

Calculus 1: Tutorial 3

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1. Evaluate the limit if it exists.

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

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} (5x^2 - 2x + 3) &= 5(4^2) - 2(4) + 3 \\ &= 75\end{aligned}$$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 6x - 4}$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 6x - 4} &= \frac{2(2)^2 + 1}{(2)^2 + 6(2) - 4} \\ &= 0.75\end{aligned}$$

(c) $\lim_{u \rightarrow -2} (\sqrt{u^4 + 3u + 6})$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{u \rightarrow -2} (\sqrt{u^4 + 3u + 6}) &= \sqrt{(-2)^4 + 3(-2) + 6} \\ &= \sqrt{16 - 6 + 6} \\ &= 4\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x^2 + 5x + 4}{x^2 + 3x - 4} &= \frac{(-4)^2 + 5(-4) + 4}{(-4)^2 + 3(-4) - 4} \\ &= \frac{0}{16 - 12 - 4} \\ &= \frac{0}{0} \text{ (indeterminant)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x^2 + 5x + 4}{x^2 + 3x - 4} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{\cancel{(x+4)}(x+1)}{\cancel{(x+4)}(x-1)} \\
&= \frac{-4+1}{-4-1} \\
&= \frac{-3}{-5} \\
\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x^2 + 5x + 4}{x^2 + 3x - 4} &= \frac{3}{5}
\end{aligned}$$

(e)

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

(f) $\frac{1}{2}$

(g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^4 - 16}{x - 2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^4 - 16}{x - 2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x^2 - 4)(x^2 + 4)}{x - 2} \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\cancel{(x-2)}(x+2)(x^2 + 4)}{\cancel{x-2}} \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x + 2)(x^2 + 4) \\
&= (2 + 2)(2^2 + 4) \\
&= 32
\end{aligned}$$

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2. For the function f whose graph is given, state the value of the given quantity, if it exists. If it does not exist, explain why.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$

- i. Yes, the value is 3.
- (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x)$
 - i. Yes, the value is 4.
- (c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x)$
 - i. Yes, the value is 2.
- (d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$
 - i. No, this is because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x)$, as a result, the limit does not exist.
- (e) $f(3)$
 - i. Yes, 3.

3. Use the Squeeze Theorem to show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{x^3 + x^2} \sin \frac{\pi}{x} = 0$

(a) Start with $\sin(x)$

$$-1 \leq \sin(x) \leq 1$$

(b) As long as we avoid $x = 0$, since limit doesn't care about a specific point.

$$-1 \leq \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{x}\right) \leq 1$$

(c) Multiply everything by $\sqrt{x^3 + x^2}$

$$-\sqrt{x^3 + x^2} \leq \sqrt{x^3 + x^2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{x}\right) \leq \sqrt{x^3 + x^2}$$

(d) Find the limits of the outer function

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -\sqrt{x^3 + x^2} &= -\sqrt{0} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{x^3 + x^2} &= \sqrt{0} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(e) By the squeeze theorem

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{x^3 + x^2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{x}\right) = 0$$

4.

$$1 \leq f(x) \leq x^2 + 2x + 2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} 1 = 1$$

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

(a) By the squeeze theorem,

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

5. Find the limit, if it exists. If the limit does not exist, explain why.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2}; \frac{0}{0}$

i. Find the absolute value function

$$|x-2| = \begin{cases} x-2 & x \geq 2 \\ -(x-2) & x < 2 \end{cases}$$

ii. Find the limits

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{-(x-2)}{x-2} \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x-2}{x-2} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

iii. Conclusion

A. Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2} \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2}$, the limit D.N.E.

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{|x|} \right)$

i. Start with the absolute value function

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ -x & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

ii. Find the limit

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{|x|} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{-x} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left(\frac{2}{x} \right) \\ &= -\infty \end{aligned}$$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{|x|} \right)$

i. Start with the absolute value function

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ -x & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

ii. Find the limit

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{|x|} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (0) \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

iii. ALTERNATIVE ANSWER (given by lecturer)

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{|x|} \right) &= \frac{1}{0.000000001} - \frac{1}{|0.000000001|} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

6.

(a) Sketch the graph

(b)

- i. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} g(x) = 0$
- ii. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) = 0$
- iii. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = 1$
- iv. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} g(x) = 1$
- v. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} g(x) = 0$
- vi. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) = D.N.E$

7.

(a)

- i. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} F(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} F(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x^2 - 1}{|x - 1|} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{\cancel{(x-1)}(x+1)}{\cancel{x-1}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (x + 1) \\ &= 2\end{aligned}$$

ii. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} F(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} F(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x^2 - 1}{|x - 1|} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x^2 - 1}{-(x - 1)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{\cancel{(x - 1)}(x + 1)}{-\cancel{(x - 1)}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} -(x + 1) \\ &= -(1 + 1) \\ &= -2\end{aligned}$$

(b) No, since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} F(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} F(x)$.

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

- i. Plot the points and join them, or, you can find a piecewise defined function
- ii. Factorize out to find the answer

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 1 & x > 1 \\ -(x + 1) & x < 1 \end{cases}$$

(No in between)

8. From the graph of f given below, state the values of x at which f is discontinuous, and state the intervals on which f is continuous.

(a) Continuous: $[-4, -2)$, $(-2, 2)$, $[2, 4)$, $(4, 6)$, $(6, 8)$

(b) Discontinuous points: $x | x \in \{-2, 2, 4, 6\}$

9. Notes: For $f(x)$ to be continuous at $x = a$, the following must be satisfied

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ exist
2. $f(a)$ exists
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$

(a) $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x-1} & \text{if } x \neq 1 \\ 2 & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases} \quad a = 1$

- i. Answer: Because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ does not exist
- ii. Graph

(b) $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 + x^2 & \text{if } x < 1 \\ 4 - x & \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases} \quad a = 1$

- i. Answer: Because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = 2, \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 4 - 1 = 3, \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$
- ii. Graph

10.

(a) At $x = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} x + 2 \\ &= 2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^x \\ &= e^0 \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

- i. Conclusion, since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x), \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ does not exist. The function is not continuous at $x = 0$

(b) At $x = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} e^x \\ &= e\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 2 - x \\ &= 2 - 1 \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

- i. Conclusion, since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x), \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ does not exist. Therefore, the function is not continuous at $x = 1$