

## PRACTICE PROBLEMS FOR QUIZ I (REVISED)

1. Label each of the following functions as “odd”, “even” or “neither odd nor even.” (You need not justify your answers.)

(a)  $y = \ln(1 + x^4) + 1/(1 + x^2)$

(b)  $y = x^3 + \sin(x^5) + x \cos x$

(c)  $y = 1 + x^2 + x^3$

(d)  $y = x^5 \cosh x$

(e)  $y = (x + \sinh x)^2$

2. For which non-zero value of  $k$  will the following quadratic equation have *only one* real root?

$$7x^2 + kx + 3k = 0$$

3. Consider the following rational functions. For each function, determine the limiting behavior as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . Briefly explain how you arrived at your answers.

(a)  $y = \frac{(2x - 5)^2}{x^2}$

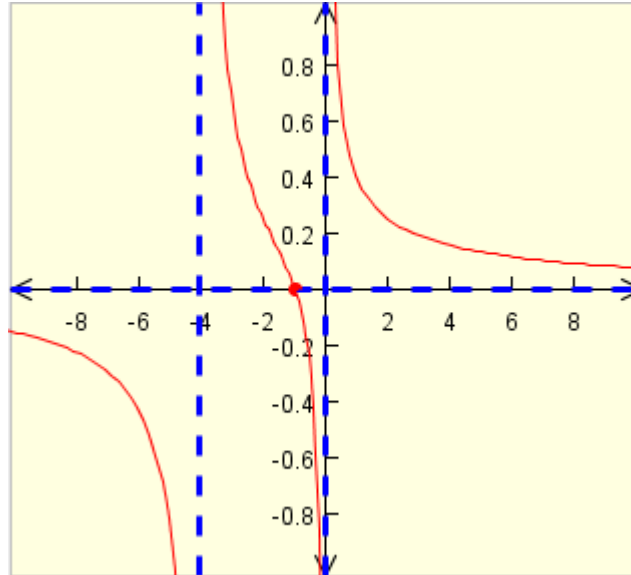
Answer: As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $y \rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_

(b)  $y = \frac{(x + 5)^2(x - 11)^3}{(x - 9)(x + 13)(x - 1)(7x - 44)}$

Answer: As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $y \rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_

$$(c) \quad y = \frac{99(x-15)(3x+11)}{(x-9)^2(19x+13)}$$

4. Find an *equation* of a rational function whose graph is given below:



5. Sketch the graph of the following function (that includes all the significant properties):

$$f(x) = \frac{(x-3)^2(x-4)^3(x-5)^5}{x^2(2x^2+x+1)^4}$$

6. Using an appropriate table (for example, letting  $x = 0.1, 0.01, 0.001$ , etc.) determine (to the nearest tenth) the behavior of the function

$$f(x) = \left(1 + 3x\right)^{\frac{2}{x}} \quad \text{as } x \text{ approaches } 0 \text{ from the right. (Show your work!)}$$

$x$	$f(x)$
1	
0.1	
0.01	
0.001	
0.0001	
0.00001	
0.000005	

7. Compute each of the following limits. (Explain your reasoning. You may use estimation techniques, tables, graphing calculators, etc.)

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x+11)^2(3x-7)^3}{(2x^2+4)^4(x+2015)}$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \sqrt{x}}{5 + x^2}$$

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sinh x + \cosh x}{e^x}$$

$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^4 \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$(e) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{2}{x^2}}{2 - x}$$

$$(f) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( e^{x^2} - x e^2 \right)$$

$$(g) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 3/2} \frac{24x^3 + 7x^2 - 15x}{4x^3 + 4x^2 - 15x}$$

8. *Estimate* the following limit by substituting appropriate values of  $x$ . (Show your results in tabular form. Give your answer to two decimal places.)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{5^x - 5}{x - 1}$$

9. Use the graph below to find approximate values for each of the following limits (if they exist).

$$(a) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} f(x)$$

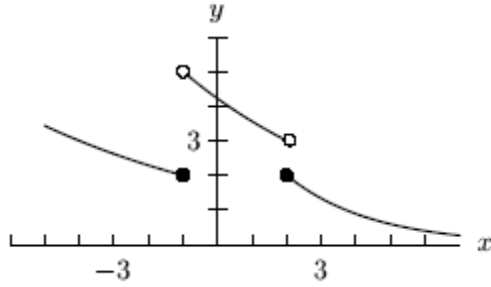
$$(b) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x)$$

$$(c) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$$

$$(d) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 6} f(x)$$

$$(e) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x)$$

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



10. Calculate each of the following limits or explain why the limit does not exist. Justify each answer. If you use the *Squeeze Theorem*, be precise.

