

1. What is the difference between a limit and a function value?

### THEOREM 1 Properties of Limits

If  $L$ ,  $M$ ,  $c$ , and  $k$  are real numbers and

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

1. *Sum Rule:*  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) + g(x)) = L + M$

The limit of the sum of two functions is the sum of their limits.

2. *Difference Rule:*  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) - g(x)) = L - M$

The limit of the difference of two functions is the difference of their limits.

3. *Product Rule:*  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) \cdot g(x)) = L \cdot M$

The limit of a product of two functions is the product of their limits.

4. *Constant Multiple Rule:*  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (k \cdot f(x)) = k \cdot L$

The limit of a constant times a function is the constant times the limit of the function.

5. *Quotient Rule:*  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{L}{M}, M \neq 0$

The limit of a quotient of two functions is the quotient of their limits, provided the limit of the denominator is not zero.

6. *Power Rule:* If  $r$  and  $s$  are integers,  $s \neq 0$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x))^{r/s} = L^{r/s}$$

provided that  $L^{r/s}$  is a real number.

The limit of a rational power of a function is that power of the limit of the function, provided the latter is a real number.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{bx} = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos ax}{bx} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan ax}{bx} = \frac{a}{b}$$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \sqrt{x - 5} =$

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \sqrt{x - 5} =$

4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \sqrt{x - 5} =$

5. Use the piecewise function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3-x & x < -3 \\ 2x+12 & -3 \leq x < 4 \\ 9 & x \geq 4 \end{cases}$  for the limits below:

a.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} f(x) =$

d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x) =$

g.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} f(x) =$

b.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x) =$

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

h.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5} f(x) =$

c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} f(x) =$

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

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

A function  $f(x)$  has a limit as  $x$  approaches  $c$  if and only if the right-hand and left-hand limits at  $c$  exist and are equal.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L \Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = L \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = L$$

3. Find the limits below using the graph:

a.  $f(1) =$

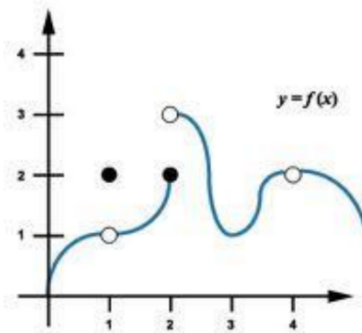
d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) =$

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

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

c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) =$

f.  $f(4) =$



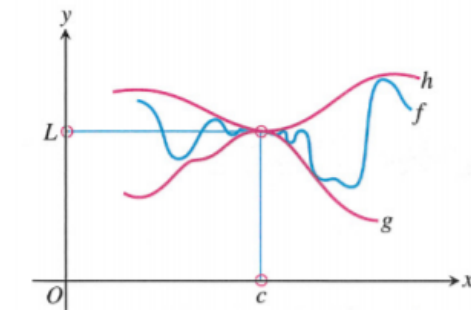
**Sandwich Theorem**

If  $g(x) \leq f(x) \leq h(x)$  for all  $x \neq c$  in some interval about  $c$ , and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x) = L$$

then

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



17. Show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} = 0$

**Horizontal Asymptote:**

The line  $y = b$  is a horizontal asymptote of the graph of a function  $y = f(x)$  if either

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = b \text{ or } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = b$$

“Rules”

- 1) If the denominator is a larger degree than the numerator the limit = \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) If the numerator is a larger degree than the denominator the limit = \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) If the numerator and denominator have the same degree than the limit = \_\_\_\_\_

a.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^2+3}{5x^2-7} =$

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

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

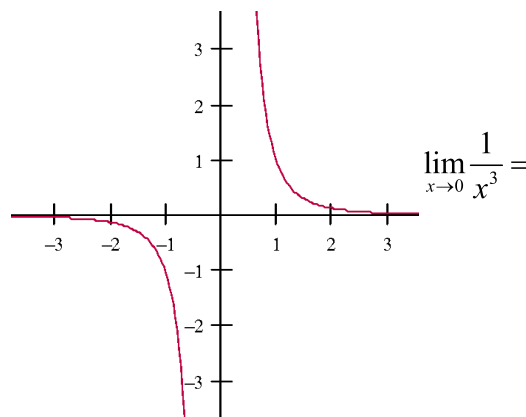
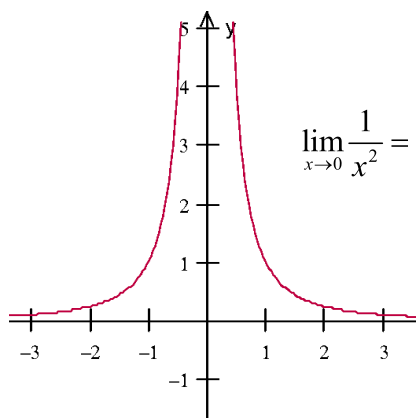
d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2}{3x-1} =$

**Vertical Asymptote:**

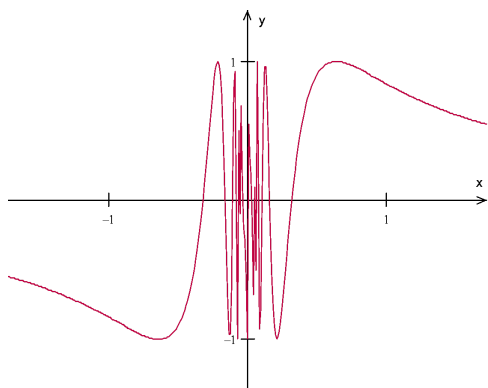
The line  $x = a$  is a vertical asymptote of the graph of a function  $y = f(x)$  if either

