## Solutions to Practice Problems 1

Functions: Please state what the domain is for each of the following functions.

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

2. 
$$g(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$$

3. 
$$m(x) = \sqrt{2-x}$$

4. 
$$G(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-x}}$$

5. 
$$h(x) = \frac{x-3}{x^2+3}$$

6. 
$$W(x) = \frac{x^2 + 6x + 8}{x + 2}$$

## Solutions to Domain problems:

- 1. Need  $x \neq 1$ , so Domain of f is all real numbers except 1 or if you prefer,  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} | x \neq 1\}$ , or  $(-\infty, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$
- 2. Need  $x-2 \ge 0$ , so Domain of g is  $[2,\infty)$  or if you prefer,  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} | x \ge 2\}$
- 3. Need  $2-x \ge 0$ , so  $x \le 2$ , so Domain of m is  $(-\infty, 2]$  or if you prefer,  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} | x \le 2\}$
- 4. Need  $2-x \ge 0$ , but also  $2-x \ne 0$ , so x < 2, so Domain of G is  $(-\infty,2)$  or if you prefer,  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} | x < 2\}$
- 5. Denom is never 0, so Domain of h is  $(-\infty, \infty)$  or if you prefer,  $\mathbb{R}$
- 6. Need  $x \neq -2$ , so Domain of f is all real numbers except -2 or if you prefer,  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} | x \neq -2\}$ , or  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, \infty)$
- 7. Let  $g(x) = \frac{x+1}{x}$ . Compute (and simplify, if possible) the following:

(a) 
$$g(t-2) =$$

(b) 
$$\frac{g(2+h)-g(2)}{h} =$$

**Solution**. (a)  $g(t-2) = \frac{(t-2)+1}{t-2} = \boxed{\frac{t-1}{t-2}}$ 

(b) 
$$\frac{g(2+h) - g(2)}{h} = \frac{\left(\frac{(2+h)+1}{2+h}\right) - \frac{3}{2}}{h} \cdot \left(\frac{2(2+h)}{2(2+h)}\right) = \frac{(3+h)2 - 3(2+h)}{2h(2+h)}$$

$$= \frac{6+2h-6-3h}{2h(h+2)} = \frac{-h}{2h(h+2)} = \boxed{\frac{-1}{2(h+2)}}$$

8. Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{1}{x}$ . Compute (and simplify, if possible) the following:

(a) 
$$f(t-1) =$$

(b) 
$$f\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) =$$

Solution. (a)  $f(t-1) = \frac{1}{(t-1)+1} - \frac{1}{t-1} = \frac{1}{t} - \frac{1}{t-1} = \frac{(t-1)-t}{t(t-1)} = \boxed{\frac{-1}{t(t-1)}}$ 

(b) 
$$f\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{t}+1\right)} - \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)} = \frac{t}{t\left(\frac{1}{t}+1\right)} - t = \frac{t}{t+1} - t = \frac{t-t(t+1)}{t+1} = \frac{t-t^2-t}{t+1} \left[\frac{-t^2}{t+1}\right]$$

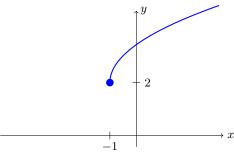
9. Graph the following functions using scaling, translation, etc.

(a) 
$$y = 2 + \sqrt{x+1}$$

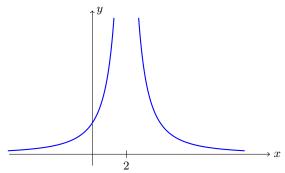
(b) 
$$y = \frac{3}{(x-2)^2}$$
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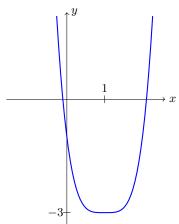
**Solutions** (a): This is  $y = \sqrt{x}$  translated **left by 1** and then **up by 2**, so it looks like:



(b): This is  $y = \frac{1}{x^2}$  translated **right by 2**, and then **stretched vertically by 3**, so it looks like:



(c): This is  $y = x^4$  stretched vertically by 2, then translated right by 1, and then down by 3, so it looks like:



Limit Practice Problems: Evaluate the following limits. Always justify your work.

