

AP Calculus AB

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Limits & Continuity Assessment

Instructions: Show work or provide an explanation. Calculators are not permitted.
Good luck and have fun-ctions. May the limit of your grade be positive infinity!

$\frac{0}{0}$ -1) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+2} - \sqrt{2}}{x}$. Show all work. (3 points)

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

2) Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x-6)(x+1)}{x^2-5x-6}, & x \neq 6 \\ 3k+2, & x = 6 \end{cases}$

a) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 6} f(x)$. Show all proper steps. (1 points)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 6^-} \frac{(x-6)(x+1)}{x-6} = 7$$
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 6^+} x+1 = 7$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 6} f(x) = 7$$

b) Find the value of k such that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 6} f(x) = f(6)$. Show all work. (2 points)

$$3k+2=7$$
$$3k=5$$
$$k = \frac{5}{3}$$

3. (3 points)

Let f be a function defined by $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - 2\sin x & \text{for } x \leq 0 \\ e^{-4x} & \text{for } x > 0. \end{cases}$

Show that f is continuous at $x = 0$.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} 1 - 2\sin x = 1 \rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^{-4x} = 1 \quad \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 1$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad f(0) = 1 - 2\sin 0 = 1$$

$\textcircled{3}$ Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0)$, $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 0$.

4. (3 points) Mrs. Rivero drops her calculus book off of the top of a 220-foot building. The position function of the book is: $s(t) = -16t^2 + 220$. Using the velocity function below, find the velocity of the book when $t = 1$ second. Be sure to include units and to show all steps.

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

5. (2 points) Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that $f(x) = -x^2 + 2x + 4$ has at least one zero on $[1, 4]$.

Since $f(x)$ is a polynomial, it is continuous everywhere.

$$f(1) = -1 + 2 + 4 = 5$$

$$f(4) = -16 + 8 + 4 = -4$$

Since $f(1) > 0$ and $f(4) < 0$, $f(x)$ must cross the x -axis (have a zero) on $[1, 4]$.