

Math 2554 Exam 1: Limits (§2.1-3.1) Name:
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SOLUTIONS

Calculus I Exam 1

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Good luck!

1. (3 pts ea) Evaluate the following limits, analytically. Write down justification for each answer.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \cos x$$

Use the Squeeze Theorem:

$$-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1$$

$$-x^2 \leq x^2 \cos v \leq x^2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \cos x \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2$$

Therefore, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \cos x = 0$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \pi$

$$= \pi, \text{ Since } \pi \text{ is a constant.}$$

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 - 5x^2}{x^2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2(x-5)}{x^2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x - 5 = -5$$

2. (3 pts ea) Suppose $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 8$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) = 3$, and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} h(x) = 2$. Compute the following limits and state the limit laws used (and why you are allowed to use them in that instance, if there is a caveat) to justify your computations. If the limit does not exist then say so.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 4f(x)$

$$= 4 \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$$

$$= 4(8)$$

$$= 32$$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x)g(x)}{h(x)}$

$$= \frac{\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) \right) \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) \right)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} h(x)}$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} h(x) \leftarrow \text{OK, since denominator} \neq 0$

$$= \frac{(8)(3)}{2} = 12$$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sqrt[3]{f(x)g(x) + 3}$

$$= \sqrt[3]{\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) \right) \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) \right) + 3}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{(8)(3) + 3}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{27} = 3$$

3. (3 pts ea) Figure 1 shows the piecewise linear function $f(x)$. In each statement, determine the appropriate value of $\delta > 0$. If no such δ exists, say why.

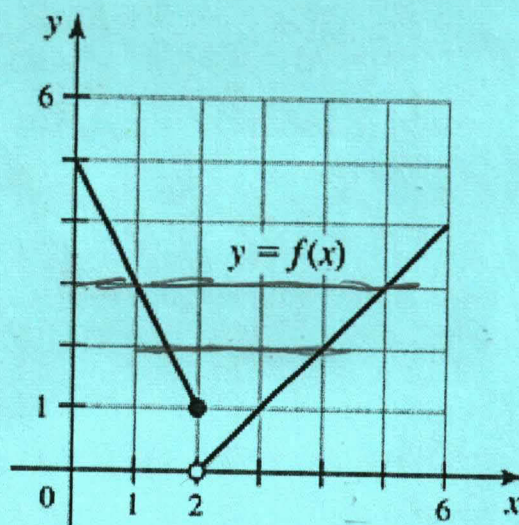


Figure 1: p. 117 *Calculus: Early Transcendentals*, Briggs, et al.

(a) $|f(x) - 0| < 2$ whenever $0 < |x - 2| < \delta$

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

(b) $|f(x) - 0| < 1$ whenever $0 < |x - 2| < \delta$

$\delta = 0$, which is bad, since δ must be > 0 .
This occurs because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ does not exist.

(c) $|f(x) - 1| < 2$ whenever $0 < |x - 2| < \delta$

$$\delta = 1$$

(d) $|f(x) - 1| < 1$ whenever $0 < |x - 2| < \delta$

$\delta = 0$, because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$
does not exist.

4. (12 pts ea) For each function below,

- Determine the end behavior, including any horizontal asymptotes. If there is no horizontal asymptote, then say so.
- Find the vertical asymptotes. For each vertical asymptote $x = a$, evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$.

$$(a) f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x(x - 3)} = \frac{(x+3)(x-3)}{x(x-3)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x+3}{x} \right) \left(\frac{\frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{x}} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{3}{x}}{1} = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left(\frac{x+3}{x} \right) \left(\frac{\frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{x}} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1 + \frac{3}{x}}{1} = 1$$

Horizontal asymptote at $y = 1$.

After factoring, the denominator is zero when $x = 0$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x+3}{x} = -\infty$$

positive
negative

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x+3}{x} = \infty$$

positive
negative

Vertical asymptote at $x = 0$.

$$(b) f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{16x^4 + 64x^2} + x^2}{2x^2 - 4} =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt{16x^4 + 64x^2} + x^2}{2x^2 - 4} \right) \left(\frac{\frac{1}{x^2}}{\frac{1}{x^2}} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{16x^4}{x^4} + \frac{64x^2}{x^4}} + \frac{x^2}{x^2}}{2\frac{x^2}{x^2} - \frac{4}{x^2}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{16 + \frac{64}{x^2}} + 1}{2 - \frac{4}{x^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{16 + 0} + 1}{2 - 0} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{16 + \frac{64}{x^2}} + 1}{2 - \frac{4}{x^2}} = \frac{5}{2}$$

Same algebra as above

Horizontal asymptote at $y = \frac{5}{2}$

The denominator is zero when $x = \pm\sqrt{2}$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\sqrt{2}^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\sqrt{2}^-} \frac{\sqrt{16x^4 + 64x^2} + x^2}{2x^2 - 4} = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \sqrt{2}^+} \frac{\sqrt{16x^4 + 64x^2} + x^2}{2x^2 - 4} = -\infty$$

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By computing the limits, we see there are vertical asymptotes at $x = \pm\sqrt{2}$

5. (a) (7 pts) Let $f(x) = x^2 - 5$. Evaluate, analytically:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{f(x) - f(3)}{x - 3}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x^2 - 5) - (3^2 - 5)}{x - 3}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x+3)(x-3)}{x-3}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x + 3$$

$$= 6$$

- (b) (3 pts) Use your answer from (a) to write the equation of the tangent line to $f(x)$ at $x = 3$.

$$f(3) = 3^2 - 5 = 4$$

Tangent line:

$$y - 4 = 6(x - 3)$$

6. (2 pts ea) Suppose $s(t)$ is the position of an object moving along a line at a time $t \geq 0$.

(a) Write the formula for the average velocity between the times $t = a$ and $t = b$.

$$\frac{s(b) - s(a)}{b - a}$$

(b) Write the formula for the instantaneous velocity at $t = a$.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow a} \frac{s(t) - s(a)}{t - a}$$

7. (6 pts) Write down the three conditions $f(x)$ must satisfy to be continuous at a (a.k.a. the Continuity Checklist).

• $f(a)$ is defined.

• $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ exists.

• $f(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$.

ChAlLeNgE pRoBlEm (0 pts): Suppose a spaceship is traveling at velocity v , relative to an observer. Say the length of the spaceship is L_0 . To the observer, the ship appears to have a smaller length, given by the Lorentz contraction formula:

$$\text{length to the observer} = L_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}},$$

where c is the speed of light.

- (a) If $v = 0.5c$, i.e., the ship is traveling at half the speed of light, then how long does the ship look to the observer?

$$\begin{aligned} & L_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{(0.5c)^2}{c^2}} \\ &= L_0 \sqrt{1 - 0.25} \\ &= L_0 \sqrt{0.75} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} L_0 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} L_0 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) If the ship is traveling 75% of the speed of light then how long does the ship look to the observer?

$$\begin{aligned} & L_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{(0.75c)^2}{c^2}} \\ &= L_0 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{9}{16}\right) \frac{c^2}{c^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{7}{16}} L_0 = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4} L_0 \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Compute $\lim_{v \rightarrow c^-} L_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$. What is physically interesting about this limit?

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow c^-} L_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} = L_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{c^2}{c^2}} = L_0 \sqrt{1 - 1} = 0.$$

As $v \rightarrow c^-$, the ship appears shorter and shorter. At the speed of light, the ship has disappeared to the observer.