Solutions. 10.  $\lim_{w\to 0} \frac{16}{w} = \frac{16}{0}$  so we check both sides: LHL:  $\lim_{w\to 0^-} \frac{16}{w} = \frac{16}{0^-} = -\infty$ 

LHL: 
$$\lim_{w \to 0^-} \frac{16}{w} = \frac{16}{0^-} = -\infty$$

RHL: 
$$\lim_{w \to 0^+} \frac{16}{w} = \frac{16}{0^+} = +\infty$$

RHL≠LHL, so original limit DNE

11. 
$$\lim_{t\to 2} \frac{3-t}{t-2} = \frac{1}{0}$$
 so we check both sides:

LHL: 
$$\lim_{t\to 2^-} \frac{3-t}{t-2} = \frac{1}{0^-} = -\infty$$
  
RHL $\neq$ LHL, so original limit DNE

RHL: 
$$\lim_{t \to 2^+} \frac{3-t}{t-2} = \frac{1}{0^+} = +\infty$$

12. 
$$\lim_{t\to 2} \frac{3-t}{(t-2)^2} = \frac{1}{0}$$
 so we check both sides:

LHL: 
$$\lim_{t \to 2^{-}} \frac{3-t}{(t-2)^2} = \frac{1}{0^{+}} = +\infty$$

RHL: 
$$\lim_{t \to 2^+} \frac{3-t}{(t-2)^2} = \frac{1}{0^+} = +\infty$$

RHL=LHL= $\infty$ , so original limit diverges to  $+\infty$ 

13. 
$$\lim_{x\to 4} \frac{(x+2)^2}{x^2-3x-4} = \frac{6^2}{0}$$
 so we check both sides, noting that the denominator factors as  $(x-4)(x+1)$ 

LHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 4^{-}} \frac{(x+2)^{2}}{x^{2} - 3x - 4} = \frac{6^{2}}{(0^{-}) \cdot 5} = -\infty$$

RHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 4^+} \frac{(x+2)^2}{x^2 - 3x - 4} = \frac{6^2}{(0^+) \cdot 5} = +\infty$$

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14. 
$$\lim_{x \to 4} \frac{x-4}{x^2 - 3x - 4} = \lim_{x \to 4} \frac{x-4}{(x-4)(x+1)} = \lim_{x \to 4} \frac{1}{x+1} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \boxed{\frac{1}{5}}$$

15. 
$$\lim_{x \to 4} \frac{x^2 - 2x - 8}{x^2 - 3x - 4} = \lim_{x \to 4} \frac{(x - 4)(x + 2)}{(x - 4)(x + 1)} = \lim_{x \to 4} \frac{x + 2}{x + 1} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \boxed{\frac{6}{5}}$$

$$16. \lim_{x \to 6} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 12}{x^2 - 3x - 18} = \lim_{x \to 6} \frac{(x - 6)(x + 2)}{(x - 6)(x + 3)} = \lim_{x \to 6} \frac{x + 2}{x + 3} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \boxed{\frac{8}{9}}$$

17. 
$$\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 12}{x^2 - 3x - 18} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \frac{1 - 4 - 12}{1 - 3 - 18} = \frac{-15}{-20} = \boxed{\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$18. \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 12}{x^2 - 3x - 18} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \frac{-12}{-18} = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$$

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19.  $\lim_{x \to -3} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 12}{x^2 - 3x - 18} = \frac{9}{0}$  so we check both sides, noting that as we saw in #16 the function reduces to  $\frac{x + 2}{x + 3}$ :

LHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to -3^-} \frac{x+2}{x+3} = \frac{-1}{0^-} = +\infty$$

RHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to -3^+} \frac{x+2}{x+3} = \frac{-1}{0^+} = -\infty$$

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20. 
$$\lim_{x \to -2} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 12}{x^2 - 3x - 18} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \frac{4 + 8 - 12}{4 + 6 - 18} = \frac{0}{-8} = \boxed{0}$$

21. 
$$\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 12}{x^2 - 7x} = \frac{-12}{0}$$
, so we check both sides, noting the the denominator factors as  $x(x-7)$ :

LHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 0^{-}} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 12}{x^2 - 7x} = \frac{-12}{(0^{-})(-7)} = -\infty$$
 RHL:  $\lim_{x \to 0^{+}} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 12}{x^2 - 7x} = \frac{-12}{(0^{+})(-7)} = +\infty$ 

RHL: 
$$\lim_{x\to 0^+} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 12}{x^2 - 7x} = \frac{-12}{(0^+)(-7)} = +\infty$$

22. 
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x^2 - 4x}{x^2 - 7x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x - 4}{x - 7} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \frac{-4}{-7} = \boxed{\frac{4}{7}}$$

23. 
$$\lim_{x\to 3} \frac{x^2-9}{|x-3|}$$
 is piecewise, so check both sides:

LHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 3^{-}} \frac{x^2 - 9}{|x - 3|} = \lim_{x \to 3^{-}} \frac{(x - 3)(x + 3)}{-(x - 3)} = \lim_{x \to 3^{-}} \frac{x + 3}{-1} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} -6$$

RHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 3^+} \frac{x^2 - 9}{|x - 3|} = \lim_{x \to 3^+} \frac{(x - 3)(x + 3)}{x - 3} = \lim_{x \to 3^+} \frac{x + 3}{1} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 6$$

