for $x > 0$)

$$\text{and } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x+3}{\sqrt{4x^2+2x+1}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-1-\frac{3}{x}}{\sqrt{4+\frac{2}{x}+\frac{1}{x^2}}} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

(since $\sqrt{x^2} = -x$ for $x < 0$)

$\therefore y = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ are the horizontal asymptotes.

$\because 4x^2 + 2x + 1 > 0$ for all real number x .

$$\implies f(x) = \frac{x+3}{\sqrt{4x^2+2x+1}} \text{ is continuous on } \mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty).$$

\therefore There is no vertical asymptote.

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Continuous Functions (連續函數)

1. Determine whether the function f is continuous at the point a . If f is discontinuous at a , show that f has a removable discontinuity, a jump discontinuity or an infinity discontinuity there.

$$(a) f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x - 2} & \text{if } x \neq 2, \\ 5 & \text{if } x = 2, \end{cases} \quad \text{and } a = 2.$$

$$(b) f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x^2 - x - 2} & \text{if } x \neq -1, \\ 2 & \text{if } x = -1, \end{cases} \quad \text{and } a = -1.$$

$$(c) f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x^2} & \text{if } x \neq 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0, \end{cases} \quad \text{and } a = 0.$$

$$(d) f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{x^2 + 5} - 1 & \text{if } x \leq 2, \\ x^2 - x + 1 & \text{if } x > 2, \end{cases} \quad \text{and } a = 2.$$

$$(e) f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 2x - 2 & \text{if } x < 3, \\ -x^2 + x + 7 & \text{if } x \geq 3, \end{cases} \quad \text{and } a = 3.$$

2. For what value of c is the function f continuous on $(-\infty, \infty)$?

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} cx^2 + x & \text{if } x < 2, \\ x^2 + 4x + c & \text{if } x \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

3. For what values of a and b is the function f continuous on $(-\infty, \infty)$?

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -ax^2 - x - a & \text{if } x < -1, \\ ax^2 + bx + 6 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 2, \\ 3x^2 - bx - b & \text{if } x > 2. \end{cases}$$

Solution [註：本解答僅提示重點，請自行補足細節流程。]

$$1. \quad (a) \quad \because \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x - 2)(x + 3)}{x - 2} \\ = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x + 3) = 5 = f(2)$$

$\therefore f$ is continuous at 2.

$$(b) \quad \because \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x^2 - x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(x + 1)(x - 3)}{(x + 1)(x - 2)} \\ = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x - 3}{x - 2} = \frac{4}{3} \neq 2 = f(-1)$$

$\therefore f$ has a removable discontinuity at -1 .

$$(c) \quad \because \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^2} = \infty$$

$\therefore f$ has an infinity discontinuity at 0.

$$(d) \quad \because \begin{cases} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} (\sqrt{x^2 + 5} - 1) = 2 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (x^2 - x + 1) = 3 \end{cases}$$

$\therefore f$ has a jump discontinuity at 2.

$$(e) \quad \because \begin{cases} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} (x^2 - 2x - 2) = 1 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} (-x^2 + x + 7) = 1 \end{cases} \\ \implies \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 1 = f(3)$$

$\therefore f$ is continuous at 3.

2. $\because f$ is continuous at 2.

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = f(2) \implies 4c + 2 = 4 + 8 + c \implies c = \frac{10}{3}.$$

3. $\because f$ is continuous at -1 .

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = f(-1) \\ \implies -a + 1 - a = a - b + 6 \implies 3a - b = -5 \quad \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$\because f$ is continuous at 2.

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = f(2) \\ \implies 4a + 2b + 6 = 12 - 2b - b \implies 4a + 5b = 6 \quad \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2), we get that $a = -1$ and $b = 2$.



