

Limits at infinity. Asymptotes.

2.3.1

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 1}{2x^3 + 5} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^3}}{2 + \frac{5}{x^3}} = \frac{0 + 0}{2 + 0} = 0 \\
 (b) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2 + x - x^2}{3 + 4x^2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x} - 1}{\frac{3}{x^2} + 4} = \frac{0 + 0 - 1}{0 + 4} = -\frac{1}{4} \\
 (c) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{1 + 2x^2}}{x + 2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2(\frac{1}{x^2} + 2)}}{x + 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-x \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2} + 2}}{x + 2} = \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-\sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2} + 2}}{1 + \frac{2}{x}} = \frac{-\sqrt{0 + 2}}{1 + 0} = -\sqrt{2} \\
 (d) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + 4} - \sqrt{x^2 - 1}) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + 4} - \sqrt{x^2 - 1}) \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 4} + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4} + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}} = \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x^2 + 4) - (x^2 - 1)}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4} + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4} + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

2.3.2

(a)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - 4x - 6/x^2}{1 - 9/x^2} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

(b)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2(4 - 1/x^2)}}{x + 10000} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-x \sqrt{4 - 1/x^2}}{x(1 + \frac{10000}{x})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-\sqrt{4 - 1/x^2}}{1 + \frac{10000}{x}} = -2$$

2.3.3

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^2 + 1}{-2 + x + x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 + \frac{1}{x^2}}{\frac{-2}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x} + 1} = \frac{5 + 0}{0 + 0 + 1} = 5$$

similarly, $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 5$. $y=5$ is the only horizontal asymptote

solve denominator = 0 : $-2 + x + x^2 = 0$ $x=1$ or $x=-2$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{5x^2 + 1}{(x-1)(x+2)} = \frac{"6"}{0^+ \cdot 3} = +\infty \quad \underline{x=1} \text{ is a } \underline{\text{vertical asymptote}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \frac{5x^2 + 1}{(x-1)(x+2)} = \frac{"21"}{-3 \cdot 0^+} = -\infty \quad \underline{x=-2} \text{ is a } \underline{\text{vertical asymptote}}$$