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Worksheet 1.4—Algebraic Limits

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$$1. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5x^3 + 8x^2}{3x^4 - 16x^2} =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2(5x+8)}{x^2(3x^2-16)} =$$

$$\frac{8}{-16} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$2. \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{2}{x+3} - \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{4(x+3)}{4(x+3)} \right)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{2 \cdot 4 - (x+3)}{4(x-5)(x+3)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{-(x-5)}{4(x-5)(x+3)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{-1}{4(x+3)} = \frac{-1}{4(5+3)} = \frac{-1}{32}$$

$$3. \lim_{t \rightarrow 2} \frac{t^3 + 2t^2 - 13t + 10}{t^3 + 4t^2 - 4t - 16} =$$

$\frac{8+8-26+10=0}{8+16-8-16=0}$

Since get $\frac{0}{0}$ $(t-2)$ is a factor of both num & den.
(Remove w/ synthetic division)

2	1	2	-13	10
		2	8	-10
	1	4	-5	0

2	1	4	-4	-16
		2	12	16
	1	6	8	0

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 2} \frac{(t-2)(t^2+4t-5)}{(t-2)(t^2+6t+8)}$$

$$\frac{4+8-5}{4+12+8} = \frac{7}{24}$$

$a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$

$$4. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+x)^3 - 8}{x} =$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x((2+x)^2 + 2(2+x) + 4)}{x}$$

$$(2+0)^2 + 2(2+0) + 4 = 4 + 4 + 4 = 12$$

$$5. \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4(x+h)^2 - 3(x+h) + 5 - (4x^2 - 3x + 5)}{h} =$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4x^2 + 8xh + h^2 - 3x - 3h + 5 - 4x^2 + 3x - 5}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(8x + h - 3)}{h} = 8x - 3$$

$$6. \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sqrt{x+6} - 3}{x-3} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x+6} + 3}{\sqrt{x+6} + 3} \right)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x+6-9}{(x-3)(\sqrt{x+6}+3)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x-3}{(x-3)(\sqrt{x+6}+3)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+6}+3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3+6}+3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$7. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(2x-3)(\sqrt{x}-1)}{2x^2+x-3} =$$

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

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

$$\frac{2(1)-3}{(2(1)+3)(\sqrt{1}+1)} = \frac{-1}{10}$$

$$8. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cot 4x}{\cot 3x} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Memorize pattern!

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cot ax}{\cot bx} = \frac{b}{a}$$

$$9. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{5x^2 - x} =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x(5x-1)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{5x-1} \right)$$

$$1 \cdot \frac{1}{5(0)-1}$$

$$-1$$

$$10. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4x + \sin 2x}{x} =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{4x}{x} + \frac{\sin 2x}{x} \right)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(4 + \frac{\sin 2x}{x} \right)$$

$$4 + 2(1)$$

$$6$$

$$11. \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{3x-12}{|8-2x|} =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{3(x-4)}{2|x-4|}$$

$$\frac{3}{2}$$

$$12. \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^3 \theta}{\theta^2(1+\cos \theta)} =$$

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 \theta \cdot \sin \theta}{\theta^2(1+\cos \theta)}$$

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

$$(1)^2 \cdot \frac{0}{1+1}$$

$$0$$

$$13. \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/3} \frac{2\cos^2 x + 3\cos x - 2}{2\cos x - 1} =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/3} \frac{(2\cos x - 1)(\cos x + 2)}{(2\cos x - 1)}$$

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{3} + 2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + 2$$

$$\frac{5}{2}$$

$$14. \lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4u^4 + 4}{(u^2 - 2)(2u^2 - 1)} = 2$$

Hint: $y = \infty$

$$15. \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{(x+4)\ln(x+6)}{x^2 - 16} =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{\cancel{(x+4)} \cdot \ln(x+6)}{\cancel{(x+4)}(x-4)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{\ln(x+6)}{x-4}$$

$$\frac{\ln(-4+6)}{-4-4}$$

$$\frac{\ln 2}{-8}$$

$$16. \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\sin(x+2)}{x+2} = 1$$

