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**Worksheet 1.4—Algebraic Limits**

Show all work. No Calculator

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

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

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{2}{x+3} - \frac{1}{x-5} =$  *LCM*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{2(x-5) - (x+3)}{(x+3)(x-5)} = \frac{8 - (x+3)}{4(x-5)(x+3)}$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{-1}{4(8)} = -\frac{1}{32}$$

3.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 2} \frac{t^3 + 2t^2 - 13t + 10}{t^3 + 4t^2 - 4t - 16} =$  *Factor & Divide out*

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 2} \frac{(t-2)(t^2+4t-5)}{(t-2)(t^2+6t+8)} = \frac{t^2+4t-5}{t^2+12t+8}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 2} \frac{2^2+8-5}{2^2+12+8} = \frac{7}{24}$$

*synthetic division*

1	2	-13	10	
2   ↓	2	8	-10	
	1	4	-5	0

1	4	-4	-16	
2   ↓	2	12	16	
	1	6	8	0

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{8 + 12x + 6x^2 + x^3 - 8}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(12 + 6x + x^2)}{x} = 12$$

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

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

6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sqrt{x+6} - 3}{x-3} =$  *RATCON*

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

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

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{-1}{(5)(2)} = -\frac{1}{10}$$

8.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cot 4x}{\cot 3x} = \frac{3}{4}$  *Triggy* (Memorize pattern)

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

*Triggy %*

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\sin x}{x} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{5x-1} \right]$$

$$\begin{matrix} 1 \cdot (-1) \\ -1 \end{matrix}$$

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

*Associate Terms Triggy %*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{4x}{x} + \frac{\sin 2x}{2x} \left( \frac{2}{1} \right) \right]$$

$$4 + (1)(2)$$

$$6$$

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

*Senior Salta! %*

$$\frac{(3)(5) - 12}{|8 - 2(5)|} \text{ (plug in } 5 > 4)$$

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

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

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

*Associate factors %*

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

*Direct Sub this factor*

$$1 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{0}{0}$$

$$1 \cdot 0$$

$$0$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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$$\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4u^4 + 4}{2u^4 + \dots \text{ (who cares?)}}$$

$$\frac{4}{2}$$

$$2$$

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

*% factor & divide out*

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

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

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

*Triggy %*

1 (memorize)

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

*Never Not First! Direct Sub %*

$$\frac{\infty}{0}$$

DNE  
or  
 $\infty$

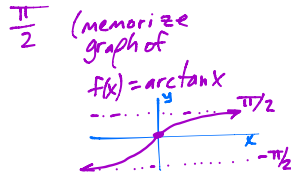
(plug in 8.9 & 9.1 to get pos on both sides of  $r=9$ )

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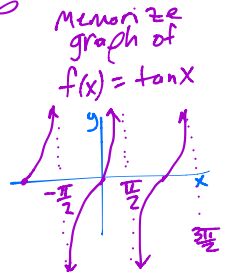
18.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x^3|x-2|}{x-2} =$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (x^3) \cdot \frac{|x-2|}{x-2}$   
 $(2^3) \cdot \frac{|3-2|}{3-2}$  *plugin 3 > 2*  
 $8 \cdot (1)$   
 $8$

19.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1} x =$



20.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi^+}{2}} \tan x =$



21.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \left( x - 3 - \frac{1}{x-3} \right) =$  *-1/0*

\*  $\frac{1}{x-3}$   
 as  $x \rightarrow 3^+$   
 approaches  $+\infty$   
 so  $3-3-\infty$   
 $= 0-\infty$   
 $= -\infty$

DNE  
 or  
 $-\infty$

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

$\lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x \cos m - \sin x \sin m - \cos x}{m}$

$\lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\cos x \cos m - \cos x}{m} - \frac{\sin x \sin m}{m} \right)$

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

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

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

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

$5-2(5)$  *use top piece*  
 $5-10$   
 $-5$

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

$4-1$  *use bottom piece*  
 $3$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} g(x)$

$5-2(1)$  *use top piece*  
 $5-2$   
 $3$

(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.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} 1 = 1$

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

Since  $1 \leq f(x) \leq x^2 + 2x + 2$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = 1$  also, by the Squeeze Theorem

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

No need to justify.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 3x = 3$

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

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

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

$$\frac{2 \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)} = \frac{2(-3)}{8 - (-3)} = \frac{-6}{11}$$

**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

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{2+h+2} - \sqrt{2+2}}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{4+h} - 2}{h} \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{4+h} + 2)}{(\sqrt{4+h} + 2)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4+h-4}{h(\sqrt{4+h} + 2)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h(\sqrt{4+h} + 2)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+0} + 2} = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

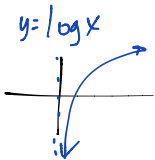
C 29. If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6n^2}{200 - 4n + kn^2} = \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $k =$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \frac{6}{k} = \frac{1}{2} \implies k = 12$

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

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

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



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

$x^{1/15}$  is a power function and grows faster than log functions for large  $x$ .

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