Calculus I
Homework
Limits involving infinity

1. Evaluate the difference quotient and simplify your answer.

   (a) $\dfrac{f(2+h)-f(2)}{h}$, where $f(x)=x^2-x-1$.

   answer: $h+3$

   (b) $\dfrac{f(a+h)-f(a)}{h}$, where $f(x)=x^2$.

   answer: $h+2a$

   (c) $\dfrac{f(a+h)-f(a)}{h}$, where $f(x)=x^3$.

   answer: h^2+3a^2+3ah

   (d) $\dfrac{f(a+h)-f(a)}{h}$, where $f(x)=x^4$.

   answer: $6a^2h+4ah^2+h^3+4a^3$

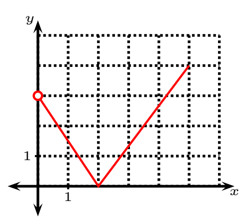
   (e) $\dfrac{f(x)-f(a)}{x-a}$, where $f(x)=\frac{1}{x}$.

   answer: $-\frac{1}{ax}$.

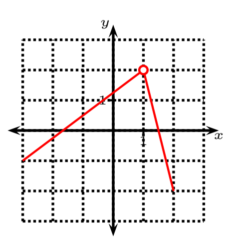
   (f) $\dfrac{f(x)-f(1)}{x-1}$, where $f(x)=\frac{x-1}{x+1}$.

   answer: $\frac{1}{x+1}$.

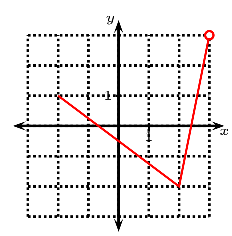
2. Write down a formula for a function whose graphs is given below. The graphs are up to scale. Please note that there is more than one way to write down a correct answer.

   (a) 

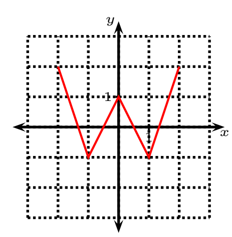
   answer: $y=\begin{cases} -\frac{3}{2}x+3 & \text{if } 0<x\leq 2 \\ \frac{4}{3}x-\frac{8}{3} & \text{if } 2<x\leq 6 \end{cases}$

   (b) 

   answer: $y=\begin{cases} \frac{3}{4}x+\frac{5}{4} & \text{if } -3\leq x<1 \\ -4x+6 & \text{if } 1<x\leq 2 \end{cases}$

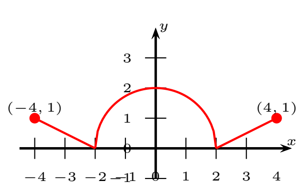
   (c) 

   answer: $y=\begin{cases} -\frac{3}{4}x-\frac{1}{2} & \text{if } -2\leq x<2 \\ 5x-12 & \text{if } 2\leq x<3 \end{cases}$

   (d) 

   answer: $y=\begin{cases} -3x-4 & \text{if } -2\leq x<-1 \\ 2x+1 & \text{if } -1\leq x<0 \\ -2x+1 & \text{if } 0\leq x<1 \\ 3x-4 & \text{if } 1\leq x\leq 2 \end{cases}$

3. Write down formulas for function whose graphs are as follows. The graphs are up to scale. All arcs are parts of circles.

   (a) 

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5. Find the implied domain of the function.

(a) $f(x)=\dfrac{x+4}{x^2-4}$.

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(b) $f(x)=\dfrac{2x^3-5}{x^2+5x+6}$.

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(c) $f(t)=\sqrt[3]{3t-1}$.

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(d) $g(t)=\sqrt{5-t}-\sqrt{1+t}$.

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(e) $h(x)=\dfrac{1}{\sqrt[6]{x^2-7x}}$.

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7. Compute the composite functions $(f\circ g)(x)$, $(g\circ f)(x)$. Simplify your answer to a single fraction. Find the domain of the composite function.

(a) $f(x)=\dfrac{x+2}{x-2}, g(x)=\dfrac{x-1}{x+2}$.

answer: $(f\circ g)(x)=\frac{3+3x}{-5-x}$ $\quad x \neq -2,-5$
$(g\circ f)(x)=\frac{4}{-2+3x}$ $\quad x \neq 2, \frac{2}{3}$

(b) $f(x)=\dfrac{x+1}{3x-2}, g(x)=\dfrac{x-2}{x-1}$.

answer: $(f\circ g)(x)=\frac{-3+2x}{-4+x}$ $\quad x \neq 4,1$
$(g\circ f)(x)=\frac{5-5x}{3-2x}$ $\quad x \neq \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{2}$

(c) $f(x)=\dfrac{2x+1}{3x-1}, g(x)=\dfrac{x-2}{2x-1}$.

answer: $(f\circ g)(x)=\frac{-5+4x}{-5+x}$ $\quad x \neq 5, \frac{1}{2}$
$(g\circ f)(x)=\frac{3-4x}{3+x}$ $\quad x \neq -3, \frac{1}{3}$

(d) $f(x)=\dfrac{x+1}{x-2}, g(x)=\dfrac{x+2}{2x-1}$.

answer: $(f\circ g)(x)=\frac{1+3x}{4-3x}$ $\quad x \neq \frac{4}{3}, \frac{1}{2}$
$(g\circ f)(x)=\frac{-3+3x}{4+x}$ $\quad x \neq -4,2$

(e) $f(x)=\dfrac{5x+1}{4x-1}, g(x)=\dfrac{4x-1}{3x+1}$.

answer: $(f\circ g)(x)=\frac{-4+23x}{-5+13x}$ $\quad x \neq \frac{5}{13}, -\frac{1}{3}$
$(g\circ f)(x)=\frac{5+16x}{2+19x}$ $\quad x \neq -\frac{2}{19}, \frac{1}{4}$

(f) $f(x) = \frac{3x-5}{x-2}$, $g(x) = \frac{x-2}{x-4}$.

answer: $(f \circ g)(x) = \frac{-2x+14}{-x+6}$ $\quad x \neq 6, 4$
$(g \circ f)(x) = \frac{x-1}{-x+3}$ $\quad x \neq 3, 2$

(g) $f(x) = \frac{x-3}{x+2}$, $g(y) = \frac{y+3}{y-4}$.

answer: $(f \circ g)(x) = \frac{-2x+15}{3x-5}$ $\quad x \neq \frac{5}{3}, 4$
$(g \circ f)(x) = \frac{4x+3}{-3x-11}$ $\quad x \neq -\frac{11}{3}, -2$

8. Find the functions $f \circ g$, $g \circ f$, $f \circ f$ and $g \circ g$ and their implied domains. The answer key has not been proofread, use with caution.

