Homework 2

1.
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sin x}{5x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \left[\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{\sin x}{x} \right] = \frac{1}{5} \times 1 = \frac{1}{5}$$

2.
$$f(x) = \frac{3x+4}{x^2-16} = \frac{3x+4}{(x+4)(x-4)}$$

$$\lim_{x \to 4^{-}} \frac{3x+4}{(x+4)(x-4)} = -\infty \lim_{x \to 4^{+}} \frac{3x+4}{(x+4)(x-4)} = \infty$$

Therefore, x = 4 is a vertical asymptote.

$$\lim_{x \to -4^{-}} \frac{3x+4}{(x+4)(x-4)} = -\infty \lim_{x \to -4^{+}} \frac{3x+4}{(x+4)(x-4)} = \infty$$

Therefore, x = -4 is a vertical asymptote.

3.
$$f'(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\frac{1}{x + \Delta x - 1} - \frac{1}{x - 1}}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{(x - 1) - (x + \Delta x - 1)}{\Delta x (x + \Delta x - 1)(x - 1)}$$
$$= \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{-\Delta x}{\Delta x (x + \Delta x - 1)(x - 1)} = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{-1}{(x + \Delta x - 1)(x - 1)} = -\frac{1}{(x - 1)^2}$$