

**AP CALCULUS AB**  
**GRAPHING CALCULATOR WORKSHEET #2**

**FINDING LIMITS NUMERICALLY AND GRAPHICALLY**

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Show a sketch of the graph or reproduce part of the table as evidence.

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x+1}{x}$

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

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{x-4}{x-3}$

4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-3}{x^2-1}$

5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x|}{x}$

6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x-3}{x^2-1}$

7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{\sqrt{x^2-4}}$

$$8. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 4 & \text{if } x \neq 2 \\ x - 2 & \\ 5 & \text{if } x = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$9. \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan \theta}{\theta}$$

$$10. \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos t}{t^2}$$

$$11. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{x}$$

$$12. \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 3}{x - 9}$$

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4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-3}{x^2-1}$  DNE  $-\infty$

5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x|}{x}$  DNE left & right not same

6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x-3}{x^2-1}$  DNE  $+\infty$

7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{\sqrt{x^2-4}}$  DNE left & right not =

$$8. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 4$$

$$\text{if } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2} & \text{if } x \neq 2 \\ 5 & \text{if } x = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$9. \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan \theta}{\theta} = 1$$

$$10. \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos t}{t^2} = .5$$

$$11. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{x} = 2$$

$$12. \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 3}{x - 9} = \frac{1}{6}$$

AP CALCULUS AB  
FINDING LIMITS ANALYTICALLY / Algebraically

Find the following limits WITHOUT using a graphing calculator. SHOW your work.

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^2 + 1}$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{3x^3 - 4x^2 - 5x + 2}{x^2 - x - 2}$

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  for  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 4, & x \neq 1 \\ 2, & x = 1 \end{cases}$

4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x}$

5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \tan 5x$

6. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = \frac{2}{3}$ , find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ .

7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{x^2-4}$

8.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -9} \frac{x^2 + 6x - 27}{x + 9}$

9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{|x-2|}$

10.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 - 5x + 4}{x - 4}$

11.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+4} - 2}{x}$

12.  $\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x + \Delta x} - \sqrt{x}}{\Delta x}$

13.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{x}$

14.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x^2}{x^2}$

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FINDING LIMITS ANALYTICALLY

Find the following limits WITHOUT using a graphing calculator. SHOW your work.

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^2 + 1}$   $\textcircled{C}$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{3x^3 - 4x^2 - 5x + 2}{x^2 - x - 2}$   $2$

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  for  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 4, & x \neq 1 \\ 2, & x = 1 \end{cases}$   $5$

4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x}$   $\frac{2}{\pi}$

5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \tan 5x$   $\textcircled{C}$

6. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = \frac{2}{3}$ , find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ .  $-\frac{3}{4}$

7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{x^2-4}$   $\frac{1}{4}$

8.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -9} \frac{x^2 + 6x - 27}{x + 9}$   $-12$

$$9. \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{|x-2|} = \text{DNE} \text{ left limit} \neq \text{Rt limit}$$

$$10. \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 - 5x + 4}{x - 4} = 3$$

$$11. \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+4} - 2}{x} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$12. \quad \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+\Delta x} - \sqrt{x}}{\Delta x} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

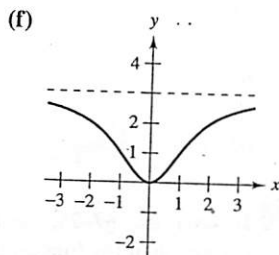
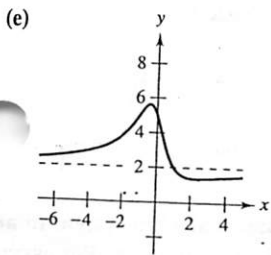
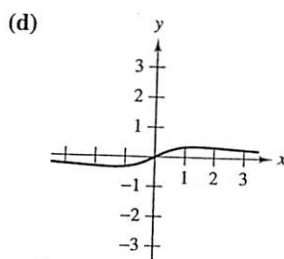
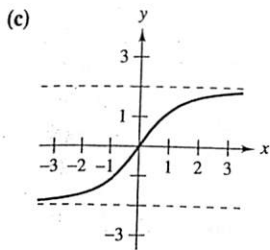
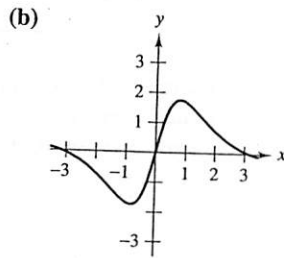
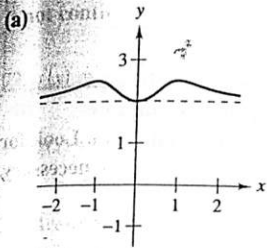
$$13. \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{x} = 5$$

$$14. \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x^2}{x^2} = 1$$



**EXERCISES FOR SECTION 3.5**

In Exercises 1–6, match the function with one of the graphs [(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f)] using horizontal asymptotes as an aid.



