



MATH 151 - WEEK-IN-REVIEW 3
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PROBLEM STATEMENTS

1. Find the limit.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{-1}{(x-5)^6}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{-1}{(x-5)^6}$

Try plugging in 5.1

$\frac{-1}{(5.1-5)^6} = \frac{-1}{(0.1)^6}$

$= \frac{-1}{\text{tiny positive number}}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{-1}{(x-5)^6} = -\infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{-1}{(x-5)^6}$

Try plugging in 4.9

$\frac{-1}{(4.9-5)^6} = \frac{-1}{(-0.1)^6}$

$= \frac{-1}{\text{tiny positive number}}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{-1}{(x-5)^6} = -\infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{-1}{(x-5)^6} = -\infty$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{-1}{(x-5)^5}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{-1}{(x-5)^5} = \frac{-1}{\text{tiny positive number}}$

$= -\infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{-1}{(x-5)^5}$

Try x = 4.9

$\frac{-1}{(-0.1)^5} = \frac{-1}{\text{tiny negative number}}$

$= \infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x-6}{(x-5)^5}$

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

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{-1}{(x-5)^5} \text{ DNE}$



$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x-5}{x^2+2x+1} = \frac{0}{36} = \boxed{0}$$

$$(d) \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t^2-5t}{t^2+3t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{t}(t-5)}{\cancel{t}(t+3)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t-5}{t+3} = \boxed{\frac{-5}{3}}$$

New Variation $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t(t-5)}{t^2(t+3)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t-5}{t(t+3)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{-5}{t(3)}$ From left $\rightarrow \infty$
From right $\rightarrow -\infty$ } \Rightarrow DNE

$$(e) \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{2-t}-1}{t-1} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{2-t}-1}{t-1} \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{2-t}+1)}{(\sqrt{2-t}+1)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{(2-t)-1}{(t-1)(\sqrt{2-t}+1)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{-\cancel{(t-1)}}{\cancel{(t-1)}(\sqrt{2-t}+1)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2-t}+1} = \boxed{\frac{-1}{2}}$$

$$(f) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(5-h)^{-1} - 5^{-1}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{5-h} - \frac{1}{5} \right) \frac{(5-h)(5)}{(h)(5-h)(5)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{5 - (5-h)}{h(5-h)(5)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{5 - \cancel{5} + h}{h(5-h)(5)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h(5-h)(5)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(5-h)(5)} = \boxed{\frac{1}{25}}$$

2. Find the following limits:

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (3x^3 - 5x + 4)$$

$$= \boxed{18}$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2+x-2}{x+1} = \frac{0}{2} = 0$$

$$(c) \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{5-t} - \sqrt{5}}{t} \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{5-t} + \sqrt{5})}{(\sqrt{5-t} + \sqrt{5})} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(5-t) - (5)}{t(\sqrt{5-t} + \sqrt{5})} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\cancel{t}}{t(\sqrt{5-t} + \sqrt{5})}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{(\sqrt{5-t} + \sqrt{5})} = \boxed{\frac{-1}{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{5}}} = \boxed{\frac{-1}{2\sqrt{5}}}$$



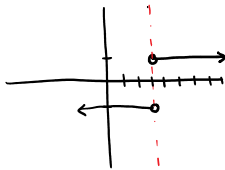
(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{|3-x|}{x-3}$

$$|3-x| = |-(x-3)|$$

$$|3-x| = \begin{cases} 3-x & \text{if } x < 3 \\ -(3-x) & \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{|3-x|}{x-3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{-(3-x)}{x-3}$$
$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{-3+x}{x-3}$$
$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{x-3}{x-3} = \boxed{1}$$

(e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{|3-x|}{x-3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{3-x}{x-3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{-(x-3)}{x-3} = \boxed{-1}$

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





3. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+3 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ -x^2 & \text{if } 0 < x < 4 \\ 4x & \text{if } x > 4 \end{cases}$ and evaluate each of the following limits if they exist.

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

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (-x^2) \\ = 0$$

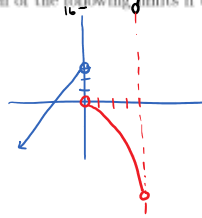
$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) \text{ DNE}$$

$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (-x^2) = -4$$

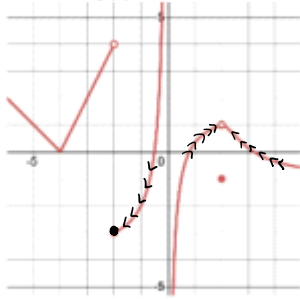
$$(e) \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} (-x^2) = -4^2 = -16$$

$$(f) \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} (4x) = 4 \cdot 4 = 16$$

$$(g) \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) \text{ DNE}$$



4. Refer to the graph of $f(x)$ below. Find all values of x where $f(x)$ is discontinuous. For these values of x , is $f(x)$ continuous from the right, left or neither? Support your answer.



$x = -2$ Right continuous
Jump discontinuity

$x = 0$ Neither L nor R continuous
Vertical asymptote

$x = 2$ Neither L nor R continuous
(removable discontinuity)

Continuity Rules: ① $f(a)$ exists ② $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ exists ③ $f(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$

5. Determine whether the following functions are continuous at the indicated value of x . Support your answer.

(a) $f(x) = \begin{cases} \arctan(x) + 1 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 1 - x^2 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$ at $x = 0$ $f(x)$ is not continuous @ $x = 0$.

① $f(0) = 0$ ✓

② $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$

③ ✗

① \neq ②

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (\arctan(x) + 1) = 1$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1 - x^2) = 1 \rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 1$ ✓

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

$f(x)$ is not continuous @ $x = 1$

because f is undefined @ $x = 1$.



(c) $f(x) = \frac{x+4}{x^2+5x+4}$ at $x = -1$ and $x = -4$

$f(-1) = \frac{3}{0}$ Undefined $\Rightarrow f(x)$ is not continuous @ $x = -1$
because $f(-1)$ DNE.

$f(-4) = \frac{0}{0}$ Undefined $\Rightarrow f(x)$ is not continuous @ $x = -4$
because $f(-4)$ DNE

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x+4}{(x+1)(x+4)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{1}{-3}$

6. Find the values of a and b that make f continuous everywhere.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-1}{x+1} & \text{if } x < -1 \\ ax^2+bx-5 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 3x-a+2b & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Limits @ $x = -1$:

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

Limits @ $x = 2$

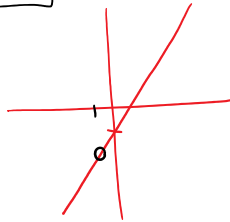
$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} (ax^2+bx-5)$
 $= 4a+2b-5$

$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-1}{x+1} & x \neq -1 \\ \text{Hole @ } (-1, -2) \end{cases}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = f(-1)$
 $C = -2$

$C = -2$

$\frac{x^2-1}{x+1} \rightarrow x-1$



NEED $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = -2$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} (ax^2+bx-5) = a-b-5$

$a-b-5 = -2$

$\frac{11}{5} - b - 5 = -2$

$\frac{11}{5} - b = 3$

$b = \frac{11}{5} - 3 = \frac{15}{5}$

$b = -\frac{4}{5}$

NEED $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 4a+2b-5$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (3x-a+2b)$
 $= 6-a+2b$

$4a+2b-5 = 6-a+2b$

$5a-11 = 0$

$5a = 11$
 $a = \frac{11}{5}$