(a) $f(x) = x^2 + 1$, $g(x) = x + 1$.

answer: Domain, all 4 cases: $x \in \mathbb{R}$ (all reals)
in some order: $(1+x)^2 + 1$, $(x)^2 + 2$, $((x)^2+1)^2 + 1$, $2 + x$

(b) $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$, $g(x) = x + 1$.

answer: Domain of $f \circ g$ is $x \geq -2$. Domain of $g \circ f$ is $x \geq -1$
Domain of $f \circ f$ is $x \geq -1$. Domain of $g \circ g$ is all reals ($x \in \mathbb{R}$).
in some order: $\sqrt{2+x}$, $1 + \sqrt{1+x}$, $\sqrt{1+\sqrt{1+x}}$, $2 + x$

(c) $f(x) = 2x$, $g(x) = \tan x$.

In this subproblem, you are not required to find the domain.

answer: Domain $f \circ f$: all reals ($x \in \mathbb{R}$). Domain $g \circ f$: $x \neq (2k+1)\frac{\pi}{2}$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$
Domain $f \circ g$: $x \neq (4k+1)\frac{\pi}{4}$, $x \neq (4k+3)\frac{\pi}{4}$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$
Domain $g \circ g$: $x \neq (2k+1)\frac{\pi}{2}$ and $x \neq k\pi + \arctan\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$
in some order: $2\tan x$, $\tan(2x)$, $4x$, $\tan(\tan x)$

(d) $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$, $g(x) = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$.

answer: Domain $f \circ f$: $x \neq 1$. Domain $g \circ g$: $x \neq 0, x \neq -1$
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in some order: $-x$, $\frac{1}{x}$, x, $-\frac{1}{x}$

9. Convert from degrees to radians.

(a) $15°$.

answer: $\frac{\pi}{12} \approx 0.261799388$

(b) $30°$.

answer: $\frac{\pi}{6} \approx 0.523598776$

(c) $36°$.

answer: $\frac{\pi}{5} \approx 0.628318531$

(d) $45°$.

answer: $\frac{\pi}{4} \approx 0.785398163$

(e) $60°$.

answer: $\frac{\pi}{3} \approx 1.047197551$

(f) $75°$.

answer: $\frac{5\pi}{12} \approx 1.308997$

(g) $90°$.

answer: $\frac{\pi}{2}$

(h) $120°$.

answer: $\frac{2\pi}{3}$

(i) $135°$.

answer: $\frac{3\pi}{4}$

(j) $150°$.

answer: $\frac{5\pi}{6}$

(k) $180°$.

answer: π

(l) $225°$.

answer: $\frac{5\pi}{4}$

(m) $270°$.

answer: $\frac{3\pi}{2}$

(n) $305°$.

answer: $\frac{61\pi}{36} \approx 5.323254$

(o) $360°$.

answer: 2π

(p) $405°$.

answer: $\frac{9\pi}{4}$

(q) $1200°$.

answer: $\frac{20\pi}{3}$

(r) $-900°$.

answer: -5π

(s) $-2014°$.

answer: $-\frac{1007}{90}\pi \approx -35.150931$

10. Convert from radians to degrees. The answer key has not been proofread, use with caution.

(a) 4π.

answer: $720°$

(b) $-\frac{7}{6}\pi$.

answer: $-210°$

(c) $\frac{7}{12}\pi$.

answer: $105°$

(d) $\frac{4}{3}\pi$.

answer: $240°$

(e) $-\frac{3}{8}\pi$.

answer: $-67.5°$

(f) 2014π.

answer: $362520°$

(g) 5.

answer: $\left(\frac{900}{\pi}\right)° \approx 286°$

(h) -2014.

answer: $-362520°$

11. Prove the trigonometry identities.

(a) $\sin\theta \cot\theta = \cos\theta$.

(b) $(\sin\theta + \cos\theta)^2 = 1 + \sin(2\theta)$.

(c) $\sec\theta - \cos\theta = \tan\theta \sin\theta$.

(d) $\tan^2\theta - \sin^2\theta = \tan^2\theta \sin^2\theta$.

(e) $\cot^2\theta + \sec^2\theta = \tan^2\theta + \csc^2\theta$.

(f) $2\csc(2\theta) = \sec\theta \csc\theta$.

(g) $\tan(2\theta) = \frac{2\tan\theta}{1 - \tan^2\theta}$.

(h) $\frac{1}{1-\sin\theta} + \frac{1}{1+\sin\theta} = 2\sec^2\theta$.

(i) $\tan\alpha + \tan\beta = \frac{\sin(\alpha+\beta)}{\cos\alpha\cos\beta}$.

(j) $\tan(\alpha+\beta) = \dfrac{\tan\alpha + \tan\beta}{1 - \tan\alpha\tan\beta}$.

(k) $\sin(3\theta) + \sin\theta = 2\sin(2\theta)\cos\theta$.

(l) $\cos(3\theta) = 4\cos^3\theta - 3\cos\theta$.

(m) $1 + \tan^2\theta = \sec^2\theta$.

(n) $1 + \csc^2\theta = \cot^2\theta$.

(o) $2\cos^2(2x) = 2\sin^4\theta + 2\cos^4\theta - \sin^2(2\theta)$.

(p) $\dfrac{1+\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}{1-\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} = \tan\theta + \sec\theta$.

12. Find all values of x in the interval $[0, 2\pi]$ that satisfy the equation.

(a) $2\cos x - 1 = 0$.

answer: $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$ or $x = \frac{5\pi}{3}$

(b) $\sin(2x) = \cos x$.

answer: $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$, $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$, or $x = \frac{5\pi}{6}$

(c) $\sqrt{3}\sin x = \sin(2x)$.

answer: $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$, $\frac{11\pi}{6}$, 0, π, 2π

(d) $2\sin^2 x = 1$.

answer: $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$, $x = \frac{3\pi}{4}$, $x = \frac{5\pi}{4}$, or $x = \frac{7\pi}{4}$

(e) $2 + \cos(2x) = 3\cos x$.

answer: $x = 0$, $x = 2\pi$, $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$, or $x = \frac{5\pi}{3}$

(f) $2\cos x + \sin(2x) = 0$.

answer: $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$

(g) $2\cos^2 x - (1+\sqrt{2})\cos x + \dfrac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = 0$.