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24. 
$$\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{x^3 + 209x^2 + 200x}{|x|}$$
 is piecewise, so check both sides:

RHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 0^+} \frac{x^3 + 209x^2 + 200x}{x} = \lim_{x \to 0^+} \frac{x^3 + 209x^2 + 200x}{x} = \lim_{x \to 0^+} \frac{x^2 + 209x + 200}{1} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 200$$

25. 
$$\lim_{x \to -5} \frac{x^2 + 6x + 5}{|x + 5|}$$
 is piecewise, so check both sides:

LHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to -5^{-}} \frac{x^2 + 6x + 5}{|x+5|} = \lim_{x \to -5^{-}} \frac{(x+1)(x+5)}{-(x+5)} = \lim_{x \to -5^{-}} -(x+1) \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 4$$
RHL:  $\lim_{x \to -5^{+}} \frac{x^2 + 6x + 5}{|x+5|} = \lim_{x \to -5^{+}} \frac{(x+1)(x+5)}{x+5} = \lim_{x \to -5^{+}} (x+1) \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} -4$ 

RHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to -5^+} \frac{x^2 + 6x + 5}{|x+5|} = \lim_{x \to -5^+} \frac{(x+1)(x+5)}{x+5} = \lim_{x \to -5^+} (x+1) \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} -4$$

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$$26. \lim_{t \to -1} \frac{200(t^2 + 6t + 5)}{t^2 + t} = \lim_{t \to -1} \frac{200(t + 1)(t + 5)}{t(t + 1)} = \lim_{t \to -1} \frac{200(t + 5)}{t} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \frac{200(4)}{-1} = \boxed{-800}$$

$$27. \lim_{t \to 1} t^{300} + t^{200} + t^{100} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 1 + 1 + 1 = \boxed{3}$$

28. 
$$\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{x - 1}{\sqrt{x + 3} - 2} = \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{(x - 1)(\sqrt{x + 3} + 2)}{(\sqrt{x + 3} - 2)(\sqrt{x + 3} + 2)} = \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{(x - 1)(\sqrt{x + 3} + 2)}{(x + 3) - 4}$$
$$= \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{(x - 1)(\sqrt{x + 3} + 2)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \to 1} \sqrt{x + 3} + 2 \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \sqrt{4} + 2 = \boxed{4}$$

$$\frac{29. \lim_{x \to 9} \frac{9x - x^2}{3 - \sqrt{x}} = \lim_{x \to 9} \frac{(9x - x^2)(3 + \sqrt{x})}{(3 - \sqrt{x})(3 + \sqrt{x})} = \lim_{x \to 9} \frac{x(9 - x)(3 + \sqrt{x})}{9 - x}}{9 - x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 9} x(3 + \sqrt{x}) \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 9(3 + \sqrt{9}) = 9(6) = \boxed{54}$$

$$30. \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 8} - 3}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{(\sqrt{x^2 + 8} - 3)(\sqrt{x^2 + 8} + 3)}{(x - 1)(\sqrt{x^2 + 8} + 3)} = \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{(x^2 + 8) - 9}{(x - 1)(\sqrt{x^2 + 8} + 3)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{(x - 1)(\sqrt{x^2 + 8} + 3)} = \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{(x - 1)(x + 1)}{(x - 1)(\sqrt{x^2 + 8} + 3)} = \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{x + 1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 8} + 3}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \frac{2}{\sqrt{9 + 3}} = \frac{2}{6} = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$$

31. 
$$\lim_{x \to -4} \frac{x^2 - 3x - 28}{x^2 + 4x} = \lim_{x \to -4} \frac{(x+4)(x-7)}{x(x+4)} = \lim_{x \to -4} \frac{x-7}{x} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \frac{-11}{-4} \boxed{\frac{11}{4}}$$

32.  $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{x^2-3x-28}{x^2+4x} = \frac{-28}{0}$  so we check both sides, noting that as we saw in #31 the function

LHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 0^{-}} \frac{x - 7}{x} = \frac{-7}{0^{-}} = +\infty$$
 RHL:  $\lim_{x \to 0^{+}} \frac{x - 7}{x} = \frac{-7}{0^{+}} = -\infty$ 

 $RHL \neq LHL = \infty$ , so original limit DNE

33. 
$$\lim_{x \to 3} \frac{\frac{2}{x+3} - \frac{1}{3}}{x-3} = \lim_{x \to 3} \frac{\frac{2}{x+3} - \frac{1}{3}}{x-3} \left( \frac{3(x+3)}{3(x+3)} \right) = \lim_{x \to 3} \frac{6 - (x+3)}{3(x-3)(x+3)}$$
$$= \lim_{x \to 3} \frac{-(x-3)}{3(x-3)(x+3)} = \lim_{x \to 3} \frac{-1}{3(x+3)} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} = \frac{-1}{3(6)} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{18}}$$

