

MATH 101.10 (112)

Quiz 1 (Sects. 1.1-2.3)

Duration: 20mn

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1.) (6pts) Evaluate the limit if it exists

a.) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^4 - 16}{x - 2}$, b.) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^2 x \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{x - \frac{\pi}{2}}\right)$, c.) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{[x+1] - x}{|x| - 1}$.

2.) (4pts) Use limits to find all vertical asymptotes of $y = \frac{x-2}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}$

a) We have

$$\frac{x^4 - 16}{x - 2} = \frac{(x^2 - 4)(x^2 + 4)}{x - 2}$$

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

$$= (x+2)(x^2 + 4), \text{ if } x \neq 2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^4 - 16}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [(x+2)(x^2 + 4)]$$

$$= 32$$

b) We have

$$-1 \leq \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{x - \frac{\pi}{2}}\right) \leq 1, \text{ if } x \neq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

We multiply the inequality by $\cos^2 x$. We find

$$-\cos^2 x \leq \cos^2 x \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{x - \frac{\pi}{2}}\right) \leq \cos^2 x$$

But, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} [-\cos^2 x] = 0$

and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} [\cos^2 x] = 0$

By the Squeeze theorem, it follows that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^2 x \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{x - \frac{\pi}{2}}\right) = 0$$

c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{[x+1] - x}{|x| - 1} = -1$

2.) We solve $\sqrt{x^2 - 1} = 0$,
 $x = -1$ and $x = 1$.
 Since $x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{x-2}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} = -\infty$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x-2}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} = -\infty$$

So, the vertical asymptotes

are $\boxed{x = -1}$ and $\boxed{x = 1}$