
HOMEWORK DAY 2 – *The limit of a function. Infinite limits. §1.5*

1. §1.5: 1

2. §1.5: 4. (a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

(f)

3. §1.5: 9. Add: (g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 6} f(x)$.

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

(f)

(g)

4. Find the following limits. Follow the notation in the worked out example for all infinite limits. When a limit does not exist, briefly explain why.

(a) §1.5: 27

(b) §1.5: 28

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{x+1}{x-5} = -\infty \quad \left(\frac{6}{0^-}\right)$$

(c) §1.5: 29

(d) §1.5: 30

(e) §1.5: 31

(f) §1.5: 32

(g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1}{x^3 - 1}$

$$(h) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{x^3 - 1}$$

$$(i) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{x^3 - 1}$$

5. §1.5: 11

6. §1.5: 16

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

(a) Sketch a graph of the function.

(b) Find the following limits or determine they do not exist (if so, explain why not).

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

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

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

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

(c) State the values of all a for which $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ exists.

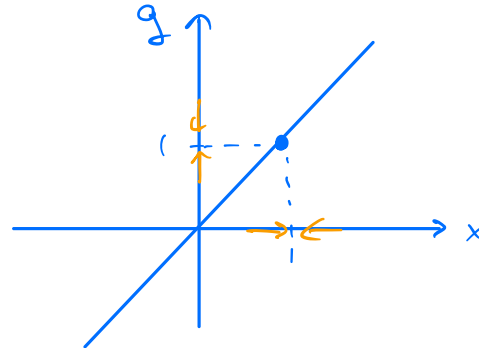
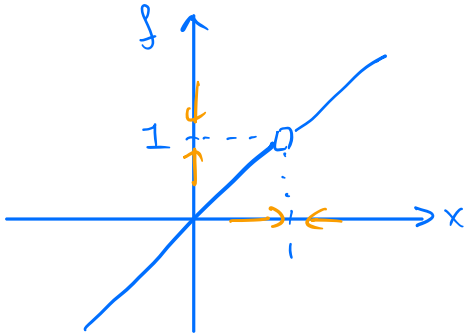
8. Consider the two functions $f(x) = \frac{x^2-x}{x-1}$ and $g(x) = x$.

(a) Are the two functions equal? Explain.

No. The domains differ.

Domain of f : $x \neq 1$
 Domain of g : all $x \in \mathbb{R}$

(b) Sketch a graph of both functions.



(c) Use your sketch to find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x)$. Illustrate the limit in your sketch.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g = 1$$

9. Consider the function $g_1(x) = \frac{x^2-4}{x-2}$.

(a) Sketch the graph of $g_1(x)$ and of $g_2(x) = x+2$.

(b) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g_1(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g_2(x)$

(c) Explain why the limit in (b) is the slope of tangent line of $f(x) = x^2$ at $x = 2$. Illustrate with a figure.

10. Let $f(x) = \sin(x)$.

(a) Sketch a clearly labeled graph of $f(x)$, using a 1-1 scale.

(b) Explain why the slope of the tangent line to the graph of f at the origin ($x = 0$) is given by the limit

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

(c) Approximate the limit using a table of values.

(d) Use your result in (c) to find an equation for the tangent line to f at the origin, and add a graph of it to your sketch in (a).

HOMEWORK DAY 3 – *Finite limits §1.6*

11. Find the following finite or infinite limits. If the limit does not exist, explain why not. Follow the worked out example.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (2x + x^2) = -4 + 4 = 0$$

$$(b) \lim_{h \rightarrow 1} (2 - h/2)$$

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

$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \frac{x + 2}{x + 3}$$

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

$$(f) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1 - 2x}{(x - 1)^2}$$

$$(g) \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{1 + \cos x}{1 - x}$$

$$(h) \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{1 - x}{1 + \cos x}$$

$$(i) \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{1 - t^2}{1 - t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{\cancel{(1-t)}(1+t)}{\cancel{1-t}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} (1+t) = 2$$

since $t \neq 1$
can divide by $1-t$

$$(j) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+4} - 2}{x}$$

$$(k) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(1+x)^3 - 1}{x}$$

(l) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+x)^3 - 1}{x}$

(m) §1.6: 13

(n) §1.6: 17

(o) §1.6: 19

(p) §1.6: 21

(q) §1.6: 23

(r) §1.6: 25

(s) §1.6: 27

12. §1.6: 38 (Squeeze Theorem)

13. §1.6: 41 (Squeeze Theorem)

HOMEWORK DAY 4 – *Continuity §1.8*

§1.8: 1.

§1.8: 3.

§1.8: 5.

§1.8: 6.

14. §1.8: 17

15. §1.8: 20

16. §1.8: 22

17. §1.8: 23

18. §1.8: 42. Also sketch a graph of f .

19. §1.8: 44

20. §1.8: 46 (gravitational force) Also sketch a graph of $F(r)$.

21. §1.8: 47 (for what c is f continuous everywhere?) Also sketch a graph of $f(x)$ for the value of c that you found.