MATH 2554 (Calculus I)
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Exam 1: Limits (∮2.1-3.1)

Version B

Exam Instructions: You have 50 minutes to complete this exam. Justification is required for all problems.

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Good luck!

1. **(14 pts)** Given $f(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x$, use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show there exists a solution to the equation $f(x) = -1$ on the interval $(-1, 5)$.

f is a polynomial, so is continuous on $[-1, 5]$.

$f(-1) = (-1)^3 - 5(-1)^2 + 2(-1)$

$= -1 - 5 - 2 = -8$

$f(5) = 5^3 - 5(5)^2 + 2(5) = 10$

Since $-8 < -1 < 10$, by the IVT, there exists c between -1 and 5 so that $f(c) = -1$.

2. **(24 pts)** Determine the end behavior of $f(x) = \dfrac{4x^3}{2x^3 + \sqrt{9x^6 + 5x^4}}$.

$$\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x\to\infty} \frac{4x^3}{2x^3 + \sqrt{9x^6 + 5x^4}} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^6}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^6}}} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x\to\infty} \frac{4}{2 + \sqrt{9 + \cancel{\frac{5}{x^2}}^{\,0}}} = \frac{4}{2+3} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\lim_{x\to-\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x\to-\infty} \frac{4}{2 - \sqrt{9 + \frac{5}{x^2}}}$$

$$= \frac{4}{2-3} = -4$$

3. **(5 pts ea)** Evaluate the following limits analytically:

(a) $\lim_{t \to 2} (t^2 - t)^5 = (2^2 - 2)^5$

$= 2^5 = 32$

(b) $\lim_{\theta \to \infty} \frac{\cos\theta}{\theta^2} = 0$

Use Squeeze Theorem:

$-1 \leq \cos\theta \leq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{-1}{\theta^2} \leq \frac{\cos\theta}{\theta^2} \leq \frac{1}{\theta^2}$

$0 \qquad\qquad 0$

as $\theta \to \infty$

(c) $\lim_{x \to -b} \frac{(x+b)^7 + (x+b)^{10}}{4(x+b)}$

$= \lim_{x \to -b} \frac{(x+b)^6 + (x+b)^9}{4} = \frac{0}{4} = 0$

4. (a) **(7 pts)** Using the graph, find the δ that satisfies $|f(x) - 6| < 3$ whenever $0 < |x - 3| < \delta$.

$\delta = 2$

(b) **(7 pts)** Use the same graph to find the δ that satisfies $|f(x) - 6| < 1$ whenever $0 < |x - 3| < \delta$.

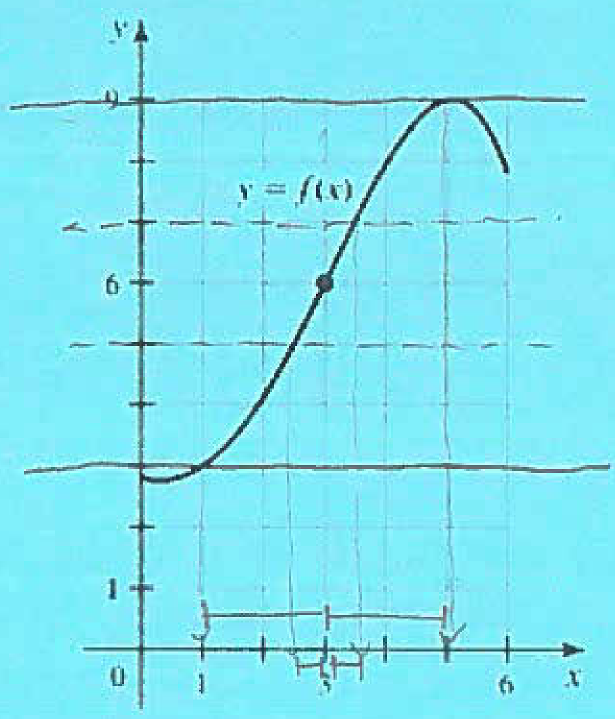
$\delta = \frac{1}{2}$

(c) **Extra Credit (4 pts)** Using smaller and smaller ϵs and finding the corresponding δs, as in (a) and (b), will show

$$\lim_{x \to ?} f(x) = ?$$

(rewrite the limit, with the ?s filled in).

$\lim_{x \to 3} f(x) = 6$



5. **(5 pts ea)** When computing derivatives in this problem you must use the limit definitions. Given the function,

$$s(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$$

(a) write the formula for the slope of the secant line joining the points $(a, s(a))$ and $(b, s(b))$;

$$\frac{s(b)-s(a)}{b-a} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}}{b-a}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{a}-\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{ab}\,(b-a)}$$

(b) find $s'(1)$;

$$s'(1) = \lim_{t\to 1} \frac{s(t)-s(1)}{t-1} = \lim_{t\to 1} \frac{1-\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{t}\,(t-1)}$$

$$= \lim_{t\to 1} \frac{\cancel{1-\sqrt{t}}}{-\sqrt{t}\,\cancel{(1-\sqrt{t})}(1+\sqrt{t})}$$

$$= \lim_{t\to 1} \frac{1}{-\sqrt{t}\,(1+\sqrt{t})} = \frac{1}{-1(2)} \boxed{= -\frac{1}{2}}$$

(c) write the equation of the line tangent to $s(t)$ at $t = 1$.

$$y - s(1) = s'(1)(t-1)$$

$$\boxed{y - 1 = -\frac{1}{2}(t-1)}$$

6. **(11 pts ea)** For each function, identify any vertical asymptotes; if there are none, then say so. Then match the function to its corresponding picture from among the graphs (A)-(C) (see the next page).