answer: $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$, $\frac{\pi}{3}$, $\frac{5\pi}{3}$, $\frac{7\pi}{4}$

(h) $|\tan x| = 1$.

answer: $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$, $x = \frac{3\pi}{4}$, $x = \frac{5\pi}{4}$, or $x = \frac{7\pi}{4}$

(i) $3\cot^2 x = 1$.

answer: $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$, $x = \frac{2\pi}{3}$, $x = \frac{4\pi}{3}$, or $x = \frac{5\pi}{3}$

(j) $\sin x = \tan x$.

answer: $x = 0$, $x = \pi$, or $x = 2\pi$

Solution. 12.g Set $\cos x = u$. Then

$$2\cos^2 x - (1+\sqrt{2})\cos x + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = 0$$

becomes

$$2u^2 - (1+\sqrt{2})u + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = 0.$$

This is a quadratic equation in u and therefore has solutions

$$\begin{aligned} u_1, u_2 &= \frac{1+\sqrt{2} \pm \sqrt{(1+\sqrt{2})^2 - 4\sqrt{2}}}{4} \\ &= \frac{1+\sqrt{2} \pm \sqrt{1 - 2\sqrt{2} + 2}}{4} \\ &= \frac{1+\sqrt{2} \pm \sqrt{(1-\sqrt{2})^2}}{4} \\ &= \frac{1+\sqrt{2} \pm (1-\sqrt{2})}{4} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{array} \right. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $u = \cos x = \frac{1}{2}$ or $u = \cos x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$, and, as x is in the interval $[0, 2\pi]$, we get $x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$ (for $\cos x = \frac{1}{2}$) or $x = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$ (for $\cos x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$).

13. Evaluate the limits. Justify your computations.

(a) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to 2} 2x^2 - 3x - 6$.

answer: -4

(b) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to -1} \frac{x^4 - x}{x^2 + 2x + 3}$.

answer: 1

(c) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to -1} \frac{1}{x^2 - 3x + 2}$.

answer: $\frac{1}{6}$

(d) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to -2} \sqrt{x^4 + 16}$.

answer: $\sqrt{32}$

(e) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to 8} (1 + \sqrt[3]{x})(2 - x)$.

answer: -18

14. Evaluate the limit if it exists.

(a) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to 2} \frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x - 2}$.

answer: -1

(b) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to 3} \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$.

answer: $\frac{3}{4}$

(c) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to -2} \frac{2x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 - 4}$

answer: $\frac{7}{4}$

(d) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to 2} \frac{x^2 - 5x - 6}{x - 2}$.

answer: DNE

(e) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to -1} \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$.

answer: DNE

(f) $\lim\limits_{x\to-2}\dfrac{x^2-4}{2x^2+5x+2}$.

answer: $\frac{4}{3}$

(g) $\lim\limits_{x\to-1}\dfrac{2x^2+3x+1}{3x^2-2x-5}$.

answer: $\frac{1}{8}$

(h) $\lim\limits_{x\to-4}\dfrac{x^2+7x+12}{x^2+6x+8}$.

answer: $\frac{1}{2}$

(i) $\lim\limits_{h\to0}\dfrac{(-3+h)^2-9}{h}$.

answer: -6

(j) $\lim\limits_{h\to0}\dfrac{(-2+h)^3+8}{h}$.

answer: 12

(k) $\lim\limits_{x\to-3}\dfrac{x+3}{x^3+27}$.

answer: $\frac{1}{27}$

(l) $\lim\limits_{x\to1}\dfrac{x^4-1}{x^3-1}$.

answer: $\frac{4}{3}$

(m) $\lim\limits_{h\to0}\dfrac{\sqrt{4+h}-2}{h}$.

answer: $\frac{1}{4}$

(n) $\lim\limits_{x\to3}\dfrac{\sqrt{5x+1}-4}{x-3}$.

answer: $\frac{5}{8}$

(o) $\lim\limits_{x\to-3}\dfrac{\sqrt{x^2+16}-5}{x+3}$.

answer: $-\frac{3}{5}$

(p) $\lim\limits_{x\to-3}\dfrac{\frac{1}{3}+\frac{1}{x}}{3+x}$.

answer: $-\frac{1}{9}$

(q) $\lim\limits_{x\to-2}\dfrac{x^2+4x+4}{x^4-16}$.

answer: 0

(r) $\lim\limits_{x\to0}\dfrac{\sqrt{1+x}-\sqrt{1-x}}{x}$.

answer: 1

(s) $\lim\limits_{x\to0}\left(\dfrac{1}{x}-\dfrac{1}{x^2+x}\right)$.

answer: 1

(t) $\lim\limits_{x\to9}\dfrac{3-\sqrt{x}}{9x-x^2}$.

answer: $\frac{1}{54}$

(u) $\lim\limits_{h\to0}\dfrac{(2+h)^{-1}-2^{-1}}{h}$.

answer: $-\frac{1}{4}$

(v) $\lim\limits_{x\to0}\left(\dfrac{1}{x\sqrt{1+x}}-\dfrac{1}{x}\right)$.

answer: $-\frac{1}{2}$

(w) $\lim\limits_{h\to0}\dfrac{(x+h)^3-x^3}{h}$.

answer: $3x^2$

(x) $\lim\limits_{h\to0}\dfrac{\frac{1}{(x+h)^2}-\frac{1}{x^2}}{h}$.

answer: $-\frac{2}{x^3}$

(y) $\lim\limits_{h\to0}\dfrac{\frac{1}{(2+h)^2}-\frac{1}{4}}{h}$.

answer: $-\frac{1}{4}$

(z) $\lim\limits_{h\to0}\dfrac{\frac{1}{(1+h)^2}-1}{h}$.

answer: -2

Solution. 14.a

$$\begin{array}{rcll} \lim\limits_{x\to2}\dfrac{x^2-5x+6}{x-2} &=& \lim\limits_{x\to2}\dfrac{(x-3)\cancel{(x-2)}}{\cancel{x-2}} & \text{factor and cancel} \\ &=& 2-3=-1 & \end{array}$$

Solution. 14.c

$$\begin{array}{rcll} \lim\limits_{x\to-2}\dfrac{2x^2+x-6}{x^2-4} &=& \lim\limits_{x\to-2}\dfrac{(2x-3)\cancel{(x+2)}}{(x-2)\cancel{(x+2)}} & \text{factor and cancel} \\ &=& \dfrac{(2(-2)-3)}{-2-2} & \text{substitute} \\ &=& \dfrac{7}{4} & \end{array}$$