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

2.  $f(x) = \frac{2x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 2}}$

3.  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 2}$

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

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

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

**Numerical and Graphical Analysis** In Exercises 7–12, use a graphing utility to complete the table and estimate the limit as  $x$  approaches infinity. Then use a graphing utility to graph the function and estimate the limit graphically.

$x$	$10^0$	$10^1$	$10^2$	$10^3$	$10^4$	$10^5$	$10^6$
$f(x)$							

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

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

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

10.  $f(x) = \frac{8x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 3}}$

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

12.  $f(x) = 4 + \frac{3}{x^2 + 2}$

In Exercises 13 and 14, find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} h(x)$ , if possible.

13.  $f(x) = 5x^3 - 3x^2 + 10$

(a)  $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{x^2}$

(b)  $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{x^3}$

(c)  $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{x^4}$

14.  $f(x) = 5x^2 - 3x + 7$

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

(b)  $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{x^2}$

(c)  $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{x^3}$

In Exercises 15–18, find each of the limits, if possible.

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

16. (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 - 2x}{3x^3 - 1}$

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

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 - 2x}{3x - 1}$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 2}{x - 1}$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 - 2x^2}{3x - 1}$

17. (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 - 2x^{3/2}}{3x^2 - 4}$

18. (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^{3/2}}{4x^2 + 1}$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 - 2x^{3/2}}{3x^{3/2} - 4}$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^{3/2}}{4x^{3/2} + 1}$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 - 2x^{3/2}}{3x - 4}$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^{3/2}}{4\sqrt{x} + 1}$

In Exercises 19–32, find the limit.

19.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x - 1}{3x + 2}$

20.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^3 + 2}{9x^3 - 2x^2 + 7}$

21.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{x^2 - 1}$

22.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(4 + \frac{3}{x}\right)$

23.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{5x^2}{x + 3}$

24.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{4}{x^2}\right)$

25.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - x}}$

26.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}$

27.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x + 1}{\sqrt{x^2 - x}}$


28.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-3x + 1}{\sqrt{x^2 + x}}$

29.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin 2x}{x}$

30.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x - \cos x}{x}$

31.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2x + \sin x}$

32.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \cos \frac{1}{x}$

 In Exercises 33 and 34, use a graphing utility to graph the function and verify that it has two horizontal asymptotes.

33.  $f(x) = \frac{|x|}{x + 1}$

34.  $f(x) = \frac{3x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 2}}$

In Exercises 35 and 36, find the limit. (*Hint:* Let  $x = 1/t$  and find the limit as  $t \rightarrow 0^+$ .)

35.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \sin \frac{1}{x}$

36.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \tan \frac{1}{x}$

**Graphing Utility** In Exercises 37–40, find the limit. (*Hint:* Treat the expression as a fraction whose denominator is 1, and rationalize the numerator.) Use a graphing utility to verify your result.

37.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (x + \sqrt{x^2 + 3})$

38.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (2x - \sqrt{4x^2 + 1})$

39.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x - \sqrt{x^2 + x})$

40.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (3x + \sqrt{9x^2 - x})$

**Numerical, Graphical, and Analytic Analysis** In Exercises 41–44, use a graphing utility to complete the table and estimate the limit as  $x$  approaches infinity. Then use a graphing utility to graph the function and estimate the limit graphically. Finally, find the limit analytically and compare your results with the estimates.

$x$	$10^0$	$10^1$	$10^2$	$10^3$	$10^4$	$10^5$	$10^6$
$f(x)$							

41.  $f(x) = x - \sqrt{x(x-1)}$

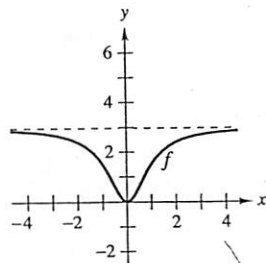
42.  $f(x) = x^2 - x\sqrt{x(x-1)}$

43.  $f(x) = x \sin \frac{1}{2x}$

44.  $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x\sqrt{x}}$

**Getting at the Concept**

45. The graph of a function  $f$  is shown below. To print an enlarged copy of the graph, go to the website [www.mathgraphs.com](http://www.mathgraphs.com).



