

CALCULUS: LIMITS, CONTINUITY & DIFFERENTIABILITY PACKET

1. Explain in your own words what is meant by the equation

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 5.$$

Is it possible for this statement to be true and yet $f(2) = 3$? Explain.

2. Explain what it means to say that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 3 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = 7.$$

In this situation, it is possible that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ exists?

3. Explain the meaning of each of the following.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x) = \infty$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x) = -\infty$

4. For the function f whose graph is given, state the value of the given quantity, if it exists. If it does not exist, explain why.

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

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) =$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) =$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) =$

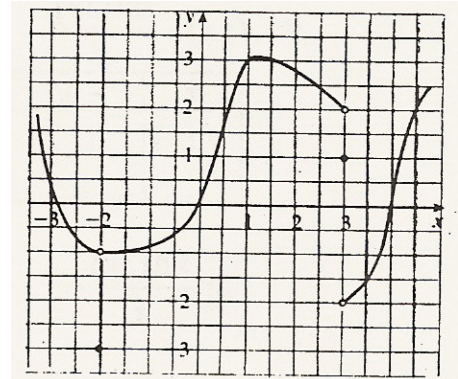
(e) $f(3) =$

(f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x) =$

(g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) =$

(h) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x) =$

(i) $f(-2) =$



5. For the function f whose graph is shown, state the following.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) =$

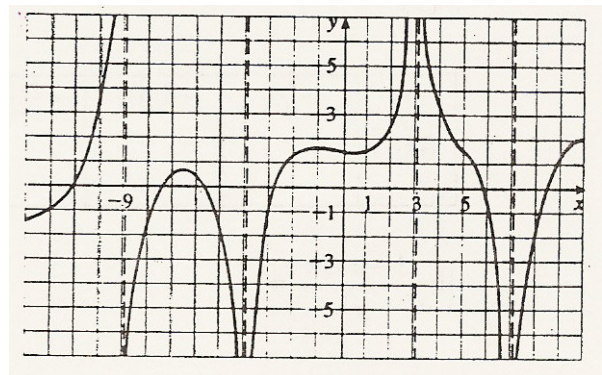
(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} f(x) =$

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

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -9^-} f(x) =$

(e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -9^+} f(x) =$

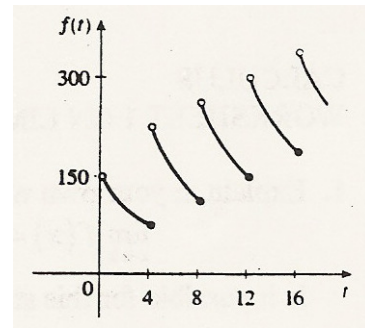
(f) The equations of the vertical asymptotes



6. A patient receives a 150-mg injection of a drug every four hours. The graph shows the amount $f(t)$ of the drug in the bloodstream after t hours. Find

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 12^-} f(t) \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow 12^+} f(t)$$

and explain the significance of these one-sided limits.



7. Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{(1+2^{1/x})}$ and state the value of each limit, if it exists. If it does not exist, explain why.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) =$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) =$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) =$

8. Sketch the graph of the following function and use it to determine the values of a for which $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ exists.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2-x, & x < -1 \\ x, & -1 \leq x < 1 \\ (x-1)^2, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Fill in the table for the following functions to find the given limit.

9. $f(x) = \frac{\sin(3x)}{x}$

x	-0.1	-0.01	-0.001	0	0.001	0.01	0.1
$f(x)$							

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(3x)}{x} =$$

10. $g(x) = \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2}$

x	-0.1	-0.01	-0.001	0	0.001	0.01	0.1
$g(x)$							

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2} =$$

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11. Given that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = -3$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = 8$, find the limits that exist. If the limit does not exist, explain why.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + h(x)] =$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^2 =$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \sqrt[3]{h(x)} =$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{1}{f(x)} =$