Solution. 14.f

$$\begin{array}{rcll} \lim\limits_{x\to2}\dfrac{x^2-4}{2x^2+5x+2} &=& \lim\limits_{x\to-2}\dfrac{(x-2)\cancel{(x+2)}}{(2x+1)\cancel{(x+2)}} & \text{factor and cancel} \\ &=& \dfrac{(-2)-2}{2(-2)+1}=\dfrac{4}{3}. & \end{array}$$

Solution. 14.g

$$\begin{array}{rcll} \lim\limits_{x\to-1}\dfrac{2x^2+3x+1}{3x^2-2x-5} &=& \lim\limits_{x\to-1}\dfrac{(2x+1)\cancel{(x+1)}}{(3x-5)\cancel{(x+1)}} & \text{factor and cancel} \\ &=& \dfrac{2(-1)+1}{3(-1)-5}=\dfrac{1}{8}. & \end{array}$$

Solution. 14.h.

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x\to -4}\frac{x^2+7x+12}{x^2+6x+8} &= \lim_{x\to -4}\frac{(x+3)\cancel{(x+4)}}{(x+2)\cancel{(x+4)}} && \text{factor}\\ &= \frac{-4+3}{-4+2}=-\frac{1}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

Solution. 14.x

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{\frac{1}{(x+h)^2}-\frac{1}{x^2}}{h} &= \lim_{h\to 0}\frac{x^2-(x+h)^2}{hx^2(x+h)^2}=\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{x^2-(x^2+2xh+h^2)}{hx^2(x+h)^2}\\ &= \lim_{h\to 0}\frac{\cancel{h}(-2x+h)}{\cancel{h}x^2(x+h)^2}=\frac{-2x+0}{x^2(x+0)^2}=-\frac{2}{x^3}.\end{aligned}$$

Solution. 14.y.

Variant I.

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{\frac{1}{(2+h)^2}-\frac{1}{4}}{h} &= \lim_{h\to 0}\frac{\frac{4-(2+h)^2}{4(2+h)^2}}{h}\\ &= \lim_{h\to 0}\frac{4-(4+4h+h^2)}{4h(2+h)^2}\\ &= \lim_{h\to 0}\frac{-4h-h^2}{4h(2+h)^2}\\ &= \lim_{h\to 0}\frac{\cancel{h}(-4-h)}{4\cancel{h}(2+h)^2} && \text{substitute } h=0\\ &= \frac{-4-0}{4(2+0)^2}\\ &= -\frac{1}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Variant II.

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{\frac{1}{(2+h)^2}-\frac{1}{4}}{h} &= \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)_{|x=2}\\ &= \left(\frac{-2}{x^3}\right)_{|x=2}\\ &= -\frac{1}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Solution. 14.z.

Variant I.

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{\frac{1}{(1+h)^2}-1}{h} &= \lim_{h\to 0}\frac{\frac{1-(1+h)^2}{(1+h)^2}}{h}\\ &= \lim_{h\to 0}\frac{1-(1+2h+h^2)}{h(1+h)^2}\\ &= \lim_{h\to 0}\frac{-2h-h^2}{h(1+h)^2}\\ &= \lim_{h\to 0}\frac{\cancel{h}(-2-h)}{\cancel{h}(1+h)^2} && \text{substitute } h=0\\ &= \frac{-2-0}{(1+0)^2}\\ &= -2.\end{aligned}$$

Variant II.

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{\frac{1}{(1+h)^2}-1}{h} &= \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)_{|x=1} && \text{derivative definition}\\ &= \left(\frac{-2}{x^3}\right)_{|x=1}\\ &= -2.\end{aligned}$$

15. Find the (implied) domain of $f(x)$. Extend the definition of f at $x=3$ to make f continuous at 3.

(a) $f(x) = \dfrac{x^2 - x - 6}{x - 3}$.

answer: Implied domain: $x \in (-\infty, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$. Extend $f(x)$ to $\tilde{f}(x) = x + 2$.

(b) $f(x) = \dfrac{x^3 - 27}{x^2 - 9}$.

answer: Implied domain: $x \in (-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$. Extend $f(x)$ to $\tilde{f}(x) = \frac{x^2+3x+9}{x+3}$ with domain $x \in (-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, \infty)$.

16. Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that there is a real number solution of the given equation in the specified interval.

(a) $x^5 + x - 3 = 0$ where $x \in (1, 2)$.
(b) $\sqrt[4]{x} = 1 - x$ where $x \in \mathbb{R}$ (i.e., x is an arbitrary real number).
(c) $\cos x = 2x$, where $x \in (0, 1)$.
(d) $\sin x = x^2 - x - 1$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}$ (i.e., x is an arbitrary real number).
(e) $\cos x = x^4$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}$ (i.e., x is an arbitrary real number).
(f) $x^5 - x^2 + x + 3 = 0$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

17.

(a) i. Solve the equation $x^2 + 13x + 41 = 1$.
ii. Use the intermediate value theorem to prove that the equation $x^2 + 13x + 41 = \sin x$ has at least two solutions, lying between the two solutions to 17.a.i.

(b) i. Solve the equation $x^2 - 15x + 55 = 1$.
ii. Use the intermediate value theorem to prove that the equation $x^2 - 15x + 55 = \cos x$ has at least two solutions, lying between the two solutions to the equation in the preceding item.

Solution. 17.a.i.

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 13x + 41 &= 1 \\ x^2 + 13x + 40 &= 0 \\ (x+5)(x+8) &= 0 \quad . \end{aligned}$$

eqnarray Therefore the two solutions are $x_1 = -5$ and $x_2 = -8$.

17.a.ii. Consider the function

$$f(x) = x^2 + 13x + 41 - \sin x \quad .$$

Our strategy for proving $f(x) = 0$ has a solution consists in finding a number a such that $f(a) < 0$ and a number b such that $f(b) > 0$, and then using the Intermediate Value Theorem (IVT) with $N = 0$.

Let

$$g(x) = x^2 + 13x + 41,$$

and so $f(x) = g(x) - \sin x$. We have no techniques for evaluating $\sin x$ without calculator, but we do have all knowledge necessary to evaluate $g(x)$. Indeed, from high school we know that the lowest point of the parabola $g(x)$ is located at $x = -\frac{13}{2} = -6.5$. Then $g(-6.5) = -1.25$. Therefore

$$f(-6.5) = g(-6.5) - \sin(-6.5) = g(-6.5) + \sin(6.5) = -1.25 + \sin 6.5 \leq -0.25,$$

where for the very last inequality we use the fact that $\sin 6.5 < 1$ (remember $\sin t \leq 1$ for all real values of t).