- (a) Sketch  $f'$ .
  - (b) Use the graphs to estimate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f'(x)$ .
  - (c) Explain the answers you gave in part (b).
46. Sketch a graph of a differentiable function  $f$  that satisfies the following conditions and has  $x = 2$  as its only critical number.
- $f'(x) < 0$  for  $x < 2$
- $f'(x) > 0$  for  $x > 2$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 6$
47. Is it possible to sketch a graph of a function that satisfies the conditions of Exercise 46 and has *no* points of inflection? Explain.

**Getting at the Concept (continued)**

48. If  $f$  is a continuous function such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 5$ , if possible,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$  for each specified condition.
- (a) The graph of  $f$  is symmetric to the  $y$ -axis.
  - (b) The graph of  $f$  is symmetric to the origin.

**Graphing Utility** In Exercises 49–66, sketch the graph of the equation. Look for extrema, intercepts, symmetry, and asymptotes as necessary. Use a graphing utility to verify your result.

49.  $y = \frac{2+x}{1-x}$

50.  $y = \frac{x-3}{x-2}$

51.  $y = \frac{x}{x^2-4}$

52.  $y = \frac{2x}{9-x^2}$

53.  $y = \frac{x^2}{x^2+9}$

54.  $y = \frac{x^2}{x^2-9}$

55.  $y = \frac{2x^2}{x^2-4}$

56.  $y = \frac{2x^2}{x^2+4}$

57.  $xy^2 = 4$

58.  $x^2y = 4$

59.  $y = \frac{2x}{1-x}$

60.  $y = \frac{2x}{1-x^2}$

61.  $y = 2 - \frac{3}{x^2}$

62.  $y = 1 + \frac{1}{x}$

63.  $y = 3 + \frac{2}{x}$

64.  $y = 4\left(1 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right)$

65.  $y = \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^2-4}}$

66.  $y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2-4}}$

**Computer Algebra System** In Exercises 67–76, use a computer algebra system to analyze the graph of the function. Label any extrema and/or asymptotes that exist.

67.  $f(x) = 5 - \frac{1}{x^2}$

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

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

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

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

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

73.  $f(x) = \frac{3x}{\sqrt{4x^2+1}}$

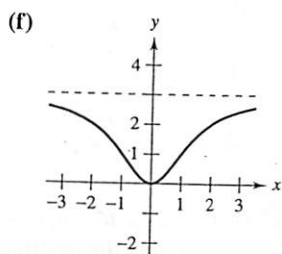
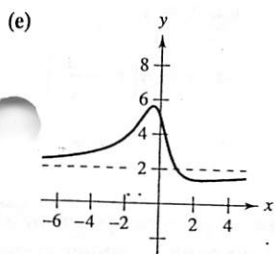
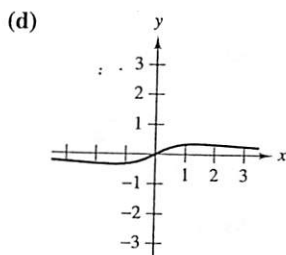
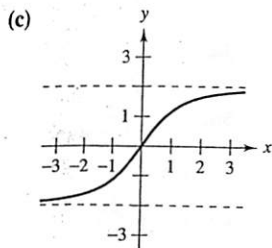
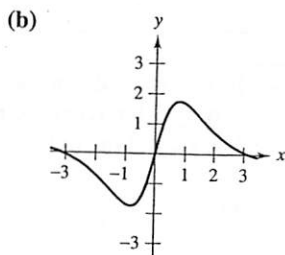
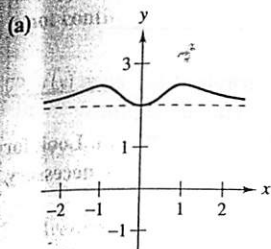
74.  $g(x) = \frac{2x}{\sqrt{3x^2+1}}$

75.  $g(x) = \sin\left(\frac{x}{x-2}\right), \quad 3 < x < \infty$

76.  $f(x) = \frac{2 \sin 2x}{x}$

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3.  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 2}$

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

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

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

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13.  $f(x) = 5x^3 - 3x^2 + 10$

(a)  $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{x^2} \infty$  (b)  $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{x^3} 5$

(c)  $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{x^4} 0$

14.  $f(x) = 5x^2 - 3x + 7$

(a)  $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{x}$  (b)  $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{x^2}$

(c)  $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{x^3}$

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(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 2}{x - 1}$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 - 2x^2}{3x - 1}$

17. (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 - 2x^{3/2}}{3x^2 - 4}$

18. (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^{3/2}}{4x^2 + 1}$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 - 2x^{3/2}}{3x^{3/2} - 4}$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^{3/2}}{4x^{3/2} + 1}$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 - 2x^{3/2}}{3x - 4}$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^{3/2}}{4\sqrt{x} + 1}$

In Exercises 19–32, find the limit.