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \pm \infty \text{ or } \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \pm \infty$$

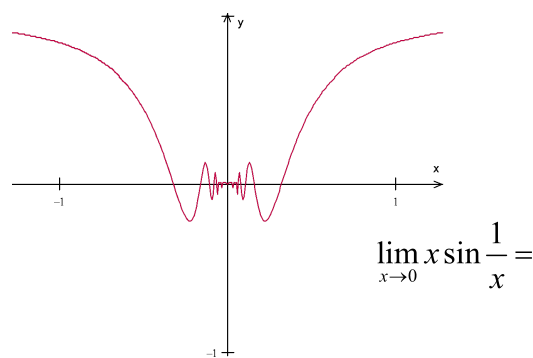
**Unbounded Behavior**



**3) Oscillating Behavior**



**\*Exception to Oscillating Behavior**



1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} \frac{1}{x-7} =$

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} \frac{1}{x-7} =$

5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{-6}{(x-8)^2} =$

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

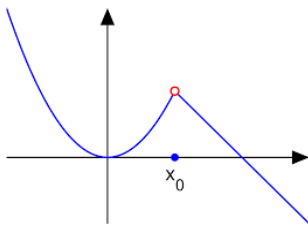
4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{2}{(x-3)^2} =$

6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^+} \tan x =$

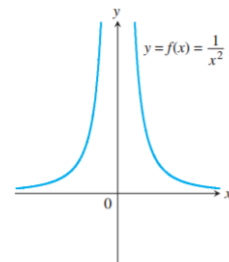
**Continuity**

A function is continuous if:

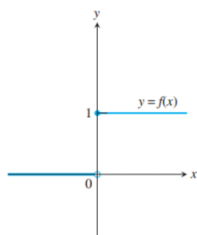
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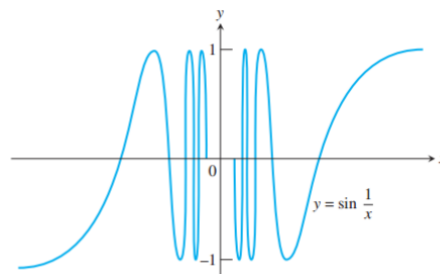
3. Discontinuity:



2. Discontinuity:



4. Discontinuity:

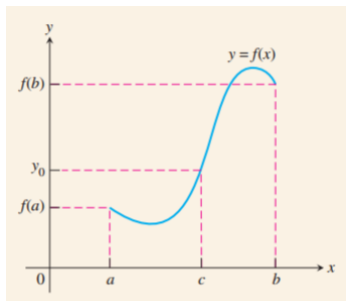


2. Find the points of continuity and the points of discontinuity of the function. Identify each type of discontinuity.

a.  $y = \frac{x+1}{x^2-4x+3}$

### Intermediate Value Theorem

A function  $y = f(x)$  that is continuous on a closed interval  $[a, b]$  takes on every value between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ . In other words if  $y_0$  is between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ , then  $y_0 = f(c)$  for some  $c$  in  $[a, b]$ .



2. Find each point of discontinuity for the function below. Then if there are any, determine if the discontinuities are removable.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x, & x \leq 2 \\ x^2 - 4x + 1, & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

3. What value should be assigned to  $k$  to make  $f$  a continuous function?

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 15}{x - 3}, & x \neq 3 \\ k, & x = 3 \end{cases}$$

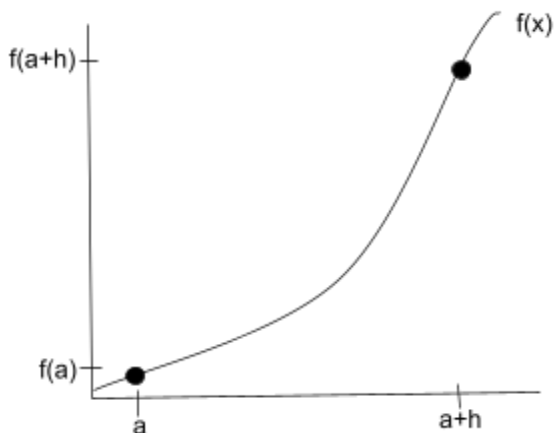
**Slope of the tangent Line to a Curve at a Point**

The slope of the tangent line to the graph of a function  $y = f(x)$  at  $(a, f(a))$  is given by:

$$m_{tan} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Provided that this limit exists. This limit describes:

- The slope of the graph of  $f$  at  $(a, f(a))$
- The instantaneous rate of change of  $f$  with respect to  $x$  at  $a$



1. Find the derivative of the following:

a.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h}$

**Average Rate of Change:**

The average rate of change of  $f$  from  $x = a$  to  $x = a + h$  is given by the difference quotient:

$$\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

**Instantaneous Rate of Change:**

The instantaneous rate of change of  $f$  with respect to  $x$  at  $a$  is the derivative of  $f$  at  $a$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$