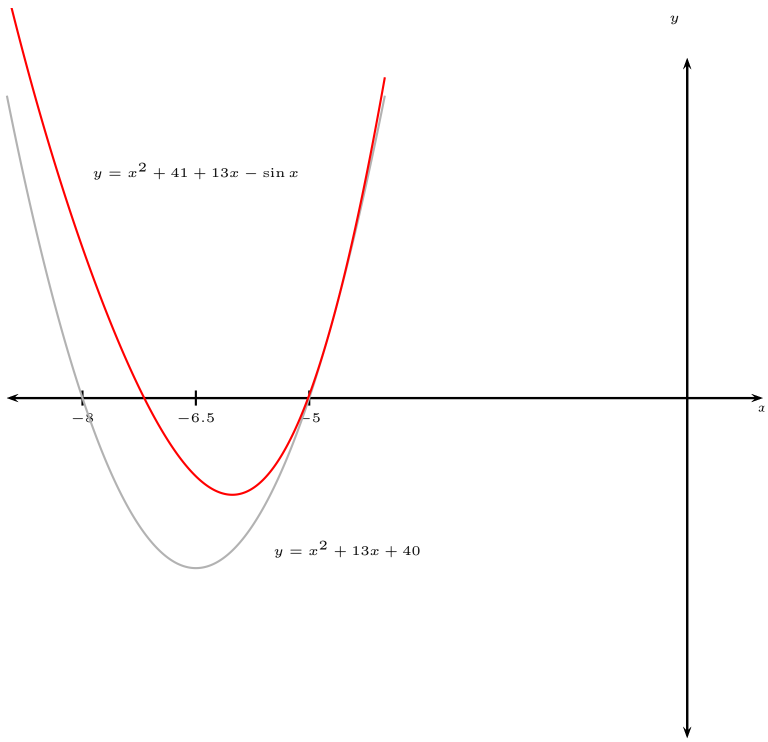
On the other hand,

$$f(-5) = g(-5) - \sin(-5) = 1 + \sin 5 > 0$$

as $\sin 5 > -1$ (remember $\sin t \geq -1$ for all real values of t). Therefore $f(-5) > 0$ and $f(-6.5) < 0$ and by the Intermediate Value Theorem (IVT) $f(x) = 0$ has a solution in the interval $x \in (-6.5, -5)$.

Proving $f(x) = 0$ has a solution in the interval $x \in (-8, -6.5)$ is similar and we leave it to the student.

Below is a computer generated plot of the function with the use of which we can visually verify our answer.



18. For which values of x is f continuous?

- $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is rational} \\ 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$
- $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is rational} \\ x & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$

19. Show that $f(x)$ is continuous at all irrational points and discontinuous at all rational ones.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{q^2} & \text{if } x \text{ is rational and } x = \frac{p}{q} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$$

where in the first item p, q are relatively prime integers (i.e., integers without a common divisor).

20. Show the following limits do not exist and compute whether they evaluate to ∞, $-\infty$, or neither.

(a) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to 3^+} \frac{x^2+x-1}{x^2-2x-3}$. answer: ∞.

(b) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to 3^-} \frac{x^2+x-1}{x^2-2x-3}$. answer: $-\infty$.

(c) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to 1^+} \frac{x^2+1}{\sqrt{x^2+3}-2}$. answer: ∞.

(d) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to 1^-} \frac{x^2+1}{\sqrt{x^2+3}-2}$. answer: $-\infty$.

(e) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to 2^+} \frac{\sqrt{x^3-8}}{-x^2+x+2}$. answer: $-\infty$.

(f) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to -1^+} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x^2+2x+1}}{x^2-2x-3}$. answer: $-\infty$.

21. Find the limit or show that it does not exist. If the limit does not exist, indicate whether it is $\pm\infty$, or neither. The answer key has not been proofread, use with caution.

(a) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\infty} \frac{x-2}{2x+1}$. answer: $\frac{1}{2}$

(b) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\infty} \frac{1-x^2}{x^3-x-1}$. answer: 0

(c) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to-\infty} \frac{x-2}{x^2+5}$. answer: 0

(d) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to-\infty} \frac{3x^3+2}{2x^3-4x+5}$. answer: $\frac{3}{2}$

(e) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x}+x^2}{\sqrt{x}-x^2}$. answer: -1

(f) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\infty} \frac{3-x\sqrt{x}}{2x^{\frac{3}{2}}-2}$. answer: $-\frac{1}{2}$

(g) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\infty} \frac{(2x^2+3)^2}{(x-1)^2(x^2+1)}$. answer: 4

(h) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\infty} \frac{x^2-3}{\sqrt{x^4+3}}$. answer: 1

(i) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to-\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2+1}}{x+1}$. answer: -1

(j) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\infty} \frac{\sqrt{16x^6-3x}}{x^3+2}$.

answer: 4

(k) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to-\infty} \frac{\sqrt{16x^6-3x}}{x^3+2}$.

answer: -4

(l) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\infty} \frac{\sqrt{3x^2+2x+1}}{x+1}$.

answer: $\sqrt{3}$

(m) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\infty} \sqrt{4x^2+x}-2x$.

answer: $\frac{1}{4}$

(n) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to-\infty} x+\sqrt{x^2+3x}$.

answer: $-\frac{3}{2}$

(o) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\infty} \sqrt{x^2+2x}-\sqrt{x^2-2x}$.

answer: 2.

(p) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to-\infty} \sqrt{x^2+x}-\sqrt{x^2-x}$.

answer: -1.

(q) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\infty} \sqrt{x^2+ax}-\sqrt{x^2+bx}$.

answer: $\frac{a-b}{2}$

(r) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\infty} \cos x$.

answer: DNE

(s) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\infty} \frac{x^4+x}{x^3-x+2}$.

answer: ∞

(t) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\infty} \sqrt{x^2+1}$.

answer: ∞

(u) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to-\infty} (x^4+x^5)$.

answer: $-\infty$

(v) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to-\infty} \frac{\sqrt{1+x^6}}{1+x^2}$.

answer: ∞

(w) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\infty} (x-\sqrt{x})$.

answer: ∞

(x) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\infty} (x^2-x^3)$.

answer: $-\infty$

(y) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\infty} x\sin x$.

answer: DNE

(z) $\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\infty} \sqrt{x}\sin x$.

answer: DNE

Solution. 21.d.

