

1.2 Limits Analytically
Calculus

Odds = solutions Evens = answers
Name: Solutions

Practice

Evaluate each limit.

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

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 - 2^2 \\ \hline -2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 36 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 5x}{x - 1} = \frac{x(x-5)}{(x-1)}$

$$\frac{1(1-5)}{1-1} = \frac{-4}{0}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{DNE} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + x - 30}{x - 1}$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{DNE} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x}{\sin x}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 3 \cdot \frac{x}{\sin x} \\ &3 \cdot 1 \\ &3 \end{aligned}$$

6. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2x)}{3x}$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \frac{2}{3} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

7. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+7} - \sqrt{7}}{x} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x+7} + \sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{x+7} + \sqrt{7}}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+7) - 7}{x(\sqrt{x+7} + \sqrt{7})} \\ &\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{x(\sqrt{x+7} + \sqrt{7})} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{7}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{7}} \end{aligned}$$

8. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} \frac{\sqrt{x+9} - 4}{x - 7}$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \frac{1}{8} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

9. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (3x^2 - x + 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} &3(-2)^2 - (-2) + 1 \\ &12 + 3 \end{aligned}$$

10. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (2x^2 + 5x - 6)$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 27 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

11. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -7} \frac{2x^3 + 11x^2 - 21x}{x^2 + 7x}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{x \rightarrow -7} \frac{x(2x-3)(x+7)}{x(x+7)} \\ &2(-7) - 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline -17 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

12. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 80}{x - 8}$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 18 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

13. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+9} - 3}{x} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x+9} + 3}{\sqrt{x+9} + 3}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+9) - 9}{x(\sqrt{x+9} + 3)} \\ &\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+9} + 3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \frac{1}{6} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

14. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+11} - \sqrt{11}}{x}$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \frac{1}{2\sqrt{11}} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

15. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \sqrt{4x - 9}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\sqrt{4(5) - 9} \\ &\sqrt{20 - 9} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \sqrt{11} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

16. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \sqrt{3-x}$

2

17. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x}{x+h} - \frac{1}{x}}{h} \cdot \frac{(x+h)}{(x+h)}$
 $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - (x+h)}{h(x+h)} \cdot \frac{1}{h}$
 $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{x(x+h)} \cdot \frac{1}{h}$
 $\frac{-1}{x(x+0)} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{x^2}}$

20. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{7x^2+x}{x}$

1

21. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{5x-6}}{x}$

$\frac{\sqrt{5(2)-6}}{2}$

$\frac{\sqrt{4}}{2} = \boxed{1}$

22. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \tan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$

1

18. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{5\sqrt{x+h} - 5\sqrt{x}}{h}$

5

19. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}} \frac{6x^2 + 13x - 5}{3x-1}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}} \frac{(3x-1)(2x+5)}{3x-1}$

$2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + 5$

$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{15}{3}$
 $\frac{17}{3}$

24. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} 14$

14

25. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{3}{x} - \frac{1}{x+2} - \frac{1}{x+3}}{x}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 - (x+3)}{x}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-x}{3(x+3)} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{3(x+3)}$
-1/9

26. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{(x+2)^2} - \frac{1}{4}}{x}$

-1/4

23. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 3$

3

27. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (-2)$

no work
needed

28. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x+5} + \sqrt{6}}{x}$

2\sqrt{6}

29. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 8}{x - 4}$

$$\frac{(0)^2 + 2(0) - 8}{(0) - 4}$$

30. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 10}{x}$

31. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^2 + 5x}{x} = \frac{x(3x+5)}{x}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (3x+5)$$

32. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{5x^2 - 21x + 4}{x - 4}$

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

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

$$-(\frac{1}{2} + 1)$$

34. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \cos x$

35. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(4x)$

$$\sin(\frac{\pi}{2})$$

36. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 6x - 16}{2-x}$

37. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{2x^2 - 17x + 35}{5-x}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{(x-5)(2x-7)}{-(x-5)}$$

$$\frac{2(5)-7}{-1}$$

38. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 - \cos^2 x) \sin x}{x^2}$

$$\frac{(1 - \cos x)(1 + \cos x) \sin x}{x^2}$$

$$(0)(1 + \cos x)(1)$$

39. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 + 6(x+h) - (x^2 + 6x)}{h}$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2hx + h^2 + 6x + 6h - x^2 - 6x}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2hx + h^2 + 6h}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (2x + h + 6)$$

40. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4(x+h)^2 - 5(x+h) - 2 - (4x^2 - 5x - 2)}{h}$

On the AP exam, there will be questions where you must find the hole of a function. This is basically finding the limit as you approach the discontinuity. The problems on the exam will be worded differently, but if you can recognize what to do, they are not that difficult.

The following functions have a removable discontinuity (hole). If we fill in this hole to make the function continuous, what is the coordinate point to fill in?

41. $\frac{x^2-x-12}{x-4}$

$$\frac{(x+3)(x-4)}{x-4}$$

Disc. at $x=4$

$$x+3$$

$$(4)+3 = 7$$

hole at $(4, 7)$

42. $\frac{x^2+7x}{2x}$

hole at $(0, \frac{7}{2})$

43. $\frac{2x-1}{2x^2+x-1}$

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

Disc. at $x=\frac{1}{2}$

$$\frac{1}{x+1} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}+1} = \frac{1}{\frac{3}{2}}$$

hole at $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3})$

44. $\frac{3x^2+13x+4}{x+4}$

hole at $(-4, -11)$

Using the following piecewise functions, find the given values.

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{5-x}, & x < -4 \\ x^2 - 5, & -4 \leq x < 2 \\ x - 3, & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} g(x) = -1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -4^+} g(x) = 11$$

$$g(2) = -1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -4^-} g(x) = 3$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x) = -1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} g(x) = \text{DNE}$$

$$g(-4) = 11$$

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} -|x|, & x \leq -5 \\ 20 - x^2, & -5 < x \leq 3 \\ 4x - 1, & x > 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^+} h(x) = -5$$

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

$$h(3) = 11$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} h(x) = 11$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} h(x) = 11$$

$$h(-5) = -5$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^+} h(x) = 11$$

$$w(\theta) = \begin{cases} \sin \theta, & \theta \leq \pi \\ \cos \theta, & \pi < \theta < 2\pi \\ \tan \theta, & \theta > 2\pi \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} w(\theta) = 0$$

$$w(\pi) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^+} w(\theta) = -1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2\pi^-} w(\theta) = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} w(\theta) = \text{DNE}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2\pi^+} w(\theta) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2\pi} w(\theta) = \text{DNE}$$

$$w(2\pi) = \text{DNE}$$