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Suggested Solutions of WeBWork Coursework 3

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1. (1 point) Evaluate the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 6} \left(\sqrt{x^2 + 5} - \frac{x^2 + 6x}{x} \right)$$

If the limit does not exist enter DNE.

Limit = $\sqrt{41} - 12$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 6} \left(\sqrt{x^2 + 5} - \frac{x^2 + 6x}{x} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 6} \sqrt{x^2 + 5} - \lim_{x \rightarrow 6} \frac{x^2 + 6x}{x} \\ &= \sqrt{41} - 12 \end{aligned}$$

2. (1 point)

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{-1-x} + 5, & \text{if } x < -2 \\ 5, & \text{if } x = -2 \\ 2x + 10, & \text{if } x > -2 \end{cases}$$

Calculate the following limits. Enter **DNE** if the limit does not exist.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x) = 6$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) = 6$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x) = 6$$

Solution:

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} (\sqrt{-1-x} + 5) \\ &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} (2x + 10) \\ &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

(c)

Because $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x)$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x)$ exists.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x) = 6.$$

3. (1 point) Evaluate the limits.

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 6x + 2 & x < 2 \\ 12 & x = 2 \\ 6x - 2 & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Enter **DNE** if the limit does not exist.

- a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} g(x) = 14$
- b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} g(x) = 10$
- c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x) = \text{DNE}$
- d) $g(2) = 12$

Solution:

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} g(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} (6x + 2) \\ &= 14 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} g(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (6x - 2) \\ &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} g(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} g(x)$$

So the limit does not exist.

(d)

$$g(2) = 12$$

4. (1 point) Evaluate the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \left(\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{|x-1|} \right)$$

Enter **INF** for ∞ , **-INF** for $-\infty$, or **DNE** if the limit does not exist (i.e., there is no finite limit and neither ∞ nor $-\infty$ is the limit).

Limit = $-\infty$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \left(\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{|x-1|} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \left(\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{1-x} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \left(\frac{2}{x-1} \right) \\ &= -\infty\end{aligned}$$

5. (1 point) Use the Squeeze Theorem to evaluate the limit

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

Enter **DNE** if the limit does not exist.

Limit = 0

Solution:

Regardless of the value of $x \neq 0$,

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

Assume first that $x > 0$, and x is small enough so that $\sin x > 0$. Multiply the inequality by $\sin x$.

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

By the Squeeze Theorem, since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (-\sin x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sin x = 0$, we must have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sin x \cos \left(\frac{1}{x^2} \right) = 0.$$

The argument works in a similar way when $x < 0$ but close enough so that $\sin x < 0$.

6. (1 point) Let

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 8}{x^2 - 25}.$$

Find the indicated one-sided limits of f .

NOTE: Remember that you use **INF** for ∞ and **-INF** for $-\infty$.

You should also sketch a graph of $y = f(x)$, including vertical and horizontal asymptotes.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^-} f(x) = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^+} f(x) = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) = \infty$$

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

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

Solution:

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -5^-} \frac{x^2 + 8}{x^2 - 25} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -5^-} \frac{x^2 + 8}{(x - 5)(x + 5)} \\ &= \infty\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -5^+} \frac{x^2 + 8}{x^2 - 25} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -5^+} \frac{x^2 + 8}{(x - 5)(x + 5)} \\ &= -\infty\end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{x^2 + 8}{x^2 - 25} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{x^2 + 8}{(x - 5)(x + 5)} \\ &= -\infty\end{aligned}$$

(d)

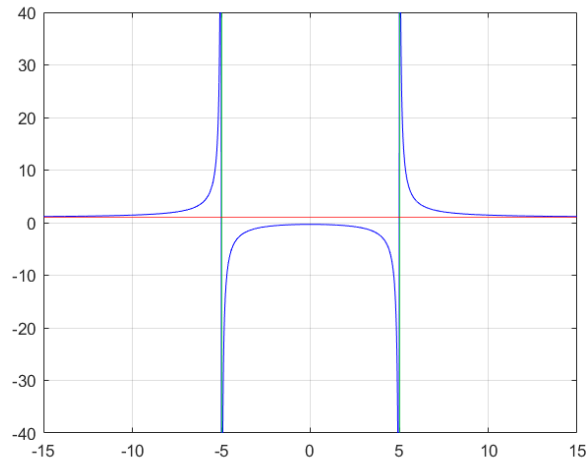
$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{x^2 + 8}{x^2 - 25} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{x^2 + 8}{(x - 5)(x + 5)} \\ &= \infty\end{aligned}$$

(e)

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2 + 8}{x^2 - 25} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1 + \frac{8}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{25}{x^2}} \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

(f)

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 8}{x^2 - 25} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{8}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{25}{x^2}} \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$