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^4 - 11}{(x - 3)^4}$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^8 \cos^4(1/x)$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(\ln(5 + x))}{x + 1}$

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^4 - 16}{x - 2}$

11. Compute each of the following limits or explain why the limit fails to exist. Justify your reasoning. (A calculator solution earns only partial credit.)

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x^2(x - 2)(x + 3)}{|x - 2|}$

$$(b) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{x^2} - 1}{x - 1} \right)$$

$$(c) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\cos 9x}$$

$$(d) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin \frac{1}{x}$$

$$(e) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\sin x}{x} + \cos \left( \frac{13}{x} \right) \right)$$

12. Consider the rational function  $F$  defined by  $F(x) = \frac{15x^3 + x^2 - 6x}{6x^2 + x - 2}$

(a) Where is  $F$  *undefined*? (*Hint: Your answer should consist of two  $x$  values.*)

(b) Let  $p$  denote the smaller of the two numbers found in part (a). Is it possible to *extend*  $F$  to a function that is continuous at  $x = p$ ? Explain.

(c) Let  $q$  denote the larger of the two numbers found in part (a). Is it possible to extend  $F$  to a function that is continuous at  $x = q$ ? Explain.

13. Compute (showing your work):

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \tanh\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + e^{-\frac{1}{x}} + \frac{\sin\left(\frac{5}{x}\right)}{\ln x} \right)$$

14. Does the following limit exist? Explain why or why not.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 13} \frac{|3x - 39|}{x - 13}$$

15. Calculate each of the following limits. Briefly justify each answer.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^8 - 1}{x^3 - 1}$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^4 \cos(1/x)$$

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \sin(1/x)$$

16. Compute each of the following one-sided limits or explain why the limit doesn't exist.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x - 1}{|x - 1|}$$

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

18. Let  $y = g(x)$  be defined as follows

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 3 - x & \text{when } x < 2 \\ 2 & \text{if } x = 2 \\ \frac{x}{2} & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

- (a) Sketch the curve.
- (b) Compute each of the following or explain why the limit fails to exist.

(i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} g(x)$ , and  $g(2)$

(ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x)$

(iii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} g(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} g(x)$

(iv)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} g(x)$

19. Which, if any, of the following functions possess a limit as  $x \rightarrow 0$ ? Briefly explain.

(a)  $y = 1/x$

(b)  $y = \sin(1/x)$

(c)  $y = \ln x$

(d)  $y = \exp(1/x)$



$$(e) \quad y = \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$$

$$(f) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{\frac{\sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{(3x+1)^{75}}}$$

20. Does there exist a *continuous extension* to the curve

$$g(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 4x + 1}{x^4 - 1}$$

at  $x = 1$ ? If so, find it; if not explain!

21. Classify the *type of discontinuity* for each of the following:

$$(a) \quad \frac{|x|}{x} \quad \text{at } x = 0$$

$$(b) \quad \cos \frac{1}{x} \quad \text{at } x = 0$$

$$(c) \quad \frac{1}{(x-3)^4} \quad \text{at } x = 3$$

$$(d) \quad \frac{2x^2 - 9x - 35}{x-7} \quad \text{at } x = 7$$

$$(e) \quad \frac{12x^2 - 7x - 10}{x-5} \quad \text{at } x = 5$$

22. Using an appropriate table, determine the behavior of the function  $f(x) = x^{\ln x}$  as  $x$  approaches 0 from the right.

*To be pleased with one's limits is a wretched state.*

- **Johann Wolfgang von Goethe** (1749 - 1832)