34.  $\lim_{x\to 1} \frac{x^2-1}{|x-1|}$  is piecewise, so check both sides:

LHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 1^{-}} \frac{x^{2} - 1}{|x - 1|} = \lim_{x \to 1^{-}} \frac{(x - 1)(x + 1)}{-(x - 1)} = \lim_{x \to 1^{-}} \frac{x + 1}{-1} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} -2$$
RHL:  $\lim_{x \to 1^{+}} \frac{x^{2} - 1}{|x - 1|} = \lim_{x \to 1^{+}} \frac{(x - 1)(x + 1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \to 1^{+}} \frac{x + 1}{1} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 2$ 

RHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 1^+} \frac{x^2 - 1}{|x - 1|} = \lim_{x \to 1^+} \frac{(x - 1)(x + 1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \to 1^+} \frac{x + 1}{1} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 2$$

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35.  $\lim_{x \to -5} \frac{x^2 + 6x + 5}{|x + 5|}$  is piecewise, so check both sides:

LHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to -5^{-}} \frac{x^2 + 6x + 5}{|x+5|} = \lim_{x \to -5^{-}} \frac{(x+1)(x+5)}{-(x+5)} = \lim_{x \to -5^{-}} -(x+1) \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 4$$
RHL:  $\lim_{x \to -5^{+}} \frac{x^2 + 6x + 5}{|x+5|} = \lim_{x \to -5^{+}} \frac{(x+1)(x+5)}{x+5} = \lim_{x \to -5^{+}} (x+1) \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} -4$ 

RHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to -5^+} \frac{x^2 + 6x + 5}{|x+5|} = \lim_{x \to -5^+} \frac{(x+1)(x+5)}{x+5} = \lim_{x \to -5^+} (x+1) \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} -4$$

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(And yes, this is the same problem as #25.)

$$\overline{36. \lim_{x \to -1} \frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{(x+1)^2} = \lim_{x \to -1} \frac{(x+1)(x+2)}{(x+1)^2} = \lim_{x \to -1} \frac{x+2}{x+1} = \frac{1}{0}, \text{ so we check both sides:}}$$

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \to -1^-} \frac{x+2}{x+1} = \frac{1}{0^-} = -\infty$$

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \to -1^+} \frac{x+2}{x+1} = \frac{1}{0^+} = +\infty$$

LHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to -1^{-}} \frac{x+2}{x+1} = \frac{1}{0^{-}} = -\infty$$

RHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to -1^+} \frac{x+2}{x+1} = \frac{1}{0^+} = +\infty$$

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$$\overline{37. \lim_{x \to 7^{-}} \frac{7 - x}{|x - 7|}} = \lim_{x \to 7^{-}} \frac{-(x - 7)}{-(x - 7)} = \lim_{x \to 7^{-}} 1 \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \boxed{1}$$

$$\frac{38. \lim_{x \to 0^{-}} \frac{x}{x - |x|} = \lim_{x \to 0^{-}} \frac{x}{x - (-x)} = \lim_{x \to 0^{-}} \frac{x}{2x} = \lim_{x \to 0^{-}} \frac{1}{2} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}}{39. \lim_{x \to 2^{+}} \frac{2 - x}{|x - 2|}} = \lim_{x \to 2^{+}} \frac{-(x - 2)}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \to 2^{+}} -1 \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \boxed{-1}}$$

39. 
$$\lim_{x \to 2^+} \frac{2-x}{|x-2|} = \lim_{x \to 2^+} \frac{-(x-2)}{x-2} = \lim_{x \to 2^+} -1 \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \boxed{-1}$$

40. Let 
$$G(u) = u^2 + u$$
. Compute  $\lim_{u \to 2} \frac{u^2 - 2u}{G(u - 3)}$ 

Solution. 
$$\lim_{u \to 2} \frac{u^2 - 2u}{G(u - 3)} = \lim_{u \to 2} \frac{u^2 - 2u}{(u - 3)^2 + (u - 3)} = \lim_{u \to 2} \frac{u(u - 2)}{u^2 - 5u + 6} = \lim_{u \to 2} \frac{u(u - 2)}{(u - 3)(u - 2)}$$
$$= \lim_{u \to 2} \frac{u}{u - 3} = \frac{2}{-1} = \boxed{-2}$$

