

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!

1) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+2} - \sqrt{2}}{x}$. Show all work. (4 points)

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

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{2}}$$

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

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

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 6} x+1 = 7$$

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. (4 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 $x = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} 1 - 2\sin x = 1 \\ & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^{-4x} = 1 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} 1 - 2\sin x = 1 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^{-4x} = 1 \end{aligned}} \right\} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 1$$

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

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \begin{aligned} f(0) &= 1 - 2\sin 0 \\ f(0) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

4. (4 points) Mrs. Rivero drops her English book off of the top of a 220-foot building. The position function of the book is given by the following equation

$$s(t) = -16t^2 + 220$$

Find the velocity of the book when $t = 1$ second. Be sure to include units and to show all steps.

$$\text{Velocity} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(1+h) - s(1)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-16(1+h)^2 + 220 - (-16 \cdot 1^2 + 220)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-16(1+2h+h^2) + 220 - (-16 + 220)}{h}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-16 - 32h - 16h^2 + 220 - 204}{h} \\ & \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -32 - 16h = -32 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}} \end{aligned}$$

5. (3 points) List the three requirements for a function ($f(x)$) to be continuous at a point (say at $x=c$).

$\textcircled{1}$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ exists

$\textcircled{2}$ $f(c)$ exists

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

4 points each
Evaluate each limit.

$$6 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 7x + 10}{x^2 - 4} = \frac{4(4-14)}{0} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-5)(x-2)}{(x+2)(x-2)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-5}{x+2} = \frac{-3}{4}$$

$$8 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{4x^3 + x}{x^2 - x^3} = -4$$

$$7 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+3)^3 - 27}{x} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 + 9x^2 + 27x + 27 - 27}{x}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 + 9x^2 + 27x}{x}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 + 9x + 27 = 27$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x+3}{x^2 - 7x + 12} = \frac{0}{-1(-6) + 12} = \frac{0}{6} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{(x+3)}{(x-4)(x-3)} = \frac{0}{-7(-6)} = 0$$

10 (2 points) If $f(3) = -2$, what is the limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches 3? Explain using complete sentence(s).
*You cannot evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$.
 $f(3) = -2$ doesn't have anything to do with it.*

11. (2 points) If the limit of $g(x)$ as x approaches -2 is 5, what is $g(-2)$? Explain using complete sentence(s).
 *$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} g(x) = 5$ tells us nothing about $g(-2)$.
 The limit is the intended height of a function.*

12. One point each; no work or explanations needed.

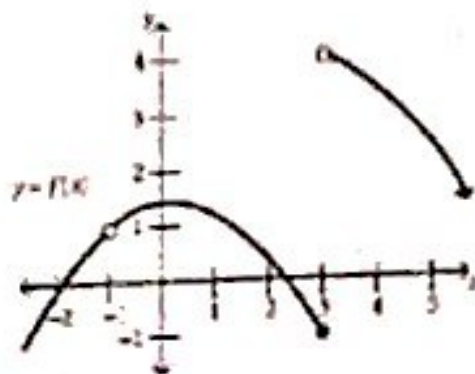


Figure 5.8

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = 1$
2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = 1$
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = 1$
4. $f(-1)$ *done*
5. Is f continuous at $x = -1$? *No*
6. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = -1$
7. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = 4$
8. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$ *done*
9. $f(3) = -1$
10. Is f continuous at $x = 3$? *Yes*

(4 points) 13. Compute $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 - (3+h)}{(3+h)(3)}$, or indicate that the limit doesn't exist.

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 - (3+h)}{(3+h)(3)}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{3(3+h) \cdot h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{3(3+h)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{9}$$