

Note: Show all work.

Solution

No Calculator is allowed.

Evaluate the limits in Questions 1-5

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{5+x} - \sqrt{5}}{x} =$ (6 pts)

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{5+x} - \sqrt{5}}{x} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5+x} + \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5+x} + \sqrt{5}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5+x-5}{x(\sqrt{5+x} + \sqrt{5})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{x(\sqrt{5+x} + \sqrt{5})}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5+x} + \sqrt{5}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}$$

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{27x^6 - 809x + 1}}{10x^2 - 1}$ (6 pts)

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{\frac{27x^6}{x^6} - \frac{809x}{x^6} + \frac{1}{x^6}}}{\frac{10x^2}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x^2}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{27 - \frac{809}{x^5} + \frac{1}{x^6}}}{10 - \frac{1}{x^2}}$$

$$= \frac{3}{10}$$

$\left[\sqrt[3]{x^6} = x^2 \right]$

3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \frac{2x-8}{|4-x|} =$ (5 pts)

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

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

$$= -2$$

4. $\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} (300 + 200t - 50t^4 - 70t^2)$ (4 pts)

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} (-50t^4) = -\infty$$

5. $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{t^3+t-2}{t^2+t-2}$ (6 pts)

Note that as $t \rightarrow 1$, the given limit is of the form $\frac{0}{0}$. So $(t-1)$ is a common factor in both the numerator and the denominator. For the numerator, in this case, we may use synthetic division to obtain a factorization for t^3+t-2 as follows:

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

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{t^2+t+2}{t+2}$$

$$= \frac{4}{3}$$

$$t^3+t-2 = (t-1)(t^2+t+2)$$

6. Let $f(t) = \frac{4-t}{\sqrt{t^2-16}}$. Using the **concept of limit**, find

(6 pts)

(a) all **horizontal asymptotes** (if any)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{4-t}{\sqrt{t^2-16}} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\frac{4}{|t|} - \frac{t}{|t|}}{\sqrt{\frac{t^2}{t^2} - \frac{16}{t^2}}} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\frac{4}{t} - \frac{t}{t}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{16}{t^2}}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\frac{4}{t} - 1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{16}{t^2}}} = -1 \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{4-t}{\sqrt{t^2-16}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\frac{4}{|t|} - \frac{t}{|t|}}{\sqrt{\frac{t^2}{t^2} - \frac{16}{t^2}}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-\frac{4}{t} + 1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{16}{t^2}}} = 1$$

Hence, $y = 1$ and $y = -1$ are horizontal asymptotes.

(b) all **vertical asymptotes** (if any)

[Note that the denominator is zero when $t = 4, t = -4$.]

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 4} \frac{4-t}{\sqrt{t^2-16}} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 4} \frac{4-t}{\sqrt{t^2-16}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{t^2-16}}{\sqrt{t^2-16}} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 4} \frac{(4-t) \sqrt{t^2-16}}{t^2-16} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 4} \frac{-(t-4) \sqrt{t^2-16}}{(t-4)(t+4)} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 4} \frac{-\sqrt{t^2-16}}{t+4} = \frac{0}{8} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So, there is **NO** vertical asymptote at $t = 4$.

$\lim_{t \rightarrow -4} \frac{4-t}{\sqrt{t^2-16}}$ DNE, since $\lim_{t \rightarrow -4} (4-t) = 8$ but $\lim_{t \rightarrow -4} \sqrt{t^2-16} = 0$

$\therefore t = -4$ is a vertical asymptote.

7. Use the (ϵ, δ) definition of limit to show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (3x+7) = 1$. (5 pts)

We need to show that for any $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ such that

$$|(3x+7)-1| < \epsilon \quad \text{if } 0 < |x - (-2)| < \delta$$

i.e. $|3x+6| < \epsilon \quad \text{if } 0 < |x+2| < \delta$

Now, $|(3x+7)-1| = |3x+6| = 3|x+2| < 3\delta \quad (\text{when } |x+2| < \delta)$

Letting $\epsilon = 3\delta$ so that $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{3}$, we have

for $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $|(3x+7)-1| < \epsilon$ if $0 < |x+2| < \delta$.

This shows that $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (3x+7) = 1$.

