

Question 1 [10]: Evaluate the following limits if they exist. If a limit does not exist because it is $+\infty$ or $-\infty$, state which with an explanation of your reasoning.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 16} \frac{4 - \sqrt{x}}{x - 16} \sim \frac{0}{0}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 16} \frac{4 - \sqrt{x}}{x - 16} \cdot \frac{(4 + \sqrt{x})}{(4 + \sqrt{x})}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 16} \frac{\cancel{16} - x}{-\cancel{16} x (4 + \sqrt{x})}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{-1}{8}}$$

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$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 - 5x + 4}{x^2 - 3x - 4} \sim \frac{0}{0}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{(x-1)\cancel{(x-4)}}{(x+1)\cancel{(x-4)}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{3}{5}}$$

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$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin(x) + \tan(x)} \sim \frac{0}{0}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\left[\sin(x) + \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \right] \div x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\left[\frac{\sin(x)}{x} + \frac{\sin(x)}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos(x)} \right]} = \frac{1}{1+1 \cdot 1} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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Question 2: Let

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x^4 - cx^2 & \text{if } x < 2 \\ c^2x + 18 & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Find the constant c that makes g continuous at all real numbers.

For $x \neq 2$, g is defined by polynomials, so is continuous.
At $x=2$, for g to be continuous we must have

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

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} (x^4 - cx^2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (c^2x + 18) = c^2 \cdot (2) + 18$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^4 - c(2)^2 = c^2(2) + 18$$

$$\Rightarrow 2c^2 + 4c + 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(c+1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{c = -1}$$

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Question 3: Determine $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^3 \cos\left(\frac{x+1}{x}\right)$. The Squeeze Theorem may be helpful here. If using the theorem be sure to demonstrate that all requirements of the theorem are satisfied.

$$-|x^3| \leq x^3 \cos\left(\frac{x+1}{x}\right) \leq +|x^3|$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -|x^3| = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} +|x^3|$$

∴ By the squeeze theorem, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^3 \cos\left(\frac{x+1}{x}\right) = 0$.

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Question 4 [10]: Evaluate the following limits if they exist. If a limit does not exist because it is $+\infty$ or $-\infty$, state which with an explanation of your reasoning.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow -6^-} \frac{2x + 12}{|x + 6|} \sim \frac{0}{0}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -6^-} \frac{2(x+6)}{-(x+6)}$$

$$= \boxed{-2}$$

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$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x - \sqrt{x}) \sim \infty - \infty$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\sqrt{x}}_{\rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{(\sqrt{x} - 1)}_{\rightarrow \infty}$$

$$= \boxed{\infty}$$

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Question 5 [10]:

- (a) Use the limit definition of the derivative to find $f'(x)$ if $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$. Neatly show all steps and use proper notation. (No credit will be given if $f'(x)$ is found using derivative rules.)

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[\frac{x+h}{x+h+1} - \frac{x}{x+1} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[\frac{(x+h)(x+1) - (x+h+1)(x)}{(x+h+1)(x+1)} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[\frac{\cancel{x^2} + h\cancel{x} + \cancel{x} + h - \cancel{x^2} - h\cancel{x} - \cancel{x}}{(x+h+1)(x+1)} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[\frac{h}{(x+h+1)(x+1)} \right]$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{(x+1)^2}}$$

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- (b) Give a one sentence statement describing the relationship between $f'(2)$ and the graph of $y = \frac{x}{x+1}$.

$f'(2)$ is the slope of the tangent line to the graph of $y = \frac{x}{x+1}$ at the point where $x = 2$.

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Question 6: Find y' if $y = \frac{\sin(x)}{2} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{2} \sin(x) - 2x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2} \cos(x) - 2 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) x^{-3/2}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \cos(x) + x^{-3/2}}$$

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Question 7: Find an equation of the tangent line to $y = 3x^2 - x^3$ at the point where $x = 1$.

• At $x=1$, $y = 3(1)^2 - (1)^3 = 2$, so $(1, 2)$ is a point on the tangent line.

• Slope of the tangent line is $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=1} = 6x - 3x^2 \Big|_{x=1} = 3$

∴ Equation of tangent line is

$$\boxed{y - 2 = 3(x - 1)}$$

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Question 8: Suppose a particle moves along a straight line according to the position function

$$s(t) = t^3 - 9t^2 + 15t + 10$$

When, if ever, is the particle's acceleration zero?

Solve $s''(t) = 0$ for t :

$$s'(t) = 3t^2 - 18t + 15$$

$$s''(t) = 6t - 18$$

$$s''(t) = 0 \text{ at } \boxed{t=3}$$

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