

## Warm up

Work on 31-39 odds on HW worksheet

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## Homework and Warm up

### Answers to Limits Practice

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|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1) -1              | 2) 2               | 3) 2                | 4) 2                |
| 5) 2               | 6) 2               | 7) -5               | 8) -4               |
| 9) 0               | 10) 5              | 11) -7              | 12) 0               |
| 13) 2              | 14) 0              | 15) $\frac{11}{2}$  | 16) -2              |
| 17) -3             | 18) $-\frac{1}{2}$ | 19) 3               | 20) 0               |
| 21) 0              | 22) $\frac{5}{2}$  | 23) 1               | 24) 5               |
| 25) $\frac{1}{12}$ | 26) 3              | 27) $\frac{6}{25}$  | 28) $\frac{50}{29}$ |
| 29) 1              | 30) $\frac{1}{5}$  | 31) -3              | 32) $-\frac{1}{4}$  |
| 33) -2             | 34) $\frac{1}{2}$  | 35) -1              | 36) -1              |
| 37) 4              | 38) $\frac{1}{2}$  | 39) Does not exist. | 40) Does not exist. |
| 41) 5              | 42) -2             |                     |                     |

## PROBLEMS

Use the graph in Fig. 10 to determine the following limits.

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 2$       (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 1$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = \text{DNE}$       (d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = 1$

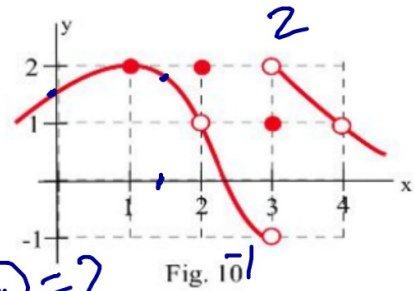


Fig. 10

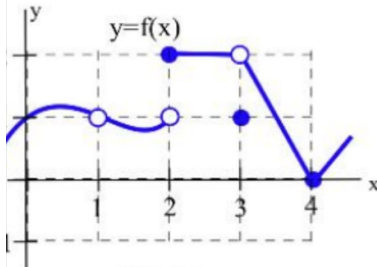


Fig. 11

2. Use the graph in Fig. 11 to determine the following limits.

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 1$       (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \text{DOES NOT EXIST}$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 2$       (d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = 0$

## Properties of limits

### Properties of Limits

Let  $b$  and  $c$  be real numbers, let  $n$  be a positive integer, and let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions with the following limits.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = K$$

1. Scalar multiple:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [b f(x)] = bL$

2. Sum or difference:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = L \pm K$

3. Product:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)g(x)] = LK$

4. Quotient:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{L}{K}$ , provided  $K \neq 0$

5. Power:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)]^n = L^n$

## Use properties of limits to evaluate

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = 3, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = 6$

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [-2g(x)]$       (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x) + g(x)]$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$       (d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sqrt{f(x)}$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = 5, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = -2$

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x) + g(x)]^2$       (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [6f(x)g(x)]$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{5g(x)}{4f(x)}$       (d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{1}{\sqrt{f(x)}}$

### ONE-SIDED LIMITS

Let  $f(x) = \frac{x^3 - x}{x - 1}$ .

What happens to the values of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches 1 **from the left** (i.e.,  $x$  increases to 1)?

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-}$

2

$x$	0	0.5	0.75	0.9	0.99	0.999
$f(x)$	0	0.75	1.3125	1.71	1.9701	1.997001

It looks like the values of  $f(x)$  are approaching 2.

What happens to the values of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches 1 **from the right** (i.e.,  $x$  decreases to 1)?

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+}$

$x$	2	1.5	1.25	1.1	1.01	1.001
$f(x)$	6	3.75	2.8125	2.31	2.0301	2.003001

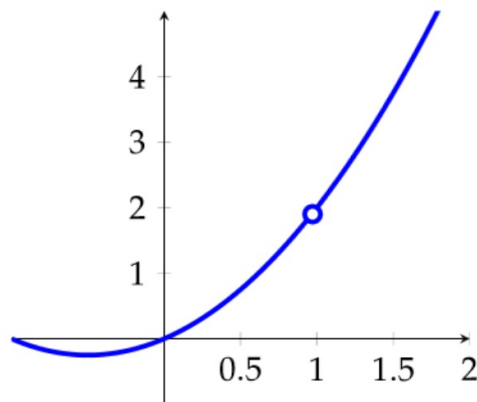
$f(x) = 2$

The values of  $f(x)$  are approaching 2.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+}$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \frac{x^3 - x}{x - 1}.$$

This is a bit easier to see graphically:



So, the value of  $f(x)$  approaches 2 (*although it will never actually be equal to 2*) as  $x$  approaches 1 from either the right or the left.

### Definition (intuitive)

Let  $f$  be a function and  $c$  a real number.