8. Find all the points where the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} -5 & \text{if } x = -1 \\ \frac{2x^2-2}{x+1} & \text{if } -1 < x < 3 \\ 4 & \text{if } x = 3. \end{cases}$

is not continuous in the interval $[-1, 3]$.

(6 pts)

We need to check the continuity of f on $(-1, 3)$ and on the right of -1 and on the left of 3

and since f is a piecewise function, we need to check the changing points.

otherwise, f is continuous when it is a polynomial.

Now,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{2x^2-2}{x+1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{2(x^2-1)}{x+1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{2(x-1)(x+1)}{x+1} = -4 \neq -5$$

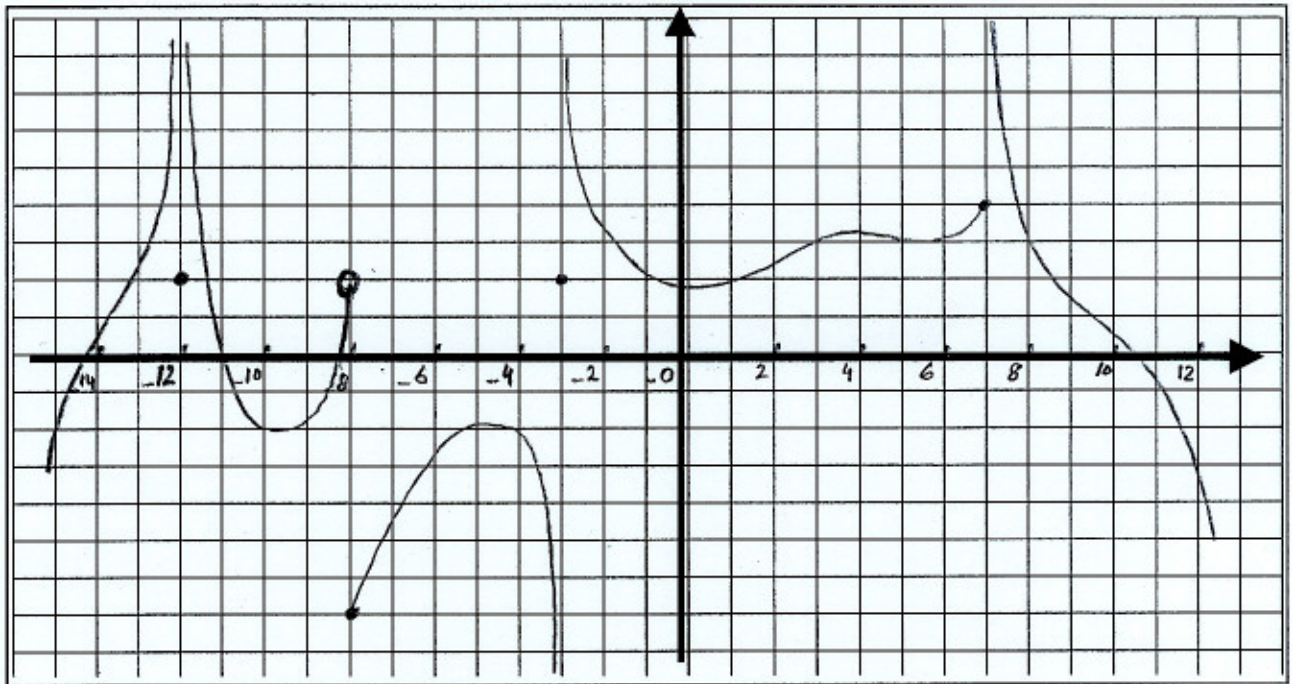
$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) \neq f(-1) \Rightarrow f \text{ is not continuous at } x = -1$$

Next, consider $x = 3 \Rightarrow f(3) = 4$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{2x^2-2}{x+1} = 4 = f(3)$

\therefore the given function has discontinuity only at $x = -1$.

9. Looking at the given graph of $f(x)$, answer the following questions:

(6 pts) ⁵



a. $f(x)$ is **Not Left Continuous** at the point(s) $x = \underline{-12, -8, -3}$

b. $f(x)$ is **Not Right Continuous** at the point(s) $x = \underline{-12, -3, 7}$

c. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -8^-} f(x) = \underline{2}$

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

e. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -12} f(x) = \underline{+\infty}$

f. $f(x)$ is **Not Continuous** at the point(s) $x = \underline{-12, -8, -3, 7}$