19.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x - 1}{3x + 2} \frac{2}{3}$

20.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^3 + 2}{9x^3 - 2x^2 + 7} \frac{1}{3}$

21.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{x^2 - 1} 0$

22.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(4 + \frac{3}{x}\right) 4$

23.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{5x^2}{x + 3} -\infty$

24.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{4}{x^2}\right)$

25.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - x}}$

26.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}$

27.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x + 1}{\sqrt{x^2 - x}}$

28.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-3x + 1}{\sqrt{x^2 + x}}$

29.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin 2x}{x} 0$

30.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x - \cos x}{x}$

31.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2x + \sin x} 0$

32.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \cos \frac{1}{x}$

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40.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (3x + \sqrt{9x^2 - x})$

**NA** *Numerical, Graphical, and Analytic Analysis* In Exercises 41–44, use a graphing utility to complete the table and estimate the limit as  $x$  approaches infinity. Then use a graphing utility to graph the function and estimate the limit graphically. Finally, find the limit analytically and compare your results with the estimates.

$x$	$10^0$	$10^1$	$10^2$	$10^3$	$10^4$	$10^5$	$10^6$
$f(x)$							

41.  $f(x) = x - \sqrt{x(x-1)}$

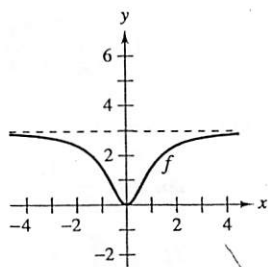
42.  $f(x) = x^2 - x\sqrt{x(x-1)}$

43.  $f(x) = x \sin \frac{1}{2x}$

44.  $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x\sqrt{x}}$

### Getting at the Concept

45. The graph of a function  $f$  is shown below. To print an enlarged copy of the graph, go to the website [www.mathgraphs.com](http://www.mathgraphs.com).



- (a) Sketch  $f'$ .
  - (b) Use the graphs to estimate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f'(x)$ .
  - (c) Explain the answers you gave in part (b).
46. Sketch a graph of a differentiable function  $f$  that satisfies the following conditions and has  $x = 2$  as its only critical number.
- $f'(x) < 0$  for  $x < 2$
  - $f'(x) > 0$  for  $x > 2$
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 6$
47. Is it possible to sketch a graph of a function that satisfies the conditions of Exercise 46 and has *no* points of inflection? Explain.

### Getting at the Concept (continued)

48. If  $f$  is a continuous function such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = d$ , if possible,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$  for each specified condition.
- (a) The graph of  $f$  is symmetric to the  $y$ -axis.
  - (b) The graph of  $f$  is symmetric to the origin.

**CA** In Exercises 49–66, sketch the graph of the equation. Look for extrema, intercepts, symmetry, and asymptotes as necessary. Use a graphing utility to verify your result.

49.  $y = \frac{2+x}{1-x}$

50.  $y = \frac{x-3}{x-2}$

51.  $y = \frac{x}{x^2-4}$

52.  $y = \frac{2x}{9-x^2}$

53.  $y = \frac{x^2}{x^2+9}$

54.  $y = \frac{x^2}{x^2-9}$

55.  $y = \frac{2x^2}{x^2-4}$

56.  $y = \frac{2x^2}{x^2+4}$

57.  $xy^2 = 4$

58.  $x^2y = 4$

59.  $y = \frac{2x}{1-x}$

60.  $y = \frac{2x}{1-x^2}$

61.  $y = 2 - \frac{3}{x^2}$

62.  $y = 1 + \frac{1}{x}$

63.  $y = 3 + \frac{2}{x}$

64.  $y = 4\left(1 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right)$

65.  $y = \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^2-4}}$

66.  $y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2-4}}$

**CA** In Exercises 67–76, use a computer algebra system to analyze the graph of the function. Label any extrema and/or asymptotes that exist.

