

MAPLE demo 02-06-07

Finding limits using MAPLE
(e.g. # 34, p. 83)

> $f := x \rightarrow \frac{(x + 2)}{\text{sqrt}(x^2 + 5) - 3}$

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Want to evaluate limit as $x \rightarrow -2$

> $f(-2)$

Error, (in f) numeric exception: division by zero

> $f(-1)$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6} - 3}$$

> $f(-1.0)$

$$\frac{1}{1.816496582}$$

> $\text{evalf}(f(-1))$

$$\frac{1}{1.816496582}$$

> $f(-1.5)$

—
1.626452118

> $f(-1.9)$

—
1.521610290

> $f(-1.95)$

—
1.510607790

> $f(-1.99)$

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1.502090835

> $f(-1.999)$

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1.500208529

> $f(-3.)$

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1.348331477

> $f(-2.5)$

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1.412022660

> $f(-2.1)$

$$\frac{-}{1.479895691}$$

> $f(-2.05)$

$$\frac{-}{1.489768479}$$

> $f(-2.01)$

$$\frac{-}{1.497924251}$$

> $f(-2.001)$

$$\frac{-}{1.499792279}$$

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Numerical experiments suggest limit is -1.5

> $\text{limit}(f(x), x = -2)$

$$\frac{-3}{2}$$

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Example #4, p. 81

> $g := x \rightarrow \frac{(\text{sqrt}(x^2 + 100) - 10)}{x^2}$

$$g := x \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 100} - 10}{x^2}$$

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Limit as $x \rightarrow 0$.

```
> g(0)
```

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Error, (in g) numeric exception: division by zero
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```
> g(.00001)
```

```
0
```

```
.
```

```
> g(-.00001)
```

```
0
```

```
.
```

```
>
```

Limit is actually not 0.

```
> g(1.)
```

```
0
```

```
.04987562000
```

```
> g(.5)
```

```
0
```

```
.04996880000
```

```
> g(.2)
```

```
0
```

```
.04999500000
```

```
> g(.1)
```

```
0  
.049999000000
```

```
> g(.05)
```

```
0  
.050000000000
```

```
> g(.01)
```

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0  
.050000000000
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> g(.005)
```

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0  
.050000000000
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> g(.001)
```

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0  
.050000000000
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> g(.0005)
```

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0  
.040000000000
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> g(.0001)
```

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0
```