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{3x^3+2}{2x^3-4x+5} &= \lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{\left(3x^3+2\right)\frac{1}{x^3}}{\left(2x^3-4x+5\right)\frac{1}{x^3}} \\
&= \lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{3+\frac{2}{x^3}}{2-\frac{4}{x^2}+\frac{5}{x^3}} \\
&= \frac{3+0}{2-0+0}=\frac{3}{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Divide top and bottom by highest term in denominator

Solution. 21.i

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{\sqrt{x^2+1}}{x+1} &= \lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{\frac{1}{x}\sqrt{x^2+1}}{\frac{1}{x}(x+1)} = \lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2}}\sqrt{x^2+1}}{\frac{1}{x}(x+1)} \\
&= \lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{-\sqrt{\frac{x^2+1}{x^2}}}{1+\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{-\sqrt{1+\underbrace{\frac{1}{x^2}}_{\to 0}}}{1+\underbrace{\frac{1}{x}}_{x\to 0}} \\
&= 1.
\end{aligned}$$

$x=-\sqrt{x^2}$, whenever $x<0$

Solution. 21.k.

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{\sqrt{16x^6-3x}}{x^3+2} &= \lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{\sqrt{x^6\left(16-\frac{3}{x^5}\right)}}{x^3+2} \\
&= \lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{\sqrt{x^6}\sqrt{\left(16-\frac{3}{x^5}\right)}}{x^3+2} \\
&= \lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{-x^3\sqrt{\left(16-\frac{3}{x^5}\right)}}{x^3+2} \\
&= \lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{-x^3\sqrt{\left(16-\frac{3}{x^5}\right)}}{x^3+2} \\
&= \lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{-\cancel{x^3}\sqrt{\left(16-\frac{3}{x^5}\right)}\frac{1}{\cancel{x^3}}}{\left(x^3+2\right)\frac{1}{x^3}} \\
&= \lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{-\sqrt{\left(16-\underbrace{\frac{3}{x^5}}_{\to 0}\right)}}{1+\underbrace{\frac{2}{x^3}}_{\to 0}} \\
&= \frac{-\sqrt{16}}{1}=-4.
\end{aligned}$$

$\sqrt{x^6}=-x^3$ because $x<0$ as $x\to-\infty$

Divide by highest order term in denominator

Solution. 21.l

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{x\to\infty}\frac{\sqrt{3x^2+2x+1}}{x+1} &= \lim_{x\to\infty}\frac{\frac{1}{x}\sqrt{3x^2+2x+1}}{\frac{1}{x}(x+1)}\\
&= \lim_{x\to\infty}\frac{\sqrt{\frac{3x^2+2x+1}{x^2}}}{\left(1+\frac{1}{x}\right)}\\
&= \lim_{x\to\infty}\frac{\sqrt{3+\frac{2}{x}+\frac{1}{x^2}}}{\left(1+\frac{1}{x}\right)}\\
&= \frac{\sqrt{3+0+0}}{1+0}\\
&= \sqrt{3}.
\end{aligned}$$

Solution. 21.p.

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

The sign highlighted in red arises from the fact that, for negative x, we have that $x=-\sqrt{x^2}$.

22. Find the horizontal and vertical asymptotes of the graph of the function. If a graphing device is available, check your work by plotting the function.

(a) $y=\dfrac{2x}{\sqrt{x^2+x+3}-3}$.

answer: Vertical: $x=2$, $x=-3$, horizontal: $y=2$, $y=-2$

(b) $y=\dfrac{3x^2}{\sqrt{x^2+2x+10}-5}$.

answer: Vertical: $x=3$, $x=-5$, horizontal: none.

(c) $y=\dfrac{3x+1}{x-2}$.

answer: vertical: $x=2$, horizontal: $y=3$

(d) $y=\dfrac{x^2-1}{2x^2-3x-2}$.

answer: vertical: $x=2$, $x=-\frac{1}{2}$, horizontal: $y=\frac{1}{2}$

(e) $y=\dfrac{2x^2-2x-1}{x^2+x-2}$.

answer: vertical: $x=1$, $x=-2$, horizontal: $y=2$

(f) $f(x)=\dfrac{-5x^2-3x+5}{x^2-2x-3}$

answer: vertical: $x=-1$, $x=3$, horizontal: $y=-5$

(g) $y=\dfrac{1+x^4}{x^2-x^4}$.

answer: vertical: $x=0$, $x=1$, $x=-1$, horizontal: $y=-1$

(h) $y=\dfrac{x^3-x}{x^2-7x+6}$.

answer: vertical: $x=6$, no horizontal asymptote

(i) $y=\dfrac{x-9}{\sqrt{4x^2+3x+3}}$.

answer: no vertical asymptote, horizontal: $y=\pm\frac{1}{2}$

(j) $y=\dfrac{\sqrt{x^2+1}-x}{x}$.

answer: vertical: $x=0$, horizontal: $y=0$, $y=-2$

(k) $f(x)=\dfrac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+3}-2x}$

answer: vertical: $x=1$, horizontal: $y=-\frac{1}{3}$, $y=-1$

Solution. 22.a **Vertical asymptotes.** A function $f(x)$ has a vertical asymptote at $x=a$ if $\lim\limits_{x\to a}f(x)=\pm\infty$.

The function is algebraic, and therefore has a finite limit at every point it is defined (i.e., no asymptote). Therefore the function can have vertical asymptotes only for those x for which $f(x)$ is not defined. The function is not defined for $\sqrt{x^2+x+3}-3=0$, which has two solutions, $x=2$ and $x=-3$. These are precisely the vertical asymptotes: indeed,

$$\lim_{x\to 2^+}\frac{2x}{\sqrt{x^2+x+3}-3}=\infty \qquad \lim_{x\to 2^-}\frac{2x}{\sqrt{x^2+x+3}-3}=-\infty$$

and

$$\lim_{x\to -3^+}\frac{2x}{\sqrt{x^2+x+3}-3}=\infty \qquad \lim_{x\to -3^-}\frac{2x}{\sqrt{x^2+x+3}-3}=-\infty$$

Horizontal asymptotes. A function $f(x)$ has a horizontal asymptote if $\lim\limits_{x\to\pm\infty} f(x)$ exists. If that limit exists, and is some number, say, N, then $y = N$ is the equation of the corresponding asymptote.

