

Lab 3

Limits and Continuity

1. Evaluate the following limits.

$$(a) \lim_{t \rightarrow -3} \frac{t^2 - 9}{2t^2 + 7t + 3}$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 7} \frac{\sqrt{x+2} - 3}{x - 7}$$

$$(c) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+h)^3 - 8}{h}$$

$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{x}}{4 + x}$$

$$(e) \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{u^2 + u} \right)$$

$$(f) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} - \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$$(g) \lim_{x \rightarrow -6} \frac{2x + 12}{|x + 6|}$$

$$(h) \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{|u|} \right)$$

$$(i) \lim_{h \rightarrow 1} \frac{h^{1/3} - 1}{h - 1}$$

$$(j) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \tan(e^x)$$

2. Find an example of functions f and g such that neither $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ nor $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$ exists but $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)g(x)]$ exists.

3. Find all values of a that make the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax^2 + ax, & \text{if } x < 1 \\ -a^2x, & \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

continuous for all real numbers x .

4. Find all values of a and b that make the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax + b, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ bx^2 + ax, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

continuous for all real numbers x .

5. Consider the functions

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 1, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

and

$$g(x) = b^2x^2 + bx + b^2$$

where b is a constant. Find all values of b that make the composite function $g(f(x))$ continuous for all real numbers x .