41. Let 
$$h(y) = y^2 - 3$$
. Compute  $\lim_{x \to -2} \frac{x+2}{h(2x) - h(x+6)}$ 

Solution. 
$$\lim_{x \to -2} \frac{x+2}{h(2x) - h(x+6)} = \lim_{x \to -2} \frac{x+2}{((2x)^2 - 3) - ((x+6)^2 - 3)} = \lim_{x \to -2} \frac{x+2}{(4x^2 - 3) - (x^2 + 12x + 36 - 3)}$$
$$= \lim_{x \to -2} \frac{x+2}{4x^2 - 3 - x^2 - 12x - 33} = \lim_{x \to -2} \frac{x+2}{3x^2 - 12x - 36} = \lim_{x \to -2} \frac{x+2}{3(x^2 - 4x - 12)}$$
$$= \lim_{x \to -2} \frac{x+2}{3(x-6)(x+2)} = \lim_{x \to -2} \frac{1}{3(x-6)} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{24}}$$

42. Let 
$$g(x) = \sqrt{x}$$
. Compute  $\lim_{s \to 1} \frac{g(s^2 + 8) - 3}{s - 1}$ 

Solution. 
$$\lim_{s \to 1} \frac{g(s^2 + 8) - 3}{s - 1} = \lim_{s \to 1} \frac{\sqrt{s^2 + 8} - 3}{s - 1} = \lim_{s \to 1} \frac{(\sqrt{s^2 + 8} - 3)}{(s - 1)} \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{s^2 + 8} + 3)}{(\sqrt{s^2 + 8} + 3)}$$
$$= \lim_{s \to 1} \frac{s^2 + 8 - 9}{(s - 1)(\sqrt{s^2 + 8} + 3)} = \lim_{s \to 1} \frac{s^2 - 1}{(s - 1)(\sqrt{s^2 + 8} + 3)} = \lim_{s \to 1} \frac{(s - 1)(s + 1)}{(s - 1)(\sqrt{s^2 + 8} + 3)}$$
$$= \lim_{s \to 1} \frac{s + 1}{\sqrt{s^2 + 8} + 3} = \frac{2}{6} = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$$
$$43. \text{ Let } f(t) = \frac{1}{t}. \text{ Compute } \lim_{t \to 2} \frac{f(t - 1) - 2f(t)}{t^2 - 4}$$

43. Let 
$$f(t) = \frac{1}{t}$$
. Compute  $\lim_{t \to 2} \frac{f(t-1) - 2f(t)}{t^2 - 4}$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \textbf{Solution.} & \lim_{t \to 2} \frac{f(t-1) - 2f(t)}{t^2 - 4} = \lim_{t \to 2} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{t-1} - \frac{2}{t}\right)}{t^2 - 4} = \lim_{t \to 2} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{t-1} - \frac{2}{t}\right)}{t^2 - 4} \left(\frac{t(t-1)}{t(t-1)}\right) \\ = \lim_{t \to 2} \frac{t - 2(t-1)}{t(t-1)(t^2 - 4)} = \lim_{t \to 2} \frac{-(t-2)}{t(t-1)(t-2)(t+2)} = \lim_{t \to 2} \frac{-1}{t(t-1)(t+2)} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \frac{-1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 4} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{8}} \end{aligned}$$

**Derivatives:** Use the **limit definition of the derivative** to compute these derivatives:

44. 
$$f(x) = -4x - x^2 - 3$$
 Find  $f'(x)$  45.  $g(x) = \frac{-3}{x}$  Find  $g'(x)$  46.  $R(x) = x^3$  Find  $R'(x)$  47.  $G(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$  Find  $G'(x)$  48.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-7}$  Find  $f'(x)$  49.  $g(x) = \sqrt{7-3x}$  Find  $g'(x)$ 

Solutions to Derivative problems:

44. 
$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{(-4(x+h) - (x+h)^2 - 3) - (-4x - x^2 - 3)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{-4x - 4h - x^2 - 2xh - h^2 - 3 + 4x + x^2 + 3}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{-4h - 2xh - h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{h(-4 - 2x - h)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} -4 - 2x - h \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \boxed{-4 - 2x}$$

$$45. \ g'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\frac{-3}{x+h} - \left(\frac{-3}{x}\right)}{h} \cdot \left(\frac{x(x+h)}{x(x+h)}\right) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{-3x + 3(x+h)}{hx(x+h)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{3h}{hx(x+h)} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{3}{x(x+h)} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \left[\frac{3}{x^2}\right]$$

$$46. \ R'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{R(x+h) - R(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h}$$