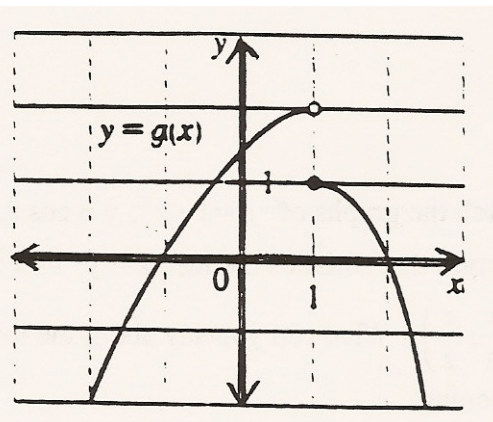
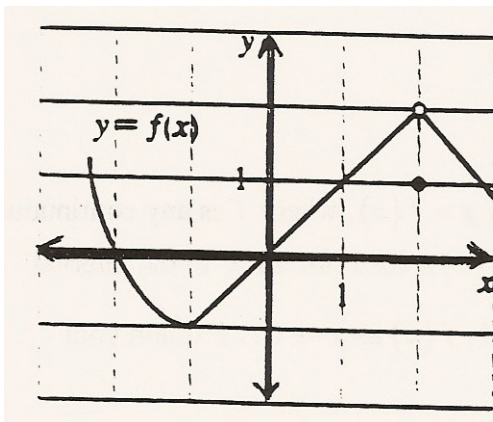
(e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{h(x)} =$

(f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{g(x)}{f(x)} =$

(g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} =$

(h) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{2f(x)}{h(x) - f(x)} =$

12. The graphs of f and g are given. Use them to evaluate each limit, if it exists. If the limit does not exist, explain why.



(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [f(x) + g(x)] =$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} [f(x) + g(x)] =$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [f(x)g(x)] =$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} =$

(e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^3 f(x) =$

(f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{3 + f(x)} =$

Find the limit. Draw a sketch for each problem. Do not use your calculator.

13. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{x-1} =$

14. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{x-1} =$

15. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{1}{(x+3)^2} =$

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$$16. \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{1}{5-x} =$$

$$17. \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{1}{(5-x)^2} =$$

$$18. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{-1}{(x-2)^2} =$$

$$19. \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{|x-3|}{x-3} =$$

$$20. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [x+1] =$$

$$21. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x^3|x-2|}{x-2} =$$

$$22. \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \frac{x^3[x-4]}{x-4} =$$

$$23. \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \left(x-3 - \frac{1}{x-3} \right) =$$

$$24. \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^+} \tan x =$$

$$25. \lim_{x \rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2}^+} \sec x =$$

$$26. \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} \csc x =$$

$$27. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \cot x =$$

$$28. f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 1 & \text{if } x < 2 \\ 3x - 2 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

$$a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) =$$

$$b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) =$$

$$c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) =$$

$$29. g(x) = \begin{cases} x-3 & \text{if } x \neq 1 \\ 4 & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) =$$

$$30. h(x) = \begin{cases} x+3 & \text{if } x < 1 \\ 3x^2 + 1 & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} h(x) =$$

31. Determine if the following statements regarding the function $y = f(x)$ are true or false.

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

$$b. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = 0$$

$$c. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = 1$$

$$d. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$$

$$e. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) \text{ exists}$$

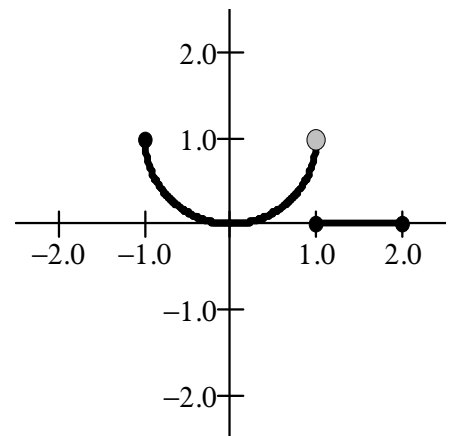
$$f. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$$

$$g. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 1$$

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

$$i. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 0$$

$$j. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) =$$



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On problems 32 - 37 (Use your graphing calculator on problems 36 and 37):

(a) find $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$

(b) find $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$

(c) identify all horizontal asymptotes.

