Math 1232 (Survey of Calculus) **Instructor: Dr. J.S. Zheng**
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- *Power Functions with Rational Exponents*

32. **Definition.** Let m and n be positive integers. Then
$$a^{m/n} = \sqrt[n]{a^m}, \qquad a^{-m/n} = \frac{1}{a^{m/n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{a^m}}.$$

33. Rewrite $\sqrt[3]{x}$, $\sqrt{x^3}$, and $\dfrac{1}{\sqrt[4]{r^5}}$ as an equivalent expression with rational exponents.

34. Simplify $8^{2/3}$ and $9^{3/2}$.

- *Supply and Demand Functions*

35. Let x be the unit price of some product. Let $q = D(x)$ be a decreasing function that models the *demand* and $q = S(x)$ be an increasing function that models the *supply*. The point of intersection of the two curves, denoted (X_E, q_E), is called the **equilibrium point**.

36. Find the equilibrium point for each pair of demand and supply functions.
    (a) Demand: $q = D(x) = 3 - x$; Supply: $q = S(x) = \sqrt{2x+2}$
    (b) Demand: $q = D(x) = 4/x$; Supply: $q = S(x) = x/4$
    (c) Demand: $q = D(x) = 8800 - 30x$; Supply: $q = S(x) = 7000 + 15x$

- *Limit of A Function*

37. Let $f(x) = x^2 + 1$. We will find out what value does $f(x)$ approach as x approaches 1.
    (a) First let x approach 1 from the left. Compute $f(0.9)$, $f(0.99)$, $f(0.999)$, and $f(0.9999)$.
    (b) Next let x approach 1 from the right. Compute $f(1.1)$, $f(1.01)$, $f(1.001)$, and $f(1.0001)$.

38. Redo Problem 37 with function $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+2, & \text{for } x \geq 1, \\ \sqrt{3+x}, & \text{for } x < 1. \end{cases}$

39. **Definition.** As x approaches a (from both sides), the **limit** of $f(x)$ is L, written $\lim\limits_{x \to a} f(x) = L$, if all values of $f(x)$ are close to L for values of x that are sufficiently close, but not necessarily equal, to a. The limit L, if it exists, must be a unique real number.

We write $\lim\limits_{x\to a^-} f(x)$ to indicate the limit from the left (i.e. $x < a$), and $\lim\limits_{x\to a^+} f(x)$ to indicate the limit from the right (i.e. $x > a$), if we want to specify the side from which x-values approach a. These are called **left-hand limits** and **right-hand limits**, respectively.

40. **Theorem.** *As x approaches a, the limit of $f(x)$ is L if and only if the left-hand and right-hand limits exist and are equal to L.*

41. Let $f(x) = \dfrac{x^2-4}{x-2}$.

    (a) Does $f(2)$ exist?

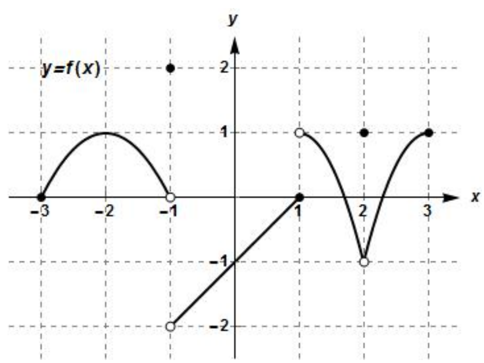
    (b) Compute $f(1.9)$, $f(1.99)$, $f(1.999)$, and $f(1.9999)$.

    (c) Compute $f(2.1)$, $f(2.01)$, $f(2.001)$, and $f(2.0001)$.

    (d) What is $\lim\limits_{x\to 2} f(x)$?

42. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-4}{x-2}, & \text{for } x \neq 2, \\ -1, & \text{for } x = 2. \end{cases}$ Find $f(2)$ and $\lim\limits_{x\to 2} f(x)$.

43. The graph of the function $y = f(x)$ on $-3 \leq x \leq 3$ is given as below.



Find the values of $f(-1)$, $f(0)$, $f(1)$, $f(2)$, $\lim\limits_{x\to -1^-} f(x)$, $\lim\limits_{x\to 0} f(x)$, $\lim\limits_{x\to 1^+} f(x)$, and $\lim\limits_{x\to 2} f(x)$, if they exist.

44. Let $f(x) = \dfrac{1}{(x-1)^3}$.

    (a) First let x approach 1 from the left. Compute $f(0.9)$, $f(0.99)$, $f(0.999)$, and $f(0.9999)$.

    (b) Next let x approach 1 from the right. Compute $f(1.1)$, $f(1.01)$, $f(1.001)$, and $f(1.0001)$.

45. Let $f(x) = \dfrac{x}{x^2+1}$.

(a) First let x approach ∞. Compute $f(100)$, $f(1000)$, $f(10000)$, and $f(100000)$.

(b) Next let x approach $-\infty$. Compute $f(-100)$, $f(-1000)$, $f(-10000)$, and $f(-100000)$.