46. 
$$R'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{R(x+h) - R(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3 - x^3}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{h(3x^2 + 3xh + h^2)}{h}$$
$$= \lim_{h \to 0} 3x^2 + 3xh + h^2 \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \boxed{3x^2}$$

$$47. G'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{G(x+h) - G(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\frac{1}{(x+h)^2} - \frac{1}{x^2}}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\frac{1}{(x+h)^2} - \frac{1}{x^2}}{h} \cdot \left(\frac{x^2(x+h)^2}{x^2(x+h)^2}\right)$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{x^2 - (x+h)^2}{h(x+h)^2 x^2} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{x^2 - (x^2 + 2hx + h^2)}{h(x+h)^2 x^2} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{-2hx - h^2}{h(x+h)^2 x^2}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{-2x - h}{(x+h)^2 x^2} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \frac{-2x}{(x^2)x^2} = \boxed{-\frac{2}{x^3}}$$

$$\frac{48. \ f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\sqrt{(x+h) - 7} - \sqrt{x - 7}}{h}}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\sqrt{(x+h) - 7} - \sqrt{x - 7}}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\sqrt{(x+h) - 7} - \sqrt{x - 7}}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{(x+h - 7) - (x - 7)}{h(\sqrt{(x+h) - 7} + \sqrt{x - 7})} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{x + h - 7 - x + 7}{h(\sqrt{(x+h) - 7} + \sqrt{x - 7})} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{h}{h(\sqrt{(x+h) - 7} + \sqrt{x - 7})} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x+h) - 7} + \sqrt{x - 7}} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x - 7}}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x+h) - 7} + \sqrt{x - 7}} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \left[ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x - 7}} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x+h) - 7} + \sqrt{x - 7}} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \left[ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x - 7}} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\sqrt{7 - 3(x+h)} - \sqrt{7 - 3x}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\sqrt{7 - 3(x+h)} - \sqrt{7 - 3x}}{h} \cdot \left( \frac{\sqrt{7 - 3(x+h)} + \sqrt{7 - 3x}}{\sqrt{7 - 3(x+h)} + \sqrt{7 - 3x}} \right) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{(7 - 3(x+h)) - (7 - 3x)}{h(\sqrt{7 - 3(x+h)} + \sqrt{7 - 3x})}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{7 - 3x - 3h - 7 + 3x}{h(\sqrt{7 - 3(x+h)} + \sqrt{7 - 3x})} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{-3h}{h(\sqrt{7 - 3(x+h)} + \sqrt{7 - 3x})}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{-3}{\sqrt{7 - 3(x+h)} + \sqrt{7 - 3x}} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \left[ \frac{-3}{2\sqrt{7 - 3x}} \right]$$

50. Find an equation for the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$  at the point (0,-1).

**Solution**. First, we find the slope f'(0):

$$f'(0) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\frac{1}{h-1} - \left(\frac{1}{-1}\right)}{h} \cdot \left(\frac{h-1}{h-1}\right) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{1 + (h-1)}{h(h-1)}$$
$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{h}{h(h-1)} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{1}{h-1} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} -1$$

So the tangent line goes through (0,-1) with slope -1. By point-slope, the equation is:

$$y - (-1) = (-1)(x - 0)$$
, i.e.  $y = -x - 1$ 

51. Find an equation for the tangent line to the graph of  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$  at the point  $\left(1, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ .

**Solution**. First, we find the slope g'(1):

$$g'(1) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{g(1+h) - g(1)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\frac{1}{h+2} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{h} \cdot \left(\frac{2(h+2)}{2(h+2)}\right) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{2 - (h+2)}{2h(h+2)}$$
$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{-h}{2h(h+2)} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{-1}{2(h+2)} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} -\frac{1}{4}$$

So the tangent line goes through  $\left(1,\frac{1}{2}\right)$  with slope  $-\frac{1}{4}$ . By point-slope, the equation is:

$$y - \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{4}(x - 1)$$
, i.e.  $y = -\frac{x}{4} + \frac{3}{4}$ 

 $y-\frac{1}{2}=-\frac{1}{4}(x-1), \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \boxed{y=-\frac{x}{4}+\frac{3}{4}}$  52. Find an equation for the tangent line to the graph of  $y=\frac{3}{x}+1$  when x=1.

**Solution**. Let  $f(x) = \frac{3}{x} + 1$ . First, we find the slope f'(1):

$$f'(1) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\left(\frac{3}{1+h} + 1\right) - \left(\frac{3}{1} + 1\right)}{h} \cdot \left(\frac{h+1}{h+1}\right) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{3 - 3(h+1)}{h(h+1)}$$
$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{-3h}{h(h+1)} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{-3}{h+1} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} -3$$

We also have  $f(1) = \frac{3}{1} + 1 = 4$ . So the tangent line goes through (1,4) with slope -3. By point-slope, the equation is:

$$y-4 = -3(x-1)$$
 i.e.  $y = -3x+7$ 

Piecewise-defined functions Answer the questions (and justify your answers) about each of the following piecewise defined functions.