32. $f(x) = \frac{3x^3 - x + 1}{x + 3}$

33. $f(x) = \frac{4x^2 - 3x + 5}{2x^3 + x - 1}$

34. $f(x) = \frac{3x + 1}{x - 4}$

35. $f(x) = \frac{3x + 1}{|x| + 2}$

36. $f(x) = \frac{\sin 3x}{x}$

37. $f(x) = \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

On problems 38 - 41 (Use your calculator on problems 37 - 39):

(a) find the vertical asymptotes of $f(x)$

(b) describe the behavior of $f(x)$ to the left and right of each vertical asymptote.

38. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - 4}$

39. $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{x^2 - 4}$

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

41. $f(x) = \sec x$

42. Given $f(x) = \frac{2 - 5|x|}{3x + 4}$, find the following. Show all work!

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$

(c) Name the horizontal asymptotes of f .

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$

(d) Name the vertical asymptotes of f .

On problems 43 and 44:

(a) Find the values of x , if any, for which the function is discontinuous.

(b) Identify each discontinuity as point, jump, or asymptotic.

(c) Identify each discontinuity as removable or nonremovable.

43. $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3}$

44. $g(x) = \frac{x - 1}{x^2 - x - 2}$

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For problems 45 - 47, graph the function. Determine if the function is continuous at the specified value of x . Justify (making sure to show all three steps of the definition).

$$45. g(x) = \begin{cases} x+5 & x \neq 0 \\ 4 & x = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{at } x = 0$$

$$46. h(x) = \begin{cases} -x^2 + 8 & x < 2 \\ \frac{1}{2}x + 3 & x \geq 2 \end{cases} \quad \text{at } x = 2$$

$$47. f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1} & x \neq 1 \\ x & x = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$48. f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 + 3x - 10}{x - 2} & x \neq 2 \\ ? & x = 2 \end{cases} \quad \text{Define } f(2) \text{ in a way that intends } f(x) \text{ to be continuous.}$$

$$49. \text{ Find } k \text{ so that } f \text{ will be continuous at } x = 3, \text{ given } f(x) = \begin{cases} kx^2, & x \leq 2 \\ 2x + k, & x > 2 \end{cases}.$$

$$50. \text{ Determine if } f(x) \text{ is continuous at } x = 0 \text{ and } x = 1. \text{ Justify. } f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 1, & x < 0 \\ e^x, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 2 - x, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$51. \text{ Find a value of constant } k \text{ that will make the function continuous. } f(x) = \begin{cases} kx^2, & x \leq 2 \\ 2x + k, & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

52. Find a value of constant k and m that will make the function continuous.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 5, & x > 2 \\ m(x + 1) + k, & -1 < x \leq 2 \\ 2x^3 + x + 7, & x \leq -1 \end{cases}$$

$$53. \text{ Find a value of constant } k \text{ that will make the function continuous. } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin 3x}{x}, & x \neq 0 \\ k, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

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54. Find a value of constant c and d that will make the function continuous.

$$m(x) = \begin{cases} -\sqrt{4-(x+3)^2}, & x \leq -1 \\ cx+d, & -1 < x < 3 \\ \sqrt{x-3}+4, & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

55. Show whether the Intermediate Value Theorem holds. If the theorem holds, find the value of c which the theorem guarantees; if the theorem does not hold give the reason. Also sketch the graph of f .

$$f(x) = (x-3)^2 + 2, \quad [a, b] = [1, 4], \quad k = 5$$

56. (Calculator allowed.) The population y , of bacteria *Makeyoucoughus hurtyourthruatus* is modeled by the equation $y = 50e^{1013663t}$, where t is days and y is the number of colonies of bacteria. Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to verify that the bacteria will reach a population of 100 colonies on the time interval $[4,7]$. Then determine when the population will reach 100 colonies.

57. Just for fun...

James' Diabolical Challenge Problem:

$$\text{Given } j(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - (4+A)x + 4A}{x-4}, & x \neq 4 \\ B, & x = 4 \end{cases} \quad \text{and } j(2) = 1 \text{ and } j(x) \text{ is everywhere continuous,}$$

find A and B .

☺ You've Finished Your First Packet of Calculus! ☺