

INSTRUCTIONS

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1. Calculate each limit below, if it exists. If a limit does not exist, explain why. Show all work. Writing an answer with no justification may not yield any marks.

[3] (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{2 - 3x^2}{|x - 2|}$ .

**Solution:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} 2 - 3x^2 = -10$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} |x - 2| = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (x - 2) = 0^+$ .

Therefore the limit goes to either  $\pm\infty$ .

Since the fraction is negative,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = -\infty$ .

[5] (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x - 3}{\sqrt{2x + 3} - \sqrt{3x}}$ .

**Solution:** We rationalize the denominator:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x - 3}{\sqrt{2x + 3} - \sqrt{3x}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x - 3)(\sqrt{2x + 3} + \sqrt{3x})}{(\sqrt{2x + 3} - \sqrt{3x})(\sqrt{2x + 3} + \sqrt{3x})} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x - 3)(\sqrt{2x + 3} + \sqrt{3x})}{2x + 3 - 3x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x - 3)(\sqrt{2x + 3} + \sqrt{3x})}{-(x - 3)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} -(\sqrt{2x + 3} + \sqrt{3x}) \\ &= -6. \end{aligned}$$

[6] (c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{9x^2 + x}}{2x - 1}$ .

**Solution:** Notice that  $\sqrt{x^2} = -x$  because  $x < 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{9x^2 + x}}{2x - 1} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2(9 + \frac{1}{x})}}{2x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2} \sqrt{(9 + \frac{1}{x})}}{x(2 - \frac{1}{x})} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-x \sqrt{(9 + \frac{1}{x})}}{x(2 - \frac{1}{x})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-\sqrt{(9 + \frac{1}{x})}}{(2 - \frac{1}{x})} \\ &= \frac{-\sqrt{(9 + 0)}}{(2 - 0)} = -\frac{3}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

[2] (d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^3 - 3x^2}{x^2 - 9}.$

**Solution:**

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

[4] (e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x - 1)^2 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt[3]{x - 1}} \right).$

**Solution:** For all  $x \neq 1$ ,  $-1 \leq \cos \left( \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt[3]{x - 1}} \right) \leq 1$ .

Thus, for  $x \neq 1$ ,

$$-(x - 1)^2 \leq (x - 1)^2 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt[3]{x - 1}} \right) \leq (x - 1)^2.$$

Since both  $(x - 1)^2 \rightarrow 0$  and  $-(x - 1)^2 \rightarrow 0$ , as  $x \rightarrow 1$ , then by the Squeeze Theorem,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x - 1)^2 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt[3]{x - 1}} \right) = 0.$$

- [7] 2. Let  $f$  be the function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} c^2x & \text{if } x < 1 \\ 4 & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 3cx - 2 & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}.$$

Find all values of  $c$  for which  $f(x)$  is continuous for all real numbers. Be sure to fully justify your answer.

**Solution:** For any  $c$ , the function is continuous on  $(-\infty, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$  because it is a polynomial in those intervals.

The function will be continuous at  $x = 1$  if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = f(1) = 4.$$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} c^2x & \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 3cx - 2 \\ &= c^2. & &= 3c - 2. \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$c^2 = 4 = 3c - 2.$$

We now find  $c$ :

$$\begin{aligned} c^2 &= 4 & 3c - 2 &= 4 \\ c &= \pm\sqrt{4} & 3c &= 6 \\ c &= \pm 2 & c &= 2. \end{aligned}$$

The only value of  $c$  that makes both above statements true is  $c = 2$ . We conclude that for  $c = 2$  the function  $f(x)$  is continuous for all real numbers.

- [7] 3. Use the **definition of derivative** to find  $f'(x)$ . No credit will be given for any other method.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{4+x}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{4+(x+h)} - \frac{1}{4+x}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4+x - (4+(x+h))}{h(4+(x+h))(4+x)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4+x-4-x-h}{h(4+x+h)(4+x)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{h(4+x+h)(4+x)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{(4+x+h)(4+x)} \\ &= -\frac{1}{(4+x)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

- [5]
4. Find the domain of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2(x+1)}{(x^2-4)}}$ . Express your final answer in terms of intervals.

**Solution:**  $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2(x+1)}{(x^2-4)}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(x+1)}{(x-2)(x+2)}}$ .

The radicand needs to be non-negative under the square root and non-zero in the denominator. Let  $h(x) = \frac{2(x+1)}{(x-2)(x+2)}$

$x$	$x < -2$	$-2 < x < -1$	$-1 < x < 2$	$x > 2$
$x + 2$	−	+	+	+
$x - 2$	−	−	−	+
$x + 1$	−	−	+	+
$h(x)$	−	+	−	+

Therefore,  $D_f = (-2, -1] \cup (2, \infty)$ .

- [5]
5. Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that  $x^3 - 4x + \frac{1}{x} = 0$  has at least one solution on the interval  $[1, 2]$ .

**Solution:** Let  $f(x) = x^3 - 4x + \frac{1}{x}$ , then  $f(x)$  is continuous for all  $x$  except  $x = 0$ . In particular,  $f(x)$  is continuous on the interval  $[1, 2]$ . We now check the value of  $f(x)$  at the end points:

$$f(1) = (1)^3 - 4(1) + \frac{1}{1} = -2 < 0, \quad f(2) = 2^3 - 4(2) + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} > 0$$

Since the values of the function at the end points have different signs, using the Intermediate Value Theorem, we conclude that there is a point  $c$  on the interval  $[1, 2]$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ . Therefore, there exist at least one solution of the equation on  $[1, 2]$ .

- [6] 6. Use the **definition of derivative** to show that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1 & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ 2x & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

is differentiable at  $x = 1$ .

**Solution:**

The right-hand limit of the difference quotient of  $f$  at  $x = 1$  is given by

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{[2(1+h)] - 2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{2h}{h} = 2.$$

The left-hand limit of the difference quotient of  $f$  at  $x = 1$  is given by

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{[(1+h)^2 + 1] - 2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} (2+h) = 2.$$

Since the left-hand and right-hand limits of the difference quotient are the same at  $x = 1$ , the function  $f$  is differentiable there.

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