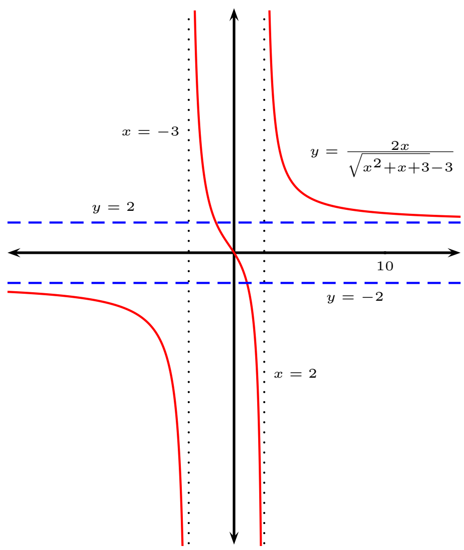
Consider the limit $x \to -\infty$. We have that

$$\begin{array}{rcll}
\lim\limits_{x\to-\infty} \dfrac{2x}{\sqrt{x^2+3x+3}-3} & = & \lim\limits_{x\to-\infty} \dfrac{2}{\frac{\sqrt{x^2+x+3}}{x} - \frac{3}{x}} & \\
 & = & \lim\limits_{x\to-\infty} \dfrac{2}{-\sqrt{\frac{x^2+3x+3}{x^2}} - \frac{3}{x}} & \left| \quad \frac{1}{x} = -\sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2}} \text{ when } x<0 \right. \\
 & = & \lim\limits_{x\to-\infty} \dfrac{2}{-\sqrt{1+\frac{3}{x}+\frac{3}{x^2}} - \frac{3}{x}} & \\
 & = & \dfrac{\lim\limits_{x\to-\infty} 2}{-\sqrt{\lim\limits_{x\to-\infty} 1 + \lim\limits_{x\to-\infty} \frac{3}{x} + \lim\limits_{x\to-\infty} \frac{3}{x^2}} - \lim\limits_{x\to-\infty} \frac{3}{x}} & \\
 & = & \dfrac{2}{-\sqrt{1+0+0}-0} & \\
 & = & -2 \quad . &
\end{array}$$

Therefore $y = -2$ is a horizontal asymptote.

The case $x \to \infty$, is handled similarly and yields that $y = 2$ is a horizontal asymptote.

A computer generated graph confirms our computations.



Solution. 22.d

Vertical asymptotes. A function $f(x)$ has a vertical asymptote at $x = a$ if $\lim\limits_{x\to a} f(x) = \pm\infty$.

The function is algebraic, and therefore has a finite limit at every point it is defined (i.e., no asymptote). Therefore the function can have vertical asymptotes only for those x for which $f(x)$ is not defined. The function is not defined for $2x^2 - 3x - 2 = 0$, which has two solutions, $x = 2$ and $x = -\frac{1}{2}$. These are precisely the vertical asymptotes: indeed,

$$\begin{array}{rcll}
\lim\limits_{x\to 2^+} \dfrac{x^2-1}{2x^2-3x-2} & = & \lim\limits_{x\to 2^+} \dfrac{x^2-1}{2(x-2)\left(x+\frac{1}{2}\right)} = \infty & \left| \quad \text{Limit of form } \frac{(+)}{(+)(+)} \right. \\
\lim\limits_{x\to 2^-} \dfrac{x^2-1}{2x^2-3x-2} & = & \lim\limits_{x\to 2^-} \dfrac{x^2-1}{2(x-2)\left(x+\frac{1}{2}\right)} = -\infty & \left| \quad \text{Limit of form } \frac{(+)}{(-)(+)} \right.
\end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{rcll}
\lim\limits_{x\to -\frac{1}{2}^+} \dfrac{x^2-1}{2x^2-3x-2} & = & \lim\limits_{x\to -\frac{1}{2}^+} \dfrac{x^2-1}{2(x-2)\left(x+\frac{1}{2}\right)} = \infty & \left| \quad \text{Limit of form } \frac{(-)}{(+)(-)} \right. \\
\lim\limits_{x\to -\frac{1}{2}^-} \dfrac{x^2-1}{2x^2-3x-2} & = & \lim\limits_{x\to -\frac{1}{2}^-} \dfrac{x^2-1}{2(x-2)\left(x+\frac{1}{2}\right)} = -\infty & \left| \quad \text{Limit of form } \frac{(-)}{(-)(-)} \right.
\end{array}$$

Horizontal asymptotes. A function $f(x)$ has a horizontal asymptote if $\lim\limits_{x\to\pm\infty} f(x)$ exists. If that limit exists, and is some number, say, N, then $y = N$ is the equation of the corresponding asymptote.

We have that

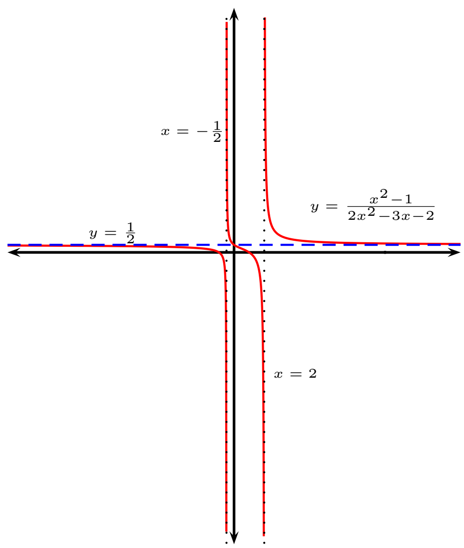
$$\begin{array}{rcll}
\lim\limits_{x\to\infty} \dfrac{x^2-1}{2x^2-3x-2} &=& \lim\limits_{x\to\infty} \dfrac{\left(x^2-1\right)\frac{1}{x^2}}{\left(2x^2-3x-2\right)\frac{1}{x^2}} & \Big| \text{ Divide by highest term in den.} \\
&=& \lim\limits_{x\to\infty} \dfrac{1-\frac{1}{x^2}}{2-\frac{3}{x}-\frac{2}{x^2}} & \\
&=& \dfrac{\lim\limits_{x\to\infty} 1 - \lim\limits_{x\to\infty} \frac{1}{x^2}}{\lim\limits_{x\to\infty} 2 - \lim\limits_{x\to\infty} \frac{3}{x} - \lim\limits_{x\to\infty} \frac{2}{x^2}} & \Big| \text{ Step may be skipped} \\
&=& \dfrac{1-0}{2-0-0} & \\
&=& \dfrac{1}{2} &
\end{array}$$

A similar computation shows that

$$\lim_{x\to-\infty} \frac{x^2-1}{2x^2-3x-2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Therefore $y = \frac{1}{2}$ is the only horizontal asymptote, valid in both directions ($x \to \pm\infty$).

