



$$-|x| \leq \begin{cases} -x & \text{for } x > 0 \\ x & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases} \leq g(x) \leq \begin{cases} x & \text{for } x > 0 \\ -x & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases} \approx |x|$$

11. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x^2 - 6x + 5}{x - 5}$

12. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 + 3x}{x^2 - x - 12}$

13. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x - 5}$

14. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 + 3x}{x^2 - x - 12}$

21. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{9 + h} - 3}{h}$

22. $\lim_{u \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{4u + 1} - 3}{u - 2}$

23. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{3}}{x - 3}$

24. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3 + h)^{-1} - 3^{-1}}{h}$

Try 14...

14. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 + 3x}{x^2 - x - 12}$

① Simplify

② Apply limit laws and continuity

What if I skip step ① . . .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 + 3x}{x^2 - x - 12} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} x^2 + 3x}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} x^2 - x - 12} = \frac{16 + 12}{16 - 4 - 12} = \frac{28}{0}$$

OH NO!

Simplify

$$\cancel{(x-4)(x+3)}$$

know this factor since plugging in 4 gave 0,

$$\frac{\cancel{(x+3)}x}{\cancel{(x-4)}(x+3)} = \frac{x}{x-4}$$

Now apply limit laws:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x}{x-4} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} x-4} = \frac{4}{0}$$

↙ OH NO!

Whenever I see something non-zero divided by zero this is the situation of a vertical asymptote.

Choices either limit is $+\infty$, $-\infty$ or doesn't exist.

$$\frac{x}{x-4} \quad \text{what happens when } x \rightarrow 4 \quad ?$$

Case $x > 4$ then $x-4 > 0$ and $\frac{x}{x-4}$ is large positive

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{x}{x-4} = \infty$$

Case $x < 0$ then $x-4 < 0$ and $\frac{x}{x-4}$ is very negative

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \frac{x}{x-4} = -\infty$$

Therefore left and right limits are different, so

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x}{x-4} = \text{does not exist}$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 + 3x}{x^2 - x - 12} = \text{does not exist}.$$

Back to simplify step...

$$\frac{x^2 + 3x}{x^2 - x - 12}$$

I factored and cancelled

$$\begin{array}{r} \overbrace{x^2 - x - 12}^{1}) \overbrace{x^2 + 3x} \\ \quad \quad \quad x^2 - x - 12 \\ \hline \quad \quad \quad 4x + 12 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{x^2 + 3x}{x^2 - x - 12} = 1 + \frac{4x + 12}{x^2 - x - 12}$$

$$23. \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{3}}{x - 3}$$

- ① Simplify
② Use limit laws

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Simplify

(common denominator)

(5/1)

$$\frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{3}}{x - 3} = \frac{1}{x-3} \left(\frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{3}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{x}{x} \right) = \frac{3-x}{(x-3)3x} = \frac{-1}{3x}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{3}}{x - 3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{-1}{3x} = \frac{-1}{3 \cdot 3} = \frac{-1}{9} \quad \text{D}$$

4/5

(5/5)

Back to the first problem

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 + 3x}{x^2 - x - 12}$$

2/5 or 5/5

① Simplify

can't simplify like this

$$\frac{x^2 + 3x}{x^2 - x - 12} = \frac{3x}{x-12}$$

try $x=1$

$$\frac{1+3}{1-1-12} = \frac{4}{-12}$$

$$\frac{3}{-1-12} = \frac{3}{-13}$$

② Use limit laws

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{3x}{x-12} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} 3x}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} x-12} = \frac{12}{-16} = \frac{6}{-8} = \frac{3}{-4}$$

Chapter 2.4

2 Precise Definition of a Limit Let f be a function defined on some open interval that contains the number a , except possibly at a itself. Then we say that the **limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches a is L** , and we write

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

if for every number $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a number $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\text{if } 0 < |x - a| < \delta \quad \text{then} \quad |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$$