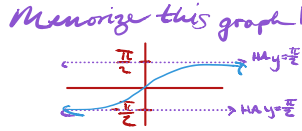
memorize!

$$17. \lim_{r \rightarrow 9} \frac{\sqrt{r}}{(r-9)^4} = \text{DNE } (\infty)$$

$$\frac{+ 8.9}{9} \Bigg| \frac{+}{9}$$

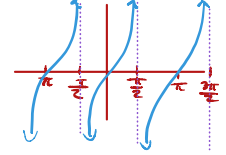
18. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x^3|x-2|}{x-2} =$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} x^3 \left(\frac{|x-2|}{x-2} \right) =$
 $2^3 \left(\frac{+}{+} \right) = 8$

19. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$
arctan x



20. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^+} \tan x = -\infty$ (DNE)

Memorize this graph too!



21. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \left(x - 3 - \frac{1}{x-3} \right) =$
 $3 - 3 - \infty = -\infty$ (DNE)

22. $\lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x+m) - \cos x}{m} =$ Use: $\cos(x+m) = \cos x \cos m - \sin x \sin m$
 $\lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x \cos m - \sin x \sin m - \cos x}{m}$
 $\lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \left[\cos x \left(\frac{\cos m - 1}{m} \right) - \sin x \left(\frac{\sin m}{m} \right) \right]$
 $\cos x(0) - \sin x(1) = -\sin x$

23. If $g(x) = \begin{cases} 5-2x, & x > 1 \\ 4, & x = 1 \\ 4-x, & x < 1 \end{cases}$ find:

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} g(x) = 5 - 2(5) = -5$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} g(x) = 4 - 1 = 3$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} g(x) = 5 - 2(1) = 3$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) = 3$

24. If $1 \leq f(x) \leq x^2 + 2x + 2$, find $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x)$

Justify.

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

\therefore Since $1 = 1$ and $1 \leq f(x) \leq x^2 + 2x + 2$,

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = 1.$

25. If $3x \leq f(x) \leq x^3 + 2$, evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$

No need to justify.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 3x = 3(1) = 3$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^3 + 2) = (1)^3 + 2 = 3$

\therefore Since $3 = 3$ and $3x \leq f(x) \leq x^3 + 2$,

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 3.$

26. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = -3$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = 8$, find $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{2f(x)}{h(x) - f(x)}$

$$\frac{2 \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}$$

$$\frac{2(-3)}{8 - (-3)}$$

$$= \frac{-6}{11}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\sqrt{(2+h)+2} - \sqrt{(2)+2}}{h} \right]$$

0/0

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{4+h} - 2}{h} \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{4+h} + 2}{\sqrt{4+h} + 2} \right)$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4+h-4}{h(\sqrt{4+h}+2)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{4(0)+2} + 2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}$$

Multiple Choice

D 27. If $f(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$, then $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(2+h) - f(2)}{h} =$

(A) 4 (B) 0 (C) $\frac{1}{2}$ (D) $\frac{1}{4}$ (E) 1

E 28. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(1-2x^2)^3}{(x^2+1)^3} = -8$

(A) 8 (B) $-\infty$ (C) 0 (D) ∞ (E) -8

$$\frac{-8x^6}{x^6} = -8$$

C 29. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6n^2}{200 - 4n + kn^2} = \frac{1}{2}$, then $k =$

(A) 3 (B) 6 (C) 12 (D) 8 (E) 2

$\frac{6}{k} = \frac{1}{2}$
 $12 = k$

D 30. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{15 \log x}{\sqrt[15]{x}} \right) = -\infty$

(A) 15 (B) 0 (C) ∞ (D) $-\infty$ (E) -15

reciprocal of 0^+ is $+\infty$
 (ie: $\frac{1}{0^+} = +\infty$)
 $\frac{-\infty}{+\infty} = -\infty \cdot \infty = -\infty$

B 31. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{15 \log x}{\sqrt[15]{x}} \right) = 0$

(A) 15 (B) 0 (C) ∞ (D) $-\infty$ (E) -15

power fn grows faster than log fn.