

1.3 Asymptotes

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Notes

Recall: Vertical Asymptote

Horizontal Asymptote

Vertical Asymptotes:

True or False. If you have the function $f(x) = \frac{\text{blah, blah, blah}}{x-a}$ then there must be a vertical asymptote at $x = a$.

Use the function $f(x) = \frac{x^2+2x-8}{x^2+x-12}$ to answer the following.

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| 1. Identify all vertical asymptotes. | 2. Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x)$ | 3. Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x)$ |
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Horizontal Asymptotes: (End-behavior)

What does the y -value approach as the x -value approaches negative infinity AND positive infinity? Does it approach a specific number, or is it growing without bound?

Basic Rules for Horizontal Asymptotes:

_____ grows faster means $\frac{\text{not as big}}{\text{super duper BIG number!}} = 0$

If the numerator and denominator grow _____ fast, then you have $\frac{\text{BIG number!}}{\text{BIG number!}} = 1$

If the _____ grows faster than the denominator, then you have $\frac{\text{BIG number!}}{\text{not as big}} = \infty$

First, you need to recognize which functions grow faster as x -values get larger and larger.

Rank Fastest to Slowest	$f(x)$	$x = 1$	$x = 10$	$x = 100$	$x = 1000$
	x^2				
	x^3				
	x^{10}				
	2^x				
	e^x				
	4^x				
	$\ln x$				

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Write your questions and thoughts here!

Find the horizontal asymptote(s) of each function.

4. $y = \frac{x^2+4}{3x-5}$

5. $y = \frac{x+4}{3x-5}$

6. $y = \frac{x+4}{3x^2-5}$

What about weird ones like this: $y = \frac{\sqrt{x^2+2}}{x-1}$

Evaluate the limit.

7. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{4x^2+x-2}}{3x-1}$

8. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{4x^2+x-2}}{3x-1}$

9. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} -4e^{\frac{1}{x}}$

10. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 5e^{-x}$

Trig Function's Horizontal Asymptotes:

Evaluate the limit.

11. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x}$

12. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} -3 \cos \frac{1}{x}$

13. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sin x$

14. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 5x \cos x$

Squeeze Theorem: a.k.a. "Sandwich Theorem" or "Pinching Theorem"

$$\text{If } (x) \leq (x) \leq (x)$$

$$\text{and if } \lim f(x) = \quad \text{and } \lim h(x) =$$

$$\text{then } \lim g(x) =$$

Use the Squeeze Theorem to evaluate the limit.

15. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$

Now summarize what you learned!

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Practice

Identify all vertical asymptotes of each function.

1. $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x - 12}{x + 7}$

2. $f(x) = \frac{x^3 + 4x^2 - 24x}{x^2 - 1x}$

3. $f(x) = \frac{7x^2 + 4x - 3}{7x - 3}$

4. $f(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 11x + 10}{x - 2}$

Identify all horizontal asymptotes of each function.

5. $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{25x^4 + 2x}}{x^2}$

6. $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{7x^6 + 3x^2 + x}}{x^3 + 4x^2}$

7. $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{9x^8 - 2x^3 - 6x}}{2x^4 - 10x} + 3$

8. $f(x) = \frac{3x^2}{\sqrt{3x^4 - 2x}}$

Using the Squeeze Theorem, evaluate each limit. SHOW WORK!

9. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

10. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$

11. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$

Evaluate each limit.

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

13. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sin \frac{1}{x} - \frac{6x^2 + 2x}{3x^2} \right)$

14. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(5 \cos \frac{1}{x} \right)$

15. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^7}{4^x} - 5$

16. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 3^{-x} + 2$

17. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} -3x \cos x$

18. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 2x \sin x$

19. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{9x^4 + 4x^3 + 3}{x^7 + 2x^4 + 2x^3}$

20. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x^2 - 5x + 11}{x^2 - 2x}$

21. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \cos\left(\frac{2x - \pi x^2}{x^2}\right)$

22. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x} - 4 \right)$

23. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-x^4 - 3x^2 - 8}{5x^4 + 7x + 13}$

24. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 - 7x^2 + 8}{x^2 + 7x - 2}$

25. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{2^2 - x}$

26. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^7}{9^x}$

27. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x^2 - 5x^7 + 6}{x^7 - 15x^4}$

28. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^4 + 3x^2 + 10}{5x^2 + 6x - 1}$

29. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x} + 2 \right)$

30. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \cos \left(\frac{x^5}{e^x} \right) + 4$

31. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^6 - 5x^3 + 6}{x^3 + x^8 - 2x^4}$

32. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sin(2x)$

33. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \cos \left(\frac{\pi x^2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}x}{5 - 2x^2} \right)$

34. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \cos \left(\frac{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}x - \pi x^2}{x^2 - x^3 + 2} \right)$

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Test Prep

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\cos x}{x} =$

- (A)
- $-\infty$
- (B)
- -1
- (C)
- 0
- (D)
- 1
- (E)
- ∞

2. Which of the following functions grows the fastest?

- (A)
- $a(u) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^u$
- (B)
- $b(u) = u^{100} + u^{99}$
- (C)
- $c(u) = 4^u$
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- (D)
- $d(u) = 200e^u$
- (E)
- $e(u) = 3^u + u^3$

3. Consider the functions $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, $x \neq 0$, and $g(x) = x \sin \frac{1}{x}$, $x \neq 0$. Which of the following describes the behavior of f and g as $x \rightarrow 0$?

- (A)
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$
- and
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = 0$
- (B)
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$
- and
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x)$
- do not exist.
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- (C)
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$
- and
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x)$
- does not exist. (D)
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$
- does not exist and
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = 0$
-
- (E)
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \infty$
- and
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = 0$

4. Suppose that $g(x) = \sin^2 x \sqrt{x^6 + 4}$, and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(x)}{f(x)} = 0$. Which of the following functions could be f ?

- (A) x (B) x^2 (C) x^3 (D) x^4 (E) $\ln x$
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5. Which of the following statements are true for the function $f(x) = \frac{2x^3 + 3x + 1}{2^x}$

- I. $f(x)$ has a horizontal asymptote of $y = 1$
II. $f(x)$ has a horizontal asymptote of $y = 0$
III. $f(x)$ has a vertical asymptote of $x = 0$

- (A) I only (B) II only (C) III only (D) I and III only (E) II and III only
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6. Which of the following functions has both a vertical and horizontal asymptote?

- (A) $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$ (B) $f(x) = \tan x$ (C) $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2+2}$
(D) $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2-2}$ (E) $f(x) = \frac{x^2+2}{x}$
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7. The function $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2+2x+3}{x^2-1}, & x \geq 0 \\ \frac{x}{e^x}, & x < 0 \end{cases}$ has which of the following asymptotes?

- (A) $y = 0$ only. (B) $y = 1$ only. (C) $y = 1, x = 1$ only.
(D) $y = 1, x = \pm 1$ only. (E) $y = 0, y = 1, x = \pm 1$.
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8. If the function $f(x) = \frac{-ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d}{e^{-x} - wx^3 + w}$ has a horizontal asymptote of $y = 2$ and a vertical asymptote of $x = 0$, then $w - a =$

- (A) -1 (B) 0 (C) 1 (D) ∞ (E) The limit does not exist.
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9. What are all horizontal asymptotes of the graph of $y = \frac{5+2^x}{1-2^x}$ in the xy -plane?

- (A) $y = -1$ only (B) $y = 0$ only (C) $y = 5$ only
(D) $y = -1$ and $y = 0$ (E) $y = -1$ and $y = 5$