53. Let 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+2 & \text{if } x < 0\\ 2x^2 & \text{if } 0 \le x \le 1\\ 3-x & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

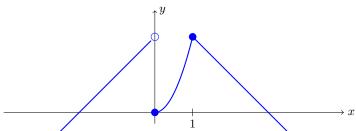
Sketch the graph. Find the numbers at which f is discontinuous. Evaluate:

$$\lim_{x \to 2} f(x) =$$

$$\lim_{x \to 1} f(x) =$$

$$\lim_{x \to 0} f(x) =$$

Solution. Using translation/scaling for the various pieces, and then putting them together, here's the graph:



For the limits:

$$\lim_{x \to 2} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 2} 3 - x = \boxed{1}$$

 $\lim_{x\to 2} f(x) = \lim_{x\to 2} 3 - x = \boxed{1}$  And since that's f(2) also, that means f is continuous at x=2

 $\lim_{x\to 1} f(x)$ : we check both sides:

LHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 1^{-}} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 1^{-}} 2x^{2} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 2$$

RHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 1^{+}} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 1^{+}} 3 - x \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 2$$

RHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 1^+} 3 - x \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 2$$
  
So  $\lim_{x \to 1} f(x) = 2$  since RHL = LHL.

And since that's f(1) also, that means f is continuous at x=1

 $\lim_{x \to 0} f(x)$ : we check both sides:

LHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 0^-} x + 2 \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 2$$

RHL: 
$$\lim_{x\to 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x\to 0^+} 2x^2 \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 0$$

RHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 0^+} 2x^2 \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 0$$
  
So  $\lim_{x \to 1} f(x)$  DNE since RHL  $\neq$  LHL

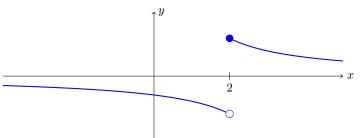
The various pieces of the function are continuous away from the break points. So the only place where f is discontinuous is at |x=0|

54. Let 
$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x-4} & \text{if } x < 2\\ \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x \ge 2 \end{cases}$$

Sketch the graph. Find the numbers at which g is discontinuous. Evaluate:

$$\lim_{x\to 1}g(x)=\lim_{x\to 2}g(x)=$$

Solution. Using translation/scaling for the various pieces, and then putting them together, here's the graph:



For the limits:

$$\lim_{x \to 1} g(x) = \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{1}{x - 4} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

 $\lim_{x \to 0} g(x)$ : we check both sides:

LHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 2^{-}} g(x) = \lim_{x \to 2^{-}} \frac{1}{x - 4} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} -\frac{1}{2}$$

RHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 2^+} g(x) = \lim_{x \to 2^+} \frac{1}{x} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \frac{1}{2}$$

So 
$$\lim_{x\to 2} g(x)$$
 DNE since RHL  $\neq$  LHL

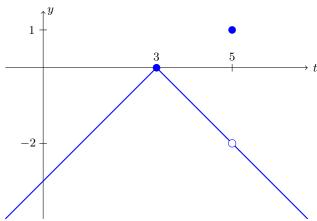
The various pieces of the function are continuous away from the break points. (Note that 1/x is discontinuous at x=0, but g isn't given by that formula there. Similarly for 1/(x-4) at x=4.) So the only place where g is discontinuous is at |x| = 2

55. Let 
$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t-3 & \text{if } t \le 3\\ 3-t & \text{if } 3 < t < 5\\ 1 & \text{if } t = 5\\ 3-t & \text{if } t > 5 \end{cases}$$

Sketch the graph. Find the numbers at which f is discontinuous. Evaluate:

$$\lim_{t\to 3} f(t) = \lim_{t\to 0} f(t) = \lim_{t\to 5} f(t) =$$

**Solution**. Using translation/scaling for the various pieces, and then putting them together, here's the graph:



For the limits:

 $\lim_{t\to 3} f(t)$ : we check both sides:

LHL: 
$$\lim_{t \to 3^-} f(t) = \lim_{t \to 3^-} t - 3 \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 0$$

RHL: 
$$\lim_{t \to 3^+} f(t) = \lim_{t \to 3^+} 3 - t \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 0$$

So  $\lim_{t\to 3} f(t) = 0$  since RHL = LHL. And since that's f(3) also, that means f is continuous at t=3.

$$\lim_{t \to 0} f(t) = \lim_{t \to 0} t - 3 = \boxed{-3}$$

$$\lim_{t \to 5} f(t) = \lim_{t \to 0} 3 - t = \boxed{-2}$$

However, that is **not** equal to f(5) = -2, so f is discontinuous at t = 5.