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Formulas for Continuous Functions (連續函數的運算)

1. Find the following limits.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \cos(x + \sin x)$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left| \frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x^2 - 4} \right|$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \sin \left(\frac{x^2 + 4x + 4}{x^2 + 3x + 2} \right)$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}^+} \sqrt[3]{\tan |x|}$

(e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{x} + 2}{3|x| - x^2}$

2. Find intervals on which the following functions are continuous.

(a) $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 1} + x + 2$

(b) $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x} + 3x}{x - 2}$

(c) $f(x) = \frac{x - 1}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$

(d) $f(x) = \sin(\cos(\sin x))$

(e) $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x^2 + 2x + 3}$

Solution [註：本解答僅提示重點，請自行補足細節流程。]

1. (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \cos(x + \sin x) = \cos(\pi + \sin \pi) = \cos \pi = -1$
(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left| \frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x^2 - 4} \right| = \left| \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x^2 - 4} \right| = \left| \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x-3)}{(x-2)(x+2)} \right|$
 $= \left| \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-3}{x+2} \right| = \left| -\frac{1}{4} \right| = \frac{1}{4}$
(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \sin \left(\frac{x^2 + 4x + 4}{x^2 + 3x + 2} \right) = \sin \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2 + 4x + 4}{x^2 + 3x + 2} \right)$
 $= \sin \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{(x+2)^2}{(x+1)(x+2)} \right) = \sin \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x+2}{x+1} \right) = \sin 0 = 0$
(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}^+} \sqrt[3]{\tan |x|} = \sqrt[3]{\tan \left| \frac{\pi}{4} \right|} = \sqrt[3]{1} = 1$
(e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{x} + 2}{3|x| - x^2} = \frac{\sqrt{4} + 2}{3 \times |4| - 4^2} = -1$
2. (a) f is continuous on its domain $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 - 1 \geq 0\}$
 $= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \leq -1 \text{ or } x \geq 1\} = (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty).$
(b) f is continuous on its domain $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \geq 0 \text{ and } x - 2 \neq 0\}$
 $= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \geq 0 \text{ and } x \neq 2\} = [0, 2) \cup (2, \infty).$
(c) f is continuous on its domain $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 - 2x - 3 \neq 0\}$
 $= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \neq -1, 3\} = (-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 3) \cup (3, \infty).$
(d) f is continuous on its domain $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty).$
(e) f is continuous on its domain $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty).$
(since $x^2 + 2x + 3 > 0$ for all real number x)



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The Intermediate Value Theorem (中間值定理)

1. Show that there is a root of the equation

$$\cos x = x \quad (1)$$

on $(0, 1)$.

2. Use Bolzano's Theorem to show that there is a root of the equation

$$x^3 + x - 1 = 0 \quad (2)$$

between 0 and 1.

3. A number c is called a fixed point (固定點) of a function $f(x)$ if $f(c) = c$.
 - (a) Suppose $f(x)$ is a continuous function satisfying $0 \leq f(x) \leq 1$ on $[0, 1]$. Show that $f(x)$ has a fixed point in $[0, 1]$.
 - (b) Show that the statement in (a) is not always true if the interval $[0, 1]$ is replaced by $(0, 1)$.

Solution [註：本解答僅提示重點，請自行補足細節流程。]

