

**List 4**

*Limits*

93. Calculate the following limits:

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 21}{x^2 - 11x + 28} = \frac{10}{3}$

(e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{8x - 1}{x - x^2} + \frac{1}{x} \right) = 7$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 - 8x^2 + 3x + 5}{x^9 - 6x^5 + x^4 - 12x + 1} = 5$

(f)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{9n^2 + 5n} - 3n) = \frac{5}{6}$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^3 - 2x + 1}{6x^3 + x^2 + x + 19} = \frac{1}{2}$

(g)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{9x^2 + 5x} - 3x) = \frac{5}{6}$

(h)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (4^x + 1)^{1/4} = \infty$

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^2 - 2x + 1}{6x^3 + x^2 + x + 19} = 0$

☆(i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (4^x + x)^{1/x} = 4$

94. At  $x = 1$ , does the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - 1 & \text{if } x \leq 1, \\ x/3 & \text{if } 1 < x < 9, \\ \sqrt{x} & \text{if } x \geq 9 \end{cases}$$

have a jump, hole, vertical asymptote, or none of these? Jump

At  $x = 9$ ? None

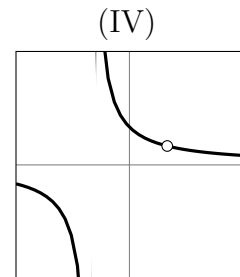
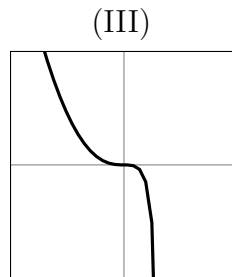
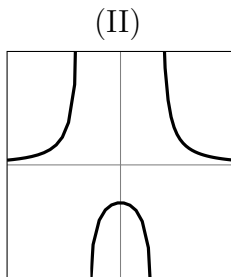
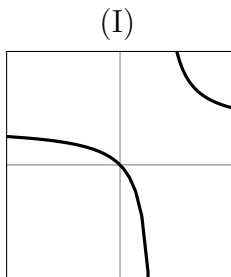
95. Match the functions with their graphs:

(a)  $\frac{1}{x^2 - 1}$  (II)

(c)  $\frac{x - 1}{x^2 - 1}$  (IV)

(b)  $\frac{x^3}{x - 1}$  (III)

(d)  $\frac{x}{x - 1}$  (I)



96. Suppose  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 10^-} f(x) = 2$ .

(a) If the graph of  $f$  has a hole at  $x = 10$ , is it possible to know the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 10^+} f(x)$  from only this information? Yes: 2

(b) If the graph of  $f$  has a hole at  $x = 10$ , is it possible to know the value of  $f(2)$  from only this information? No

(c) If the graph of  $f$  has a jump at  $x = 10$ , is it possible to know the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 10^+} f(x)$  from only this information? No

(d) If the graph of  $f$  has a vertical asymptote at  $x = 10$ , is it possible to know the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 10^+} f(x)$  from only this information?

**No**, but it must be either  $+\infty$  or  $-\infty$ .

(e) If the graph of  $f$  has a vertical asymptote at  $x = 10$ , is it possible to know the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 10^+} |f(x)|$  from only this information? **Yes:  $\infty$**

**Jump** because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9^-} f(x) = \log_3(9) = 2$  does not equal  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9^+} f(x) = \sqrt{9} = 3$ .

