

1.2 Limits Analytically

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Notes

Recall: What is a limit?

The **y-value** a function approaches at a given x-value.

Finding a limit:

1. Direct Substitution.
2. Simplify and then try substitution.
 - a. Factor and cancel.
 - b. Rationalize if you see square roots.
3. L'Hospital's Rule (for indeterminate forms $\frac{0}{0}$ or $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$) **UNIT 4**

most common

Direct Substitution		Factor and Cancel	
1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x^2 + 2x - 4)$ $= (-1)^2 + 2(-1) - 4$ $= 1 - 2 - 4$ $= 1 - 6$ $= -5$	2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \sqrt{3x - 2}$ $= \sqrt{3(2) - 2}$ $= \sqrt{6 - 2}$ $= \sqrt{4}$ $= 2$	3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4x^2 - 5x}{x}$ $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(4x - 5)}{x}$ $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (4x - 5)$ $= 4(0) - 5$ $= -5$	4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -7} \frac{2x^2 + 13x - 7}{x + 7}$ $= \lim_{x \rightarrow -7} \frac{(x+7)(2x-1)}{x+7}$ $= \lim_{x \rightarrow -7} (2x-1)$ $= 2(-7) - 1$ $= -14 - 1$ $= -15$
Rationalize		Two variables	
5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{\sqrt{x+4} - 3}{x - 5}$ $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{(\sqrt{x+4})^2 - (3)^2}{(x-5)(\sqrt{x+4} + 3)}$ $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x+4-9}{(x-5)(\sqrt{x+4} + 3)}$ $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x-5}{(x-5)(\sqrt{x+4} + 3)}$ $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+4} + 3}$ $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5+4} + 3}$ $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{9} + 3}$ $= \frac{1}{3+3}$ $= \frac{1}{6}$		6. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 - 3(x+h) - (x^2 - 3x)}{h}$ $= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2hx + h^2 - 3x - 3h - x^2 + 3x}{h}$ $= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(2x+h-3)}{h}$ $= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (2x+h-3)$ $= 2x + (0) - 3$ $= 2x - 3$	

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Piecewise defined functions and limits

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{11-x}, & x < -5 \\ x+3, & x \geq -5 \end{cases}$$

$f(-5) = \sqrt{11-(-5)} = \sqrt{16} = 4$
 $f(5) = \frac{-5+3}{5-(-5)^2} = \frac{-2}{5-25} = \frac{-2}{-20} = \frac{1}{10}$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{10-x^2}, & x < -1 \\ \frac{26-5x^2}{7}, & -1 < x \leq e \\ \ln x^3, & x > e \end{cases}$$

$g(e) = \ln e^3 = 3 \ln e = 3 \cdot 1 = 3$

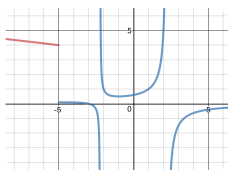
7. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^-} f(x) = 4$ 8. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^+} f(x) = \frac{1}{10}$

10. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} g(x) = 3$ 11. $\lim_{x \rightarrow e^+} g(x) = 3$

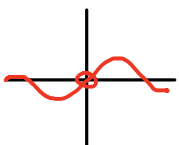
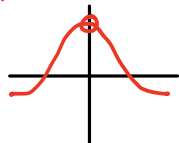
$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} g(x) = 3$; $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} g(x) = 3$

9. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5} f(x) = \text{d.n.e.}$

12. $\lim_{x \rightarrow e} g(x) = \text{DNE}$ $g(e) = \frac{26-5e^2}{7}$

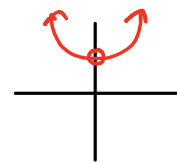


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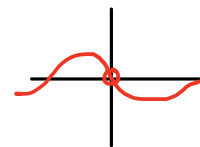


Special Trig Limits:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin x} = 1$$



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x - 1}{x} = 0$$



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

$= 3 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{3x}$
 $= 3 \cdot 1$
 $= 3$

14. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 4x}{8x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 4x}{\cos 4x} \cdot \frac{1}{8x}$

$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{2} \sin 4x}{\frac{1}{2} \cos 4x} \cdot \frac{1}{8x}$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 4x}{4x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos 4x}$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{1}{\cos 4(0)}$

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

$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\cos x - 1)(\cos x + 1)}{x(\cos x + 1)}$
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x - 1}{x}$
 $= 0$

16. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 7x}{\sin 9x}$

$= \frac{7}{9} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 7x}{7x} \cdot \frac{9x}{\sin 9x}$
 $= \frac{7}{9} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 7x}{7x} \cdot \frac{9x}{\sin 9x}$
 $= \frac{7}{9} \cdot 1 \cdot 1$
 $= \frac{7}{9}$

$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{1}{\cos 0}$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{1}{1}$
 $= \frac{1}{2}$

Now summarize what you learned!