We say that a *finite* real number  $L$  is the **limit of  $f$  as  $x$  approaches  $c$  from the left** if the value of  $f(x)$  approaches  $L$  as  $x$  **increases** to  $c$  (approaches  $c$  from the left).

We write this as

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = L.$$

We say that  $L$  is the **limit of  $f$  as  $x$  approaches  $c$  from the right** if the value of  $f(x)$  approaches  $R$  as  $x$  **decreases** to  $c$  (approaches  $c$  from the right).

We write this as

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = L.$$

Use a table  
limits:

(1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} 2x + 5$

x	6	6.5	6.75	6.9	6.99	6.999
f(x)	17	18	18.5	18.8	18.98	18.998

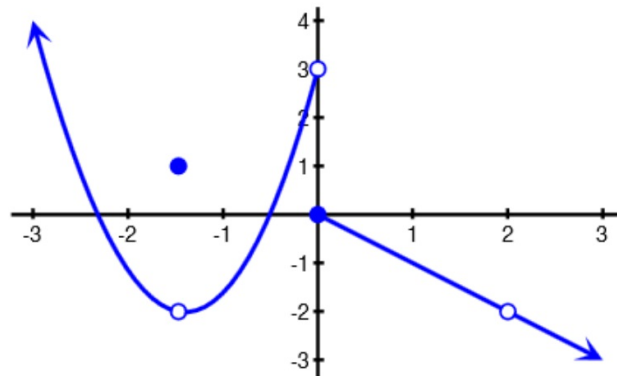
$$\frac{(x+1)(x-1)}{(x-2)(x+1)} = \frac{-2}{-3}$$

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

x	0	-0.5	-0.75	-0.9	-0.99	-0.999
f(x)	0.5	0.6	0.63	0.655...	0.6655...	0.66655...



Below is the graph of a function  $f(x)$ :



Use this graph to determine the following one-sided limits:

(1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1.5^-} f(x) = -2$     (2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = 3$     (3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = -2$

(4)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1.5^+} f(x) = -2$     (5)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 0$     (6)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = -2$

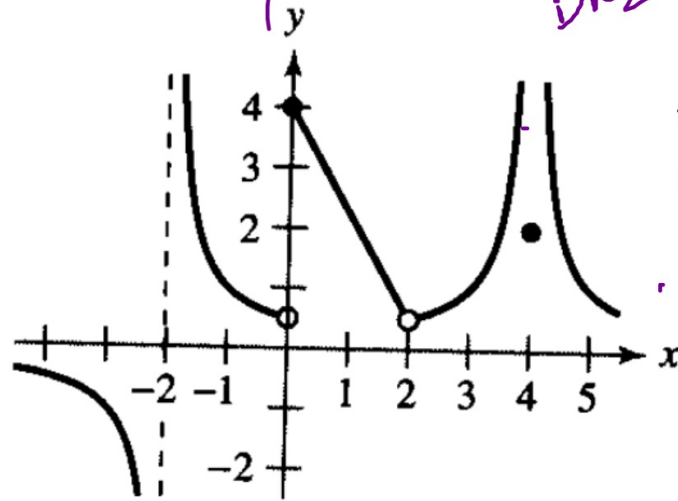
$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1.5^+} f(x) = -2$

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

EXAMPLE: Use the graph of  $f(x)$  below to find the following:

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



$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} = \infty$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} = \infty$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \text{DNE}$

- b.)  $f(2) = \text{undef.}$  For this one, there is no closed circle at the  $x = 2$ . So, nothing is defined here.
- c.)  $f(-2) = \text{undef.}$  There is no closed circles here either. We have a vertical asymptote, so nothing will be defined here.
- d.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \frac{1}{2}$  You are seeing what the y-value is approaching as  $x$  approaches 2 from the right.
- e.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \frac{1}{2}$  You are seeing what the y-value is approaching as  $x$  approaches 2 from the left.
- f.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \frac{1}{2}$  Since the limit from the left and right are the same then our limit exists and is also equal to 1.
- g.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 4$  You are seeing what the y-value is approaching as  $x$  approaches 0 from the right.
- h.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \frac{1}{2}$  You are seeing what the y-value is approaching as  $x$  approaches 0 from the left.
- i.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \text{d.n.e.}$  Since the limit from the left and from the right are not the same, the limit does not exist.
- g.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x) = \text{d.n.e.}$  Since the limit from the left and from the right are not the same, the limit does not exist.

# Limits at infinity

Evaluate each limit.

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

$-\infty$



6)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^3}{3x^2 - 4}$

$\infty$



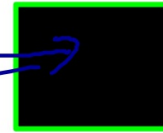
7)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3}{4x^2 + 3}$

$\infty$

$\frac{\sqrt{2x^2}}{2x}$



$\frac{\sqrt{2}x}{2x}$



8)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x+1}{2x^2+2x+1}$

0

10)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2x^2+1}}{4x+2}$

9)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2x^2+3}}{2x+3}$

$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$



$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$

