

MATH 113 - EXAM 1 - SOLUTIONS

1. (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 3$

(b) Yes (because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 1 = f(0)$)

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ does not exist (because the one-sided limits differ)

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 0$

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

(f) NO. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 3$ but $f(2) = 1$.

(g) f is continuous on

$$[-4, -2) \cup (-2, 1) \cup (1, 2) \cup (2, 3) \cup (3, 4].$$

VERSION 1

$$2(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x^2 - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(x+1)(x-2)}{(x-1)(x+1)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x-2}{x-1} = \frac{-3}{-2} = \frac{3}{2} //$$

$$(b) \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{t+4} - 2}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{t+4} - 2}{t} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{t+4} + 2}{\sqrt{t+4} + 2}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(t+4) - 4}{t(\sqrt{t+4} + 2)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t}{t(\sqrt{t+4} + 2)}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t+4} + 2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4} + 2} = \frac{1}{4} //$$

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{x-2} \left(\frac{-2x+4}{x-1} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{x-2} \left(\frac{-2(x-2)}{x-1} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{-2}{x-1} = -2 //$$

VERSION 1

$$3. (a) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x^2 - 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x^2 - 3x)(1/x^2)}{(x^2 - 4)(1/x^2)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{x^2}{x^2} - \frac{3x}{x^2}}{\frac{x^2}{x^2} - \frac{4}{x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - \frac{3}{x}}{1 - \frac{4}{x^2}} = 1 //$$

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

If $x > -2$ but close to -2 , $x < 0$, $x-3 < 0$
 $x-2 < 0$ and $x+2 > 0$, so $\frac{x(x-3)}{(x-2)(x+2)} \left[\frac{(-)(-)}{(-)(+)} \right] < 0$

Therefore $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x^2 - 4} = -\infty //$

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x^2 - 4} = \frac{0}{5} = 0 //$$

4. $|f(x) - 3| < 1.5$ means $f(x) \in (1.5, 4.5)$. From the graph, this holds when $x \in (1.5, 2.5)$ which is $|x - 2| < 0.5$. Therefore $\delta = 0.5$ works

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VERSION 2

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 3$

(b) No (because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 3$ but $f(2) = 1$)

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

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = 0$

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

(f) Yes ($\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 1 = f(0)$).

(g) f is continuous on

$$[-4, -2) \cup (-2, 1) \cup (1, 2) \cup (2, 3) \cup (3, 4]$$

$$2. (a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + x - 2}{x^2 - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(x+2)}{(x-1)(x+1)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x+2}{x+1} = \frac{3}{2} //$$

$$(b) \lim_{t \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{t+12} - 4}{t-4} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{t+12} - 4}{t-4} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{t+12} + 4}{\sqrt{t+12} + 4}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 4} \frac{(t+12) - 16}{(t-4)(\sqrt{t+12} + 4)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 4} \frac{t-4}{(t-4)(\sqrt{t+12} + 4)}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t+12} + 4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+12} + 4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{16} + 4} = \frac{1}{8} //$$

$$(c) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{5+h} - \frac{1}{5}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left(\frac{5 - (5+h)}{5(5+h)} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left(\frac{-h}{5(5+h)} \right) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{5(5+h)} = \frac{-1}{25} //$$

$$3. (a) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x^2 - 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\frac{x^2 - 3x}{x^2}}{\frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1 - \frac{3}{x}}{1 - \frac{4}{x^2}} = 1 //$$

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

If $x < 2$ but near 2, $x > 0$, $x-3 < 0$, $x-2 < 0$, $x+2 > 0$ so $\frac{x(x-3)}{(x-2)(x+2)} \left[\frac{(+)(-)}{(-)(+)} \right] > 0$.

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x^2 - 4} = \underline{\underline{+\infty}}$$

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x^2 - 4} = \frac{0}{-4} = 0 //$$

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