1. Define $f(x) = \cos x - x$. Then $f(x)$ is continuous on $[0, 1]$.
 $\because f(0) = \cos 0 - 0 = 1 > 0$ and $f(1) = \cos 1 - 1 < 0$.
 \therefore By the intermediate value theorem, there exists a number
 $c \in (0, 1)$ such that $f(c) = 0$.
 $\implies \cos c - c = 0$
 $\implies c$ is a root of (1).
2. Define $f(x) = x^3 + x - 1$. We have that $f(x)$ is continuous on $[0, 1]$.
 $\because f(0)f(1) = (-1) \cdot 1 = -1 < 0$.
 \therefore By Bolzano's Theorem, there exists a number $c \in (0, 1)$ such that
 $f(c) = 0$.
 $\implies c^3 + c - 1 = 0$
 $\implies c$ is a root of (2).
3. (a) Define $F(x) = f(x) - x$.
 $\because f(x)$ is continuous on $[0, 1]$.
 $\therefore F(x)$ is also continuous on $[0, 1]$.
Moreover, we have $F(0) = f(0) - 0 \geq 0$ and $F(1) = f(1) - 1 \leq 0$.
If $F(0) = f(0) - 0 = 0$, we get that $f(0) = 0$.
 $\implies 0$ is a fixed point of $f(x)$.
If $F(1) = f(1) - 1 = 0$, we get that $f(1) = 1$.
 $\implies 1$ is a fixed point of $f(x)$.
If $F(0) > 0$ and $F(1) < 0$, then by the intermediate value theorem,
there exists a number $c \in (0, 1)$ such that $F(c) = f(c) - c = 0$.
 $\implies f(c) = c \implies c$ is a fixed point of $f(x)$.
(b) Let $f(x) = x^2$ on $(0, 1)$. It is obvious that $f(x)$ is continuous and
 $0 \leq f(x) \leq 1$ on $(0, 1)$.
But there is no point $c \in (0, 1)$ such that $f(c) = c^2 = c$.
 $\implies f(x) = x^2$ has no fixed point in $(0, 1)$.



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The Limit (極限) [綜合練習]

1. Suppose that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 3$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x) = -1$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} h(x) = 5$.
Evaluate the following limits.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [f(x)]^3$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [2f(x) + 5g(x)]$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{f(x)g(x)}{[h(x)]^2}$

2. Find the following limits.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x^3 + 4x - 2)$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(5x)}{4x}$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \cos(x + \sin x)$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x^3 - x^2 + 5}{x^3 + 3x + 1}$

(e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 5}}$

(f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left| \frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x^2 - 4} \right|$

(g) $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \tan \theta$

(h) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \sin \left(\frac{x^2 + 4x + 4}{x^2 + 3x + 2} \right)$

(i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x|}{x}$

(j) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t^2}{\sqrt{t^2 + 9} - 3}$

(k) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{|x - 2|}$

(l) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \llbracket x \rrbracket$

- (m) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{2x}{x-4}$
- (n) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(4t) - 1}{3t}$
- (o) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \sin \frac{1}{x}$
- (p) $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+h)^3 - 8}{h}$
- (q) $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(6\theta)}{\sin(2\theta)}$
- (r) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x^2 - x - 6}$
- (s) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 3}{x - 9}$
- (t) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 3}{x^2 + 3x + 2}$
- (u) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + 1} - x)$

3. Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x)$ if $g(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^2 + x - 2 & \text{if } x < 1, \\ x^2 - 2x + 3 & \text{if } x \geq 1. \end{cases}$

4. Find intervals on which the following functions are continuous.

(a) $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x^2-2x-3}$

(b) $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x} + 3x}{x-2}$

5. Determine whether the function f is continuous at the point a . If f is discontinuous at a , show that f has a removable discontinuity, a jump discontinuity or an infinity discontinuity there.

(a) $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x^2 - x - 2} & \text{if } x \neq -1, \\ 2 & \text{if } x = -1, \end{cases} \text{ and } a = -1.$

(b) $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 2x - 2 & \text{if } x < 3, \\ -x^2 + x + 7 & \text{if } x \geq 3, \end{cases} \text{ and } a = 3.$

(c) $f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{x^2 + 5} - 1 & \text{if } x \leq 2, \\ x^2 - x + 1 & \text{if } x > 2, \end{cases} \text{ and } a = 2.$

6. For what values of a and b is the function f continuous on $(-\infty, \infty)$?

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -ax^2 - x - a & \text{if } x < -1, \\ ax^2 + bx + 6 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 2, \\ 3x^2 - bx - b & \text{if } x > 2. \end{cases}$$

7. Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^4 \cos \frac{1}{x^2}$.

8. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x) - 5}{x - 1} = 8$, find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$.

9. Find the horizontal and vertical asymptotes of the curve $y = \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 - x - 2}$.

10. Show that there is a root of the equation $\cos x = x$ on $(0, 1)$.