97. Find the following limits, if they exist:

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|x|}{x} = \mathbf{1}$       (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|x|}{x} = \mathbf{-1}$       (c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x|}{x}$  **does not exist**

98. For which value(s) of the parameter  $a$  does the function

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - a}{x^2 + a}$$

have a vertical asymptote at  $x = 3$ ?  **$a = -9$**

99. For which value(s) of the parameter  $a$  is the function from Task 98 continuous? **any  $a > 0$**

100. For which value(s) of the parameter  $a$  is the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x - 6a & \text{if } x < a \\ ax + 4 & \text{if } x \geq a \end{cases}$$

continuous?  **$a = -4, a = -1$**

101. Which limit expression below gives the derivative of  $x^3$  at the point  $x = 2$ ? **(C)**

(A)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 8}{x}$       (C)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+h)^3 - 8}{h}$   
 (B)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^3 - 8}{h}$       (D)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+h)^3 - h^3}{h}$

**L'Hôpital's Rule:** if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$  exists, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}.$$

The same substitution works if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \infty$  or  $-\infty$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \infty$  or  $-\infty$ .  
 And also for one-sided limits and for  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ .

102. Calculate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{3x^3 + 4x^2 - 13x + 6}{2x^4 + x^3 - x^2 + x - 3}$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{9x^2 + 8x - 13}{8x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x + 1} = \frac{9 + 8 - 13}{8 + 3 - 2 + 1} = \frac{4}{10} = \mathbf{\frac{2}{5}}$$

103. (a) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 4x + 18}{3x^2 + 10} = \frac{1 - 4 + 18}{3 + 10} = \frac{15}{13}$

(b) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{2x - 4}{6x} = \frac{2(1) - 4}{6(1)} = \frac{-1}{3}$

(c) Why are the answers to (a) and (b) not equal?

Because  $\frac{x^2 - 4x + 18}{3x^2 + 10}$  is NOT  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$  when  $x = 1$ .

104. Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin(x) - \sin(2x)}{x - \sin(x)}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin(x) - \sin(2x)}{x - \sin(x)} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cos(x) - 2 \cos(2x)}{1 - \cos(x)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2 \sin(x) + 4 \sin(2x)}{\sin(x)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2 \cos(x) + 8 \cos(2x)}{\cos(x)} \\ &= \frac{-2 + 8}{1} = \boxed{6} \end{aligned}$$

$(e^x)' = e^x$	$(\ln(x))' = \frac{1}{x}$
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105. For the function  $f(x) = x^2 e^{-x}$ , find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$ .

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^2 e^{-x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{e^x} \stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x}{e^x} \stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{e^x} = \boxed{0}$ .

(b) Do not use L'Hôpital! Just plug in  $x = 0$  to get  $\frac{0^2}{e^{-0}} = \frac{0}{e^0} = \frac{0}{1} = \boxed{0}$ .

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^2 e^{-x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^2 e^x = \boxed{+\infty}$ .

106. Calculate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{\ln(x - 3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\pi \cos(\pi x)}{1/(x - 3)} = \frac{\pi \cos(4\pi)}{1/1} = \boxed{\pi}$

107. Give an equation for the tangent line to  $y = e^{3x}(\cos(4x))^5$  at  $x = 0$ .  $y = 3x + 1$

108. Is  $y = e^{\sin(x)}$  concave up or concave down when  $x = \pi$ ?  $\boxed{\text{concave down}}$  because  $f''(\pi) = -1$  is negative.

109. Find the local extremes of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x} - \ln(x)$ .  $\boxed{x = 4 \text{ is a local min}}$

110. Find the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(x)}{1/x}$ . L'Hôpital:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(x)}{1/x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1/x}{-1/x^2}$ .

Then  $\frac{1/x}{-1/x^2} = \frac{-x^2}{x} = -x$ , so the limit is  $-0 = \boxed{0}$ .

111. Find the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln(x)$  Algebra:  $x \ln(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{1/x}$ , so this is the same as the previous task!  $\boxed{0}$

112. (a) Calculate  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \cdot \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)$  using algebra and L'Hôpital.  $\boxed{1}$

(b) Calculate  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln\left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n\right)$  using log rules and L'Hôpital.  $\boxed{1}$

(c) Calculate  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$  using the fact that  $x = e^{\ln(x)}$  and therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e^{\ln\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n\right)}.$$

$$e^1 = \boxed{e}$$