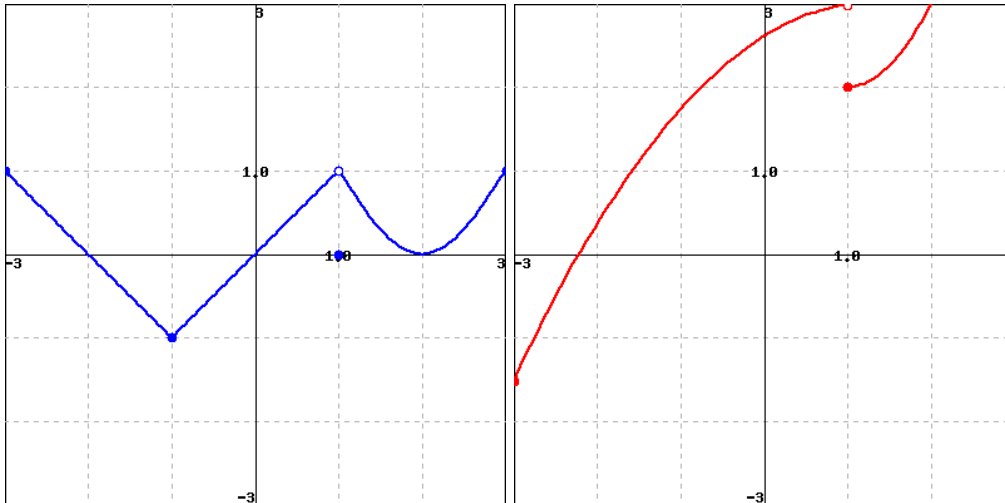
7. (1 point)

- a. [choose/true/false] If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 5$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 5$.
- b. [choose/true/false] If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 5$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = 5$.
- c. [choose/true/false] If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 5$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 5$.
- d. [choose/true/false] If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 5$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = 5$.
- e. Select all true statements. Assume that all the limits are all taken at the same point.
- A. If the right-hand limit exists, then the two-sided limit exists.
 - B. If the left- and right-hand limits both exist and are equal, then the two-sided limit exists.
 - C. If the two-sided limit exists, then the left- and right-hand limits both exist and are equal.
 - D. If the left-hand limit exists, then the two-sided limit exists.

Solution:

- (a.) False
 (b.) False
 (c.) True
 (d.) True
 (e.) BC

8. (1 point) Use the given graphs of the function f (left, in blue) and g (right, in red) to find the following limits:



1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} [f(x) + g(x)] = \text{DNE}$ help (limits)
2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [f(x) + g(x)] = 3$
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)g(x) = 0$
4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 0$
5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \sqrt{3 + f(x)} = \sqrt{2}$

Note: You can click on the graphs to enlarge the images.

Solution:

1. When x approaching 1 from two sides, left and right limit of $g(x)$ are not equal, however in this case limit of $f(x)$ exists, so limit of $f(x) + g(x)$ does not exist.

2. Limit exist this time for both $f(x)$ and $g(x)$, simply add up these two limits we get 3.

3. Again limit of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ exist, as $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$, the answer should be 0.

4. Notice limit of $g(x)$ exists and it is a nonzero real number, so limit of $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ is totally controlled by the behavior of $f(x)$ near 0. Since around 0 you can invert $g(x)$ locally, i.e. $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{1}{g(x)} f(x)$, similar to 8.3 we get 0.

5. Routinely check that $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x)$ exists, so does $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \sqrt{3 + f(x)}$, since $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = -1$, the answer should be $\sqrt{2}$.

9. (1 point)

Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sqrt{x} e^{\sin(\pi/x)}$
0

Solution:

Although $e^{\sin \frac{\pi}{x}}$ looks awful, it's actually bounded by positive real numbers e^{-1} and e as $\sin \frac{\pi}{x}$ is bounded by -1 and 1 . So the really effective part is \sqrt{x} , as $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sqrt{x} = 0$ (Since square root only defined on non negative real number!), and $\sqrt{x}e^{-1} \leq \sqrt{x}e^{\sin \frac{\pi}{x}} \leq \sqrt{x}e$, the answer should be 0 by Squeeze Theorem.

10. (1 point)

Evaluate the limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{\sin^2(3x)} = \frac{1}{9}$$

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{\sin^2(3x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\frac{\sin(3x)}{x} \cdot \frac{\sin(3x)}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\frac{3 \sin(3x)}{3x}} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\frac{3 \sin(3x)}{3x}} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{9}.$$

11. (1 point)

Evaluate the limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 5x}{\tan 8x} = \frac{5}{8}$$

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 5x}{\tan 8x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos 8x}{\cos 5x} \cdot \frac{\sin 5x}{5x} \cdot \frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{8x}{\sin 8x} = \frac{5}{8}.$$