(a) $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2-1} = \frac{x}{(x+1)(x-1)}$

$\lim_{x \to -1^-} \frac{\overset{\to -1}{x}}{\underbrace{(x+1)}_{0,\text{ neg}}\underbrace{(x-1)}_{\to -2}} = -\infty$

$\lim_{x \to 1^-} \frac{\overset{\to 1}{x}}{\underbrace{(x+1)}_{2}\underbrace{(x-1)}_{0,\text{ neg.}}} = -\infty$

$\lim_{x \to -1^+} \frac{\overset{\to -1}{x}}{\underbrace{(x+1)}_{0,\text{ pos}}\underbrace{(x-1)}_{-2}} = \infty$

$\lim_{x \to 1^+} \frac{\overset{\to 1}{x}}{\underbrace{(x+1)}_{2}\underbrace{(x-1)}_{0,\text{ pos}}} = \infty$

$\boxed{\text{VA @ } x = \pm 1\text{ ; (C)}}$

(b) $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$

$\lim_{x \to -1^-} \frac{\overset{\to -1}{x}}{\underbrace{x+1}_{0,\text{ neg}}} = \infty$

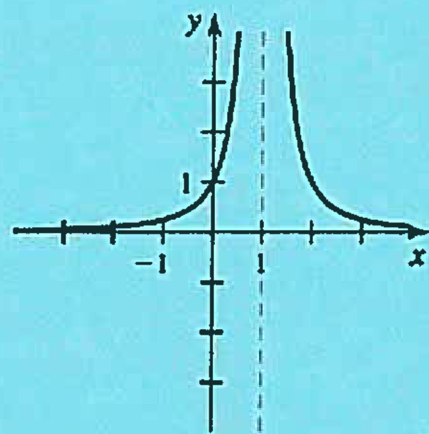
$\lim_{x \to -1^+} \frac{\overset{\to -1}{x}}{\underbrace{x+1}_{0,\text{ pos}}} = -\infty$

$\boxed{\text{VA @ } x = -1\text{ ; (A)}}$

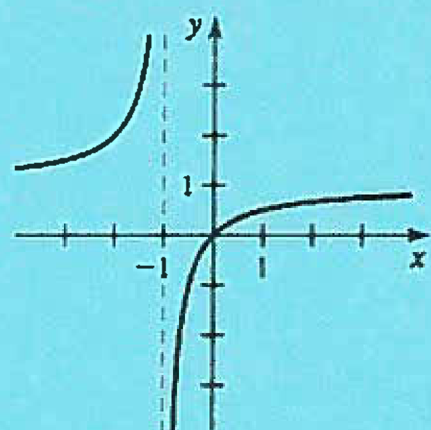
(c) $f(x) = \frac{1}{(x-1)^2}$

$\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{\overset{\to 1}{1}}{\underbrace{(x-1)^2}_{0,\text{ pos}}} = \infty$

$\boxed{\text{VA @ } x = 1\text{ ; (B)}}$



(A)



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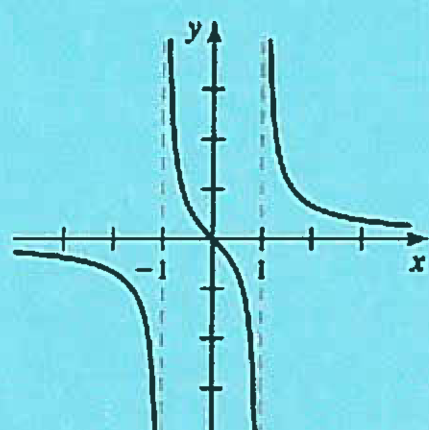
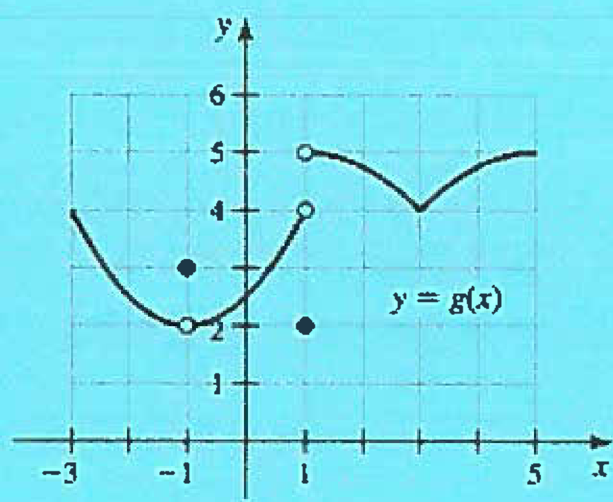


(C)

7. **(1 pt ea)** Use the graph of g in the figure to find the following values, if they exist. If a limit does not exist, explain why.



(a) $g(1) = 2$

(b) $\lim_{x \to -1^+} g(x) = 2$

(c) $\lim_{x \to 1} g(x)$ DNE
b/c one-sided limits are not equal

(d) $\lim_{x \to -1^-} g(x) = 2$

(e) $g(-1) = 3$

(f) $g(5) = 5$

(g) $\lim_{x \to -1} g(x) = 2$

(h) $\lim_{x \to 5^-} g(x) = 5$

(i) $\lim_{x \to 3} g(x) = 4$