

CALCULUS  
WORKSHEET 1 ON LIMITS

1. Explain in your own words what is meant by the equation

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 5.$$

Is it possible for this statement to be true and yet  $f(2) = 3$ ? Explain.

2. Explain what it means to say that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 3 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = 7.$$

In this situation, it is possible that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  exists?

3. Explain the meaning of each of the following.

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x) = \infty$

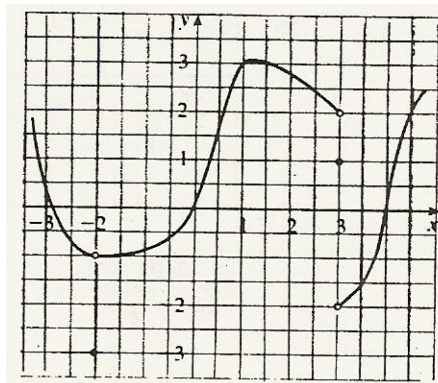
(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x) = -\infty$

4. For the function  $f$  whose graph is given, state the value of the given quantity, if it exists. If it does not exist, explain why.

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) =$       (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) =$       (c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) =$

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) =$       (e)  $f(3) =$       (f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x) =$

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



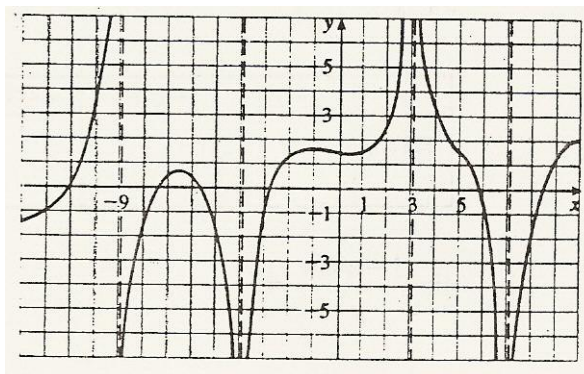
5. For the function  $f$  whose graph is shown, state the following.

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) =$       (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} f(x) =$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} f(x) =$       (d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -9^-} f(x) =$

(e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -9^+} f(x) =$

(f) The equations of the vertical asymptotes

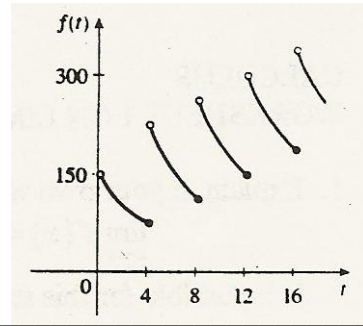


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6. A patient receives a 150-mg injection of a drug every four hours. The graph shows the amount  $f(t)$  of the drug in the bloodstream after  $t$  hours. Find

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 12^-} f(t) \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow 12^+} f(t)$$

and explain the significance of these one-sided limits.



7. Sketch the graph of the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{(1+2^{1/x})}$  and state

the value of each limit, if it exists. If it does not exist, explain why.

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) =$       (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) =$       (c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) =$

8.

Sketch the graph of the following function and use it to determine the values of  $a$  for which  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2-x, & x < -1 \\ x, & -1 \leq x < 1 \\ (x-1)^2, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Fill in the table for the following functions to find the given limit.

9.  $f(x) = \frac{\sin(3x)}{x}$

$x$	-0.1	-0.01	-0.001	0	0.001	0.01	0.1
$f(x)$							

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(3x)}{x} =$$

10.  $g(x) = \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2}$

$x$	-0.1	-0.01	-0.001	0	0.001	0.01	0.1
$g(x)$							

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2} =$$

