

Math 31 Limits Quiz

1. Use the graph below to determine the following limits.

a. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = 1$

e. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 1$

b. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 2$

f. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = 1$

c. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = \text{DNE}$

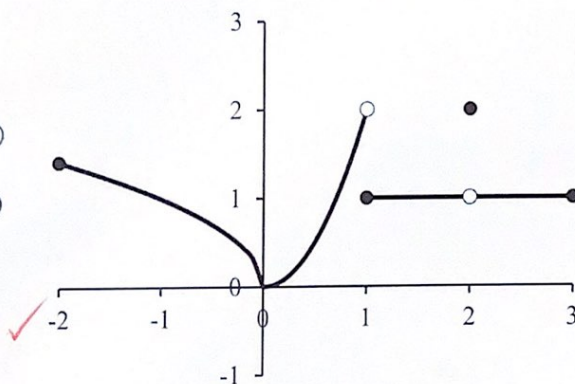
g. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 0$

d. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = 0$

h. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$

i. $f(0) = 0$

j. $f(2) = 2$



2. Find the following limits.

a. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 2x$

$= 2(2)$

$= 4$

b. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}} (3x - 1)$

$= 3(\frac{1}{3}) - 1$

$= 0$

c. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x^2 - 3x - 18)$

$= 0^2 - 3(0) - 18$

$= -18$

d. $\lim_{y \rightarrow 2} \frac{y^2 + 5y + 6}{y + 2}$

$= \frac{2^2 + 5(2) + 6}{2 + 2}$

$= 5$

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

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

$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{(x-1)}{(x-2)}$

$= \frac{(-2-1)}{(-2-2)} = \frac{3}{4}$

h. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{x-8}{|x-8|}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 8^+} \frac{x-8}{x-8} = 1$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 8^-} \frac{x-8}{-(x-8)} = -1$

\therefore

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} = \text{DNE}$

f. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{2x^2 + x - 3}{x - 1}$

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

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

$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 2x + 3$

$= 2(1) + 3$

$= 5$

i. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^3 + x + 1}{x^4 - 5x^3 + 8}$

$= 0$

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$$j. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(5 - \frac{2}{x^2} \right) \quad 5 - \frac{2}{\infty^2} = 5 - 0$$

$$= 5$$

$$k. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2+x} - \frac{1}{2} \right)}{x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 - (2+x)}{2(2+x)} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2-2-x}{2(2+x)} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{2(2+x)} = \frac{-1}{4}$$

$$l. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^3 - 5x}{x^3 - 2x + 1}$$

$$= 3$$

3. Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2}x & \text{if } x \leq -2 \\ -1 & \text{if } -2 < x < 2 \\ 3 - x^2 & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

a. Find the following limits.

$$i. \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}(-2)$$

$$= 1$$

$$ii. \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x)$$

$$= -1$$

$$iii. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$$

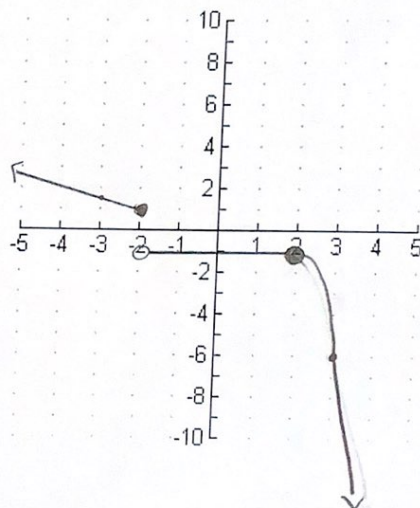
$$= -1$$

$$iv. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$$

$$= 3 - 2^2$$

$$= -1$$

b. Sketch the graph of $f(x)$.



c. Where is $f(x)$ discontinuous?

$f(x)$ is discontinuous
at $x = -2$

4. If $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - k & x < 3 \\ 2kx & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$, find a value for k so that the function is continuous everywhere.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x)$$

$$3^2 - k = 2k(3)$$

$$9 - k = 6k$$

$$9 = 7k$$

$$k = \frac{9}{7}$$

5. Assume $\lim_{x \rightarrow b} f(x) = 7$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow b} g(x) = -2$, find

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow b} [-2 + 2(7)]$$

$$= 12$$

b. $\lim_{x \rightarrow b} \frac{\sqrt{-5g(x) + [f(x)]^2}}{x}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow b} \frac{\sqrt{-5(-2) + 7^2}}{x}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{59}}{x}$$

$-1/2$

$6\frac{1}{2}$