A computer generated graph confirms our computations.



Solution. 22.f

Vertical asymptotes. The function is rational, and therefore has a finite limit (and therefore no vertical asymptote) at every point it its domain. The function is not defined for $x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0$, which has two solutions, $x = -1$ and $x = 3$. These are precisely the vertical asymptotes: indeed,

$$\begin{array}{rcll}
\lim\limits_{x\to-1^+} \dfrac{-5x^2-3x+5}{x^2-2x-3} &=& \lim\limits_{x\to-1^+} \dfrac{-5x^2-3x+5}{(x+1)(x-3)} = -\infty & \Big| \text{ Limit of form } \frac{(+)}{(+)(-)} \\
\lim\limits_{x\to-1^-} \dfrac{-5x^2-3x+5}{x^2-2x-3} &=& \lim\limits_{x\to-1^-} \dfrac{-5x^2-3x+5}{(x+1)(x-3)} = \infty & \Big| \text{ Limit of form } \frac{(+)}{(-)(-)}
\end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{rcll}
\lim\limits_{x\to3^+} \dfrac{-5x^2-3x+5}{x^2-2x-3} &=& \lim\limits_{x\to3^+} \dfrac{-5x^2-3x+5}{(x+1)(x-3)} = -\infty & \Big| \text{ Limit of form } \frac{(-)}{(+)(+)} \\
\lim\limits_{x\to3^-} \dfrac{-5x^2-3x+5}{x^2-2x-3} &=& \lim\limits_{x\to3^-} \dfrac{-5x^2-3x+5}{(x+1)(x-3)} = \infty & \Big| \text{ Limit of form } \frac{(-)}{(+)(-)}
\end{array}$$

Horizontal asymptotes.

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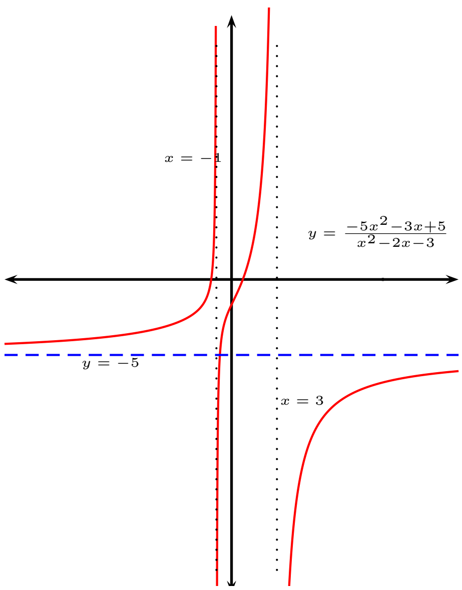
\begin{array}{rcll}
\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\pm\infty}\frac{-5x^2-3x+5}{x^2-2x-3} &=& \displaystyle\lim_{x\to\pm\infty}\frac{\left(-5x^2-3x+5\right)\frac{1}{x^2}}{\left(x^2-2x-3\right)\frac{1}{x^2}} & \Big| \text{ Divide by highest term in den.} \\
&=& \displaystyle\lim_{x\to\pm\infty}\frac{-5-\frac{3}{x}+\frac{5}{x^2}}{1-\frac{2}{x}-\frac{3}{x^2}} & \\
&=& \dfrac{-\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\pm\infty}5-\lim_{x\to\pm\infty}\frac{3}{x}+\lim_{x\to\pm\infty}\frac{5}{x^2}}{\displaystyle\lim_{x\to\pm\infty}1-\lim_{x\to\pm\infty}\frac{2}{x}-\lim_{x\to\pm\infty}\frac{3}{x^2}} & \Big| \text{ Step may be skipped} \\
&=& \dfrac{-5-0+0}{1-0-0} & \\
&=& -5. &
\end{array}
$$

Therefore $y=-5$ is the only horizontal asymptote, valid in both directions ($x\to\pm\infty$).

A computer generated graph confirms our computations.



Solution. 22.k

Vertical asymptotes. A function $f(x)$ has a vertical asymptote at $x=a$ if $\lim\limits_{x\to a} f(x)=\pm\infty$.

The function is algebraic, and therefore has a finite limit at every point it is defined (i.e., no asymptote). Therefore the function can have vertical asymptotes only for those x for which $f(x)$ is not defined. The function is not defined for

$$
\begin{array}{rcll}
\sqrt{x^2+3}-2x &=& 0 & \\
\sqrt{x^2+3} &=& 2x & \Big| \begin{array}{l}\text{square both sides}\\ \text{may introduce extraneous solutions}\end{array} \\
x^2+3 &=& 4x^2 & \\
3x^2-3 &=& 0 & \\
3(x-1)(x+1) &=& 0 & \\
x=1 &\text{or}& \cancel{x=-1} & \\
&& x=-1 \text{ is extraneous:} & \\
&& \sqrt{(-1)^2+3}-(-1)2=4\neq 0 &
\end{array}
$$

$x=-1$ is indeed a vertical asymptote:

$$
\lim_{x\to 1^+}\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+3}-2x}=\infty \qquad \lim_{x\to 1^-}\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+3}-2x}=-\infty.
$$

Horizontal asymptotes.

$$
\begin{aligned}
\lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+3}-2x} &= \lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{1}{\frac{\sqrt{x^2+3}}{x}-2} \\
&= \lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{1}{-\sqrt{\frac{x^2+3}{x^2}}-2} && \left|\ \frac{1}{x}=-\sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2}}\text{ when } x<0\right. \\
&= \lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{1}{-\sqrt{1+\frac{3}{x^2}}-2} \\
&= \frac{1}{-\sqrt{1+0}-2} \\
&= -\frac{1}{3}. \\
\lim_{x\to-\infty}\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+3}-2x} &= \lim_{x\to\infty}\frac{1}{\frac{\sqrt{x^2+3}}{x}-2} \\
&= \lim_{x\to\infty}\frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{x^2+3}{x^2}}-2} && \left|\ \frac{1}{x}=\sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2}}\text{ when } x>0\right. \\
&= \lim_{x\to\infty}\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\frac{3}{x^2}}-2} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+0}-2} \\
&= -1.
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore $y=-\frac{1}{3}$ and $y=-1$ are the two horizontal asymptotes.

A computer generated graph confirms our computations.