

1. A student throws a Frisbee across Norlin quad. The function  $s(t)$  gives the distance in yards the Frisbee has flown after  $t$  seconds.

$t$ in seconds	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
$s(t)$ in yards	0	15	28	39	48	55	60	63	64

- (a) What is the average velocity of the Frisbee between  $t = 2$  and  $t = 10$  seconds? Include units.

We calculate average velocity by looking at the rate of change between two points ( $\frac{\text{change in } y}{\text{change in } x}$ )

$$\frac{s(10) - s(2)}{10 - 2} = \frac{55 - 15}{8} = \frac{40}{8} = \boxed{5 \text{ yards/sec}}$$

- (b) Estimate the instantaneous velocity at  $t = 14$  seconds. Include units.

$$\text{Average Velocity on } [18, 16] \Rightarrow \frac{s(16) - s(18)}{16 - 18} = \frac{64 - 63}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Average Velocity on } [2, 14] \Rightarrow \frac{s(14) - s(12)}{14 - 12} = \frac{63 - 60}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

Instantaneous Velocity at  $t = 14$  is approximately the average of the average velocities  $\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}}{2} = \boxed{1 \text{ yard/sec}}$

- (c) Assume that  $s'(8) = 4$ . What does the value 4 represent in the context of the problem? Include units.

4 is the instantaneous velocity at time 8 seconds; 4 is measured in units of yards/sec.

2. Evaluate the following limits. Show your work.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{2x}}{\cos(2x)}$$

Note both are continuous functions, so we can apply direct substitution property. Note also  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos(2x) \neq 0$ , so we can use limit law  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} e^{2x}}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos(2x)}$  since both limits exist.

$$\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{2x}}{\cos(2x)} = \frac{1}{1} = 1}$$

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

We can use conjugate to simplify.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{2 - \sqrt{3+x}}{x-1} \cdot \frac{(2 + \sqrt{3+x})}{(2 + \sqrt{3+x})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{4 - 3 - x}{(x-1)(2 + \sqrt{3+x})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(1-x)}{(2 + \sqrt{3+x})(x-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{-(x-1)}{(2 + \sqrt{3+x})(x-1)}$$

Denominator limit does not zero after simplifying & both limit exist so we can use limit laws

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{-1}{2 + \sqrt{3+x}} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x^2 - 2x}$$

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

Again we can simplify and apply limit laws.

With absolute values we must check limits from both left and right.

$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{|x-3|}{x^2-9}$$

Both left and right limits do not agree, so our limit does not exist.

For  $x > 3$  (from right)

$$|x-3| = x-3 \text{ so } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{|x-3|}{(x-3)(x+3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{x-3}{(x-3)(x+3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{1}{x+3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

For  $x < 3$  (from left)

$$|x-3| = -(x-3) \text{ so } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{|x-3|}{(x-3)(x+3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{-(x-3)}{(x-3)(x+3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{-1}{x+3} = -\frac{1}{6}$$

3. Complete the definition of continuity.

A function  $f$  is continuous at a number  $a$  if:

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

This implies that for a function to be continuous it must satisfy the following

1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  must exist

2) The function must be defined at  $x=a$

3) The limit of  $f(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow a$  must equal  $f(a)$ .

4. Consider the piece-wise function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{bx-3} & \text{when } x < 1 \\ \ln(x) + 1 & \text{when } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Find the value of  $b$  that makes  $f(x)$  continuous everywhere. Show your work.

$e^{bx-3}$  is continuous everywhere

$\ln(x) + 1$  is continuous for  $x \geq 1$

Find  $b$  so that  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x=1$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = f(1) = \ln(1) + 1 = 0 + 1 = 1$$

So we must have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 1$  to satisfy

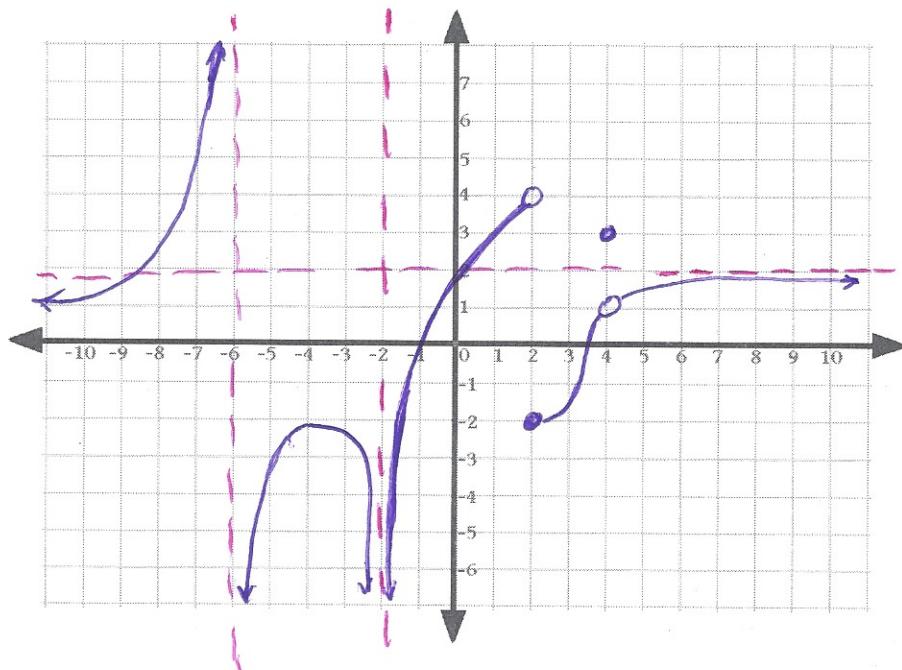
definition of continuity.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} e^{bx-3} = e^{b \cdot 1 - 3} = e^{b-3} \Rightarrow e^{b-3} = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow b-3 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{b=3} \end{aligned}$$

5. Sketch the graph of a function  $f(x)$  which satisfies ALL the conditions below.

- $f$  has an infinite discontinuity at  $x = -6$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} f(x) = -\infty$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 4$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = -2$
- $f(2) = -2$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = 1$
- $f$  has a removable discontinuity at  $x = 4$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 2$

There are many possible solutions, thus there is only one. As long as the conditions are satisfied, then your graph should be valid.