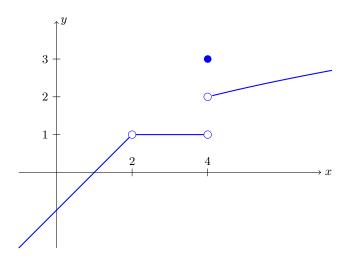
The various pieces of the function are continuous away from the break points. So the only place where f is discontinuous is at t = 5

56. Let 
$$H(x) = \begin{cases} x - 1 & \text{if } x < 2\\ 1 & \text{if } 2 < x < 4\\ 3 & \text{if } x = 4\\ \sqrt{x} & \text{if } x > 4 \end{cases}$$

Sketch the graph. Find the numbers at which H is discontinuous. Evaluate:

$$\lim_{x\to 0} H(x) = \lim_{x\to 2} H(x) = \lim_{x\to 4} H(x) = H(4) =$$

**Solution**. Using translation/scaling for the various pieces, and then putting them together, here's the graph:



For the limits/value:

$$\lim_{x \to 0} H(x) = \lim_{x \to 0} x - 1 \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \boxed{-1}$$

 $\lim_{x\to 2} H(x)$ : we check both sides:

LHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 2^{-}} H(x) = \lim_{x \to 2^{-}} x - 1 \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 1$$

RHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 2^+} H(x) = \lim_{x \to 2^+} 1 \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 1$$

So 
$$\lim_{x\to 2} H(x) = 1$$
 since RHL = LHL. But  $H(2)$  is undefined, so  $H$  is discontinuous at  $x=2$ .

 $\lim_{x \to A} H(x)$ : we check both sides:

LHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 4^-} H(x) = \lim_{x \to 4^-} 1 \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 1$$

RHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 4^+} H(x) = \lim_{x \to 4^+} \sqrt{x} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 2$$

So 
$$\lim_{x\to 2} H(x)$$
 DNE since RHL  $\neq$  LHL.

From the formula, H(4) = 3

The various pieces of the function are continuous away from the break points.

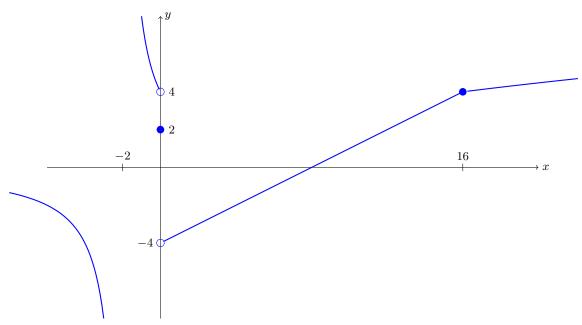
So the only places where H is discontinuous are at x = 2, 4

57. Let 
$$h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{8}{x+2} & \text{if } x < 0\\ 2 & \text{if } x = 0\\ \frac{1}{2}x - 4 & \text{if } 0 < x \le 16\\ \sqrt{x} & \text{if } x > 16 \end{cases}$$

Sketch the graph. Find the numbers at which h is discontinuous. Evaluate:

$$\lim_{x \to -2} h(x) = \lim_{x \to 0} h(x) = \lim_{x \to 16} h(x) =$$

**Solution**. Using translation/scaling for the various pieces, and then putting them together, here's the graph:



(To the left of x = 16, that is actually a (very slightly) curved graph; it's just that  $y = \sqrt{x}$  gets pretty flat out there.)

For the limits:  $\lim_{x\to -2} h(x) = \frac{8}{0}$ , so we check both sides:

LHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to -2^{-}} h(x) = \lim_{x \to -2^{-}} \frac{8}{x+2} = \frac{8}{0^{-}} = -\infty$$

RHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to -2^+} h(x) = \lim_{x \to -2^+} \frac{8}{x+2} = \frac{8}{0^+} = +\infty$$

So 
$$\lim_{x \to -2} h(x)$$
 DNE since RHL  $\neq$  LHL.

 $\lim_{x\to 0} h(x)$ : we check both sides:

LHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 0^{-}} h(x) = \lim_{x \to 0^{-}} \frac{8}{x+2} = \frac{8}{2} = 4$$

RHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 0^+} h(x) = \lim_{x \to 0^+} \frac{1}{2}x - 4 \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} -4$$

So 
$$\lim_{x\to 0} h(x)$$
 DNE since RHL  $\neq$  LHL.

 $\lim_{x\to 16} h(x)$ : we check both sides:

LHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 16^{-}} h(x) = \lim_{x \to 16^{-}} \frac{1}{2}x - 4 \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} 8 - 4 = 4$$

RHL: 
$$\lim_{x \to 16^+} h(x) = \lim_{x \to 16^+} \sqrt{x} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \sqrt{16} = 4$$

So 
$$\lim_{x\to 16} h(x) = 4$$
 since RHL = LHL. And since  $h(16) = 4$  also, that means  $h$  is continuous at  $x = 16$ .

The various pieces of the function are continuous away from the breakpoints and the point x = -2where the first piece is undefined.

So the only places where h(x) is discontinuous are at |x=0,16|