67.  $f(x) = 5 - \frac{1}{x^2}$

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

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

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

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

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

73.  $f(x) = \frac{3x}{\sqrt{4x^2+1}}$

74.  $g(x) = \frac{2x}{\sqrt{3x^2+1}}$

75.  $g(x) = \sin\left(\frac{x}{x-2}\right), 3 < x < \infty$

76.  $f(x) = \frac{2 \sin 2x}{x}$



# Mr Leckie

## Calculus Limits Review

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

There's obviously not enough room for you to work out problems on this paper. This will not be collected, but I highly suggest you understand how to complete each and every problem here! Solutions (along with the worksheet) will be posted on your Assignment page.

For questions 1 – 10, evaluate each limit without using your calculator.

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} [x]$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 5x - 3}{3x + 2}$

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 5x - 3}{3x^2 + 2}$

4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 5x - 3}{3x^3 + 2}$

5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin(2x)}$

6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{2x}$

7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(5x)}{\sin(3x)}$

8.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4x^2 + 5x}{x - 3}$

9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x - 7x^2}{4x^2 + 1}$

10.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{|x + 3|}{x + 3}$

11. Use a table of values to evaluate the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$

Recognize the number? ... Add this to your notecards under "Limits you should know".

12. Make a table of values (4 of them would work) to evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x + 3}{x - 2}$ .

For questions 13 and 14, find ALL asymptotes (vertical, horizontal, and oblique) and justify your response.

13.  $y = \ln x$

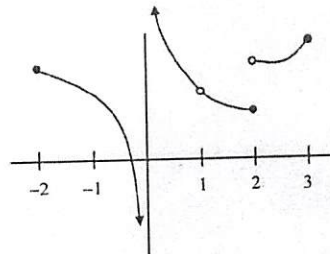
14.  $f(x) = \frac{(x+2)(x-3)}{(x+2)(x-1)}$

15. Let  $h(x) = \frac{(x-1)(x+3)}{(x+3)(x-2)}$ . Identify all values of  $c$  where the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x)$  EXISTS.

16. Let  $g(x) = \frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{x^2 + 3x + 2}$ .

- Find the domain of  $g(x)$ .
- Find the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$  for all values of  $c$  where  $g(x)$  is not defined.
- Find any horizontal asymptotes and justify your response.
- Find any vertical asymptotes and justify your response.
- Write an extension to the function so that  $g(x)$  is continuous for all  $x < -1$ .

17. Using the function below, over what intervals does  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exist?



Calculus  
Chapter 2 Review Solutions

I have done my best to make sure all the solutions are correct. Inevitably, there seem to be typos. If you do not agree/understand a solution, email me or find time to ask me about them BEFORE the exam.

1. Use direct substitution.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{5}{2}} |x| = \left| \frac{5}{2} \right| = 2$

2. The numerator has a higher degree than the denominator, so  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 5x - 3}{3x + 2}$  does not exist (DNE).

3. The numerator and denominator have the same degree, so  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 5x - 3}{3x^2 + 2} = \frac{1}{3}$

4. The numerator has a lower degree than the denominator, so  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 5x - 3}{3x^3 + 2} = 0$

5. Multiply the denominator by  $\frac{2x}{2x}$  ...  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin(2x)} \cdot \frac{2x}{2x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\frac{\sin(2x)}{2x} \cdot 2x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\frac{\sin(2x)}{2x} \cdot 2} = \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} = \frac{1}{2}$

6. Take out the  $\frac{1}{2}$  to get  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{2x} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 = 0$  ... or realize that as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , the denominator gets really large while the numerator stays between 1 and -1.

7. Rewrite  $\tan(5x)$  in terms of sine and cosine and multiply by  $1/\sin(3x)$  instead of dividing ...

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(5x)}{\sin(3x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(5x)}{\cos(5x)} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin(3x)}$  ... Multiply the numerator by  $\frac{5x}{5x}$  ... and the denominator by  $\frac{3x}{3x}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(5x) \cdot \frac{5x}{5x}}{\cos(5x)} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin(3x) \cdot \frac{3x}{3x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\sin(5x)}{5x} \cdot 5x}{\cos(5x)} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{\sin(3x)}{3x} \cdot 3x}$

Once the  $x$  is cancelled above, you can evaluate the limit ...  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\sin(5x)}{5x} \cdot 5}{\cos(5x)} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{\sin(3x)}{3x} \cdot 3} = \frac{1 \cdot 5}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{1 \cdot 3} = \frac{5}{3}$

8. The numerator grows faster than the denominator, so  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4x^2 + 5x}{x - 3}$  does not exist (DNE).