6. Evaluate the following limits.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4t^2 - 3t + 2}{t^4 - 2t^2 + t - 5} = 0$$

Note degree of numerator  
is greater than degree of denominator

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

Note degree of numerator is equal to degree of denominator.  
Ratio of leading coefficients  
 $\frac{6}{3} = 2$

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 2^{3/(x-1)} = \infty \text{ As } x \rightarrow 1^+, \frac{3}{x-1} = \frac{3}{0^+} = \infty,$$

then  $2^{\frac{3}{x-1}} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow 1^+$ .

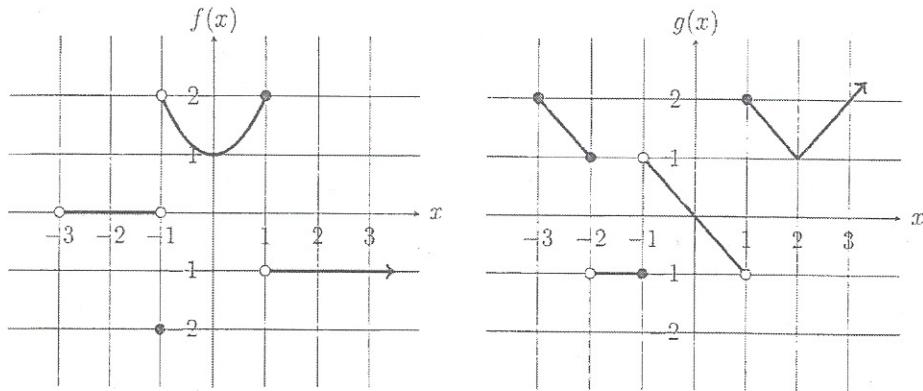
$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 4}{x - 2}$$

Does not exist since if we observe  $x^2 + 2x - 4 \rightarrow 2^2 + 2 \cdot 2 - 4 = 4$  as  $x \rightarrow 2$  in numerator, but the denominator we see

$x - 2 \rightarrow 0^+$  if  $x \rightarrow 2^+$   
 $x - 2 \rightarrow 0^-$  if  $x \rightarrow 2^-$

Denominators are different, so as we approach from left & right we get different limit values.

7. The graphs of two piece-wise functions,  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ , are shown below.



Evaluate the following limits.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)g(x) = \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) \right] \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} g(x) \right] = (-1)(2) = -2$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) + g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) = -1 + 2 = 1$$

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} g(x)} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$$

$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(g(x)) \stackrel{?}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(g(x)) : g(x) \rightarrow 1^+ \text{ and } f(x) \rightarrow -1 \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{limits} \\ \text{as } x \rightarrow 1^+ \end{array}$$

agrees, so

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(g(x)) : g(x) \rightarrow 1^+ \text{ and } f(x) \rightarrow -1 \leftarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(g(x)) = -1$$

8. Evaluate the following limit. Show all of your work. Be sure to cite any theorem(s) you use and justify why you can apply the theorem(s).  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x-3)^2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{x-3}\right)$

Observe that  $\cos\left(\frac{1}{x-3}\right)$  is bounded above by +1 and below by -1. Therefore, we can bound the function  $(x-3)^2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{x-3}\right)$  in the following way:

$$-(x-3)^2 \leq (x-3)^2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{x-3}\right) \leq (x-3)^2$$

Then, if we apply the Squeeze Theorem we can take the limit of these functions as  $x \rightarrow 3$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} -(x-3)^2 \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x-3)^2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{x-3}\right) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x-3)^2$$

$$0 \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x-3)^2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{x-3}\right) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x-3)^2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{x-3}\right) = 0$$

9. Use the limit definition of derivative to compute

$$f'(1) \text{ if } f(x) = x^2 + x.$$

Recall the definition of derivative at a point  $a$  is given by

$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } f'(1) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+h)^2 + (1+h) - (1^2 + 1)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 + 2h + h^2 + 1 + h - 2}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3h + h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 3 + h = 3 + 0 = \boxed{3} \end{aligned}$$

10. Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that the equation

$$x^3 + x^2 + x - 2 = 0$$

has a solution in the interval  $[0,1]$ . You must check that the hypotheses (conditions) of the Intermediate Value Theorem are satisfied before you may apply it.

To apply IVT we must verify the function

①  $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 + x - 2$  is continuous,

② that  $f(0) < f(1)$  or  $f(1) < f(0)$ , and

③ that  $0$  is between (or lies in) the closed interval  $[0, 1]$ .

1) Note  $f(x)$  is a polynomial  $\Rightarrow$  continuous function since the limit as  $x$  approaches any value will equal the function evaluated at that point following limit laws.

2)  $f(0) = -2$  and  $f(1) = 1 \Rightarrow f(0) < f(1)$

3)  $0$  lies in the closed interval  $[0, 1]$ , in fact it is the endpoint of the interval.

Since these conditions/hypotheses are satisfied we can apply the IVT which allows us to conclude that there exists a number  $c$  in the closed interval  $[0, 1]$  such that

$$f(c) = 0.$$