9. The numerator and denominator grow at the same rate, so  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x - 7x^2}{4x^2 + 1} = \frac{-7}{4}$

10. A graph of this (make a table if necessary) would show that the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} \frac{|x+3|}{x+3} = 1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \frac{|x+3|}{x+3} = -1$  meaning

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{|x+3|}{x+3}$  does not exist (DNE).

11.

$x$	1000	10000	100000	1000000	10000000	100000000
$\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$	2.716923932	2.718145927	2.718268237	2.718280469	2.718281694	2.718281786

Recognize the number? It's  $e$  ... Add this to your notecards under "Limits you should know". ... yeah ... those things you have to hand in before your test! ☺

12. Since you're approaching 2 from both sides, pick two numbers close to 2 on both sides.

$x$	$\frac{x+3}{x-2}$
1.99	-499
1.999	-4999
2.001	5001
2.01	501

Based on the table,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x+3}{x-2}$  DNE, and as  $x \rightarrow 2^-$ ,  $\frac{x+3}{x-2} \rightarrow -\infty$ .

Also, as  $x \rightarrow 2^+$ ,  $\frac{x+3}{x-2} \rightarrow \infty$ .

For questions 13 and 14, find ALL asymptotes (vertical, horizontal, and oblique) and justify your response.

13. This function has a vertical asymptote at  $x = 0$  because as  $x \rightarrow 0^+$ ,  $\ln x \rightarrow -\infty$ . (A parent function you should know)

14. Since  $f(x) = \frac{\cancel{(x+2)}(x-3)}{\cancel{(x+2)}(x-1)} = \frac{x-3}{x-1}$  there is NOT a vertical asymptote at  $x = -2$  (there's a hole), but there IS a

vertical asymptote at  $x = 1$ , since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x-3}{x-1}$  DNE because as  $x \rightarrow 1^-$ ,  $\frac{x-3}{x-1} \rightarrow \infty$  and as  $x \rightarrow 1^+$ ,  $\frac{x-3}{x-1} \rightarrow -\infty$ . Also,

since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x+2)(x-3)}{(x+2)(x-1)} = 1$ , there is a horizontal asymptote at  $y = 1$ .

15. Since  $h(x) = \frac{\cancel{(x-1)}(x+3)}{\cancel{(x+3)}(x-2)} = \frac{x-1}{x-2}$ , there is a vertical asymptote at  $x = 2$ , but there is a hole when  $x = -3$ . Therefore,

$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x)$  exists for all real numbers except for  $x = 2$ .

16.

a) Since  $g(x) = \frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{x^2 + 3x + 2} = \frac{\cancel{(x+2)}(x+3)}{\cancel{(x+2)}(x+1)} = \frac{x+3}{x+1}$ , the domain is  $x \neq -1$  and  $x \neq -2$

b) Since there is a removable discontinuity (a hole) at  $x = -2$ , the limit as  $x$  approaches  $-2$  exists, but since there is a vertical asymptote at  $x = -1$ , the limit does not exist as  $x$  approaches  $-1$ .

c) Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{x^2 + 3x + 2} = 1$ , there is a horizontal asymptote at  $y = 1$ .

d) There is a vertical asymptote at  $x = -1$ , since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{x^2 + 3x + 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{x+3}{x+1}$  which does not exist (DNE) and as

$x \rightarrow -1^+$ ,  $\frac{x+3}{x+1} \rightarrow \infty$ .

e) The only value of  $x$  less than  $-1$  where  $g(x)$  is not continuous is  $x = -2$ .

Since there is a removable discontinuity at  $x = -2$ , we just need to define the value of  $g(-2)$  to fill the hole. Using the

simplified version of  $g(x)$ , we see that  $g(-2) = \frac{-2+3}{-2+1} = -1$ . Thus we write  $g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{x^2 + 3x + 2} & ; x \neq -1 \text{ and } x \neq -2 \\ -1 & ; x = -2 \end{cases}$

17. Using the function below, over what intervals does  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exist?

The limit fails to exist at  $x = 0$  and at  $x = 2$  (both are non-removable discontinuities).

The limit does exist at  $x = 1$ , even though there is a hole (removable discontinuity).

So, the intervals where  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exists are  $(-2, 0) \cup (0, 2) \cup (2, 3)$ .

⚡: The  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x)$  also exists, as does  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x)$ .