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.
```

```
> (.0001)2
```

```
1. 10-8
```

> % + 100

1
00.00000000

> sqrt(%)

1
0.00000000

> %²

1
00.00000000

> sqrt(%)

1
0.00000000

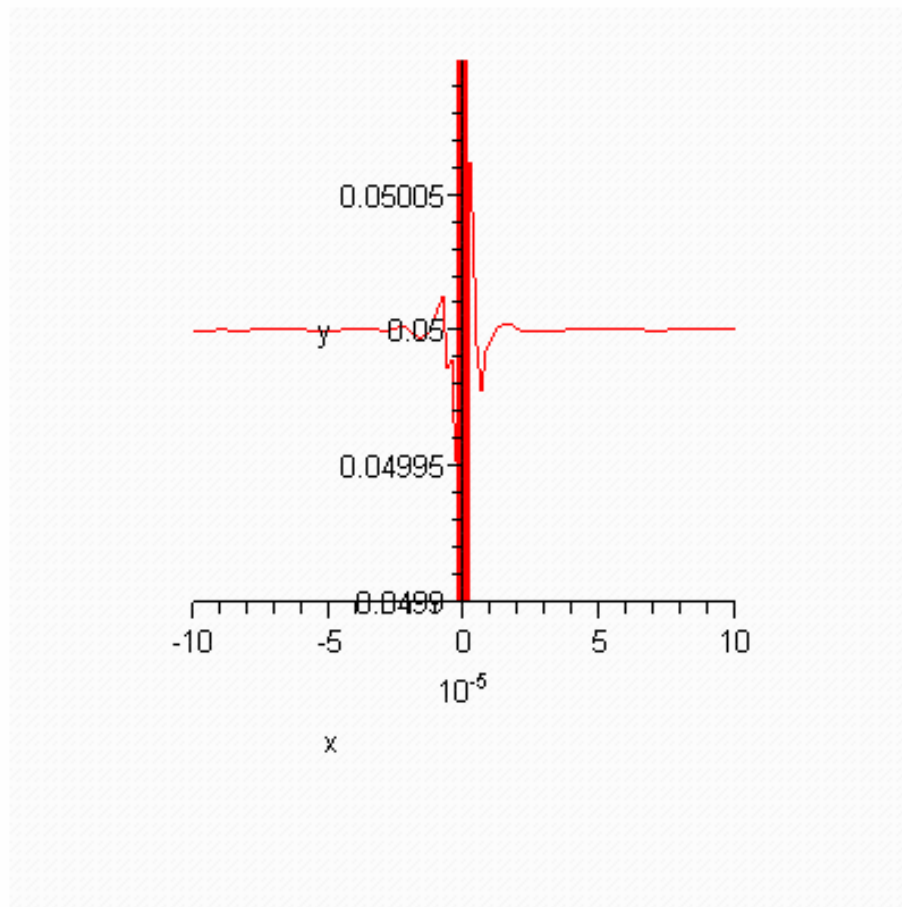
> ...

0
.

> $\frac{\%}{(.0001)^2}$

0
.

> plot(g(x), x = -.0001 .. .0001, y = .0499 .. .0501)



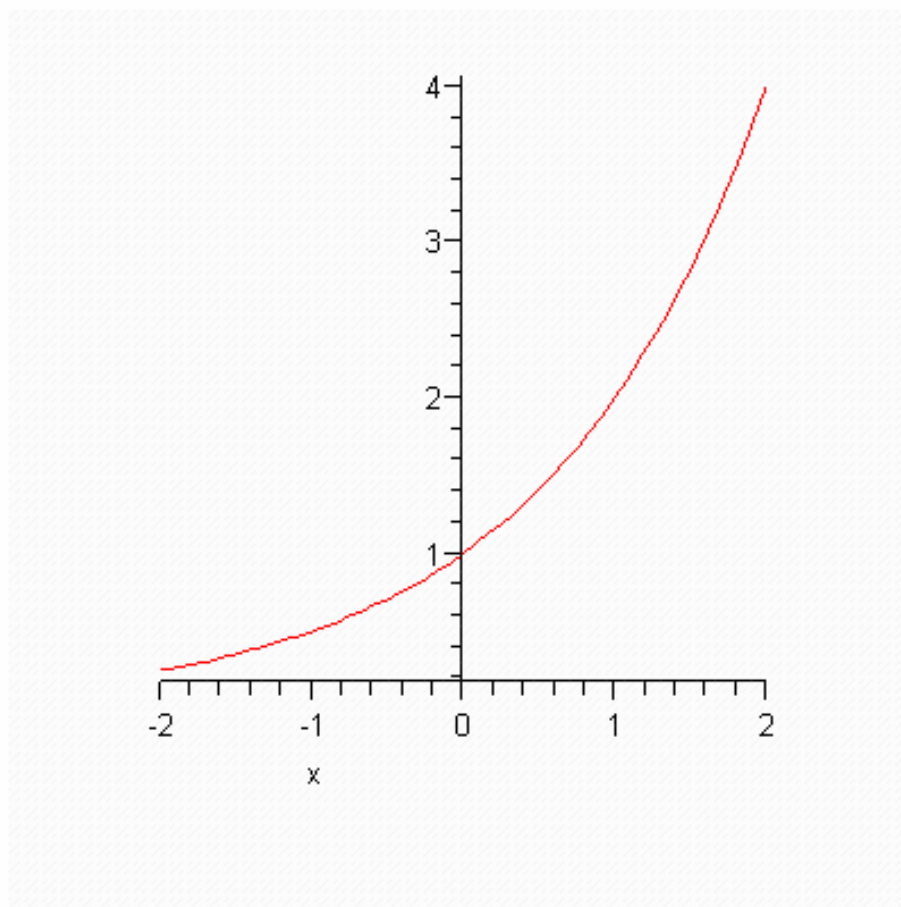
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Graphs of exponential functions

> $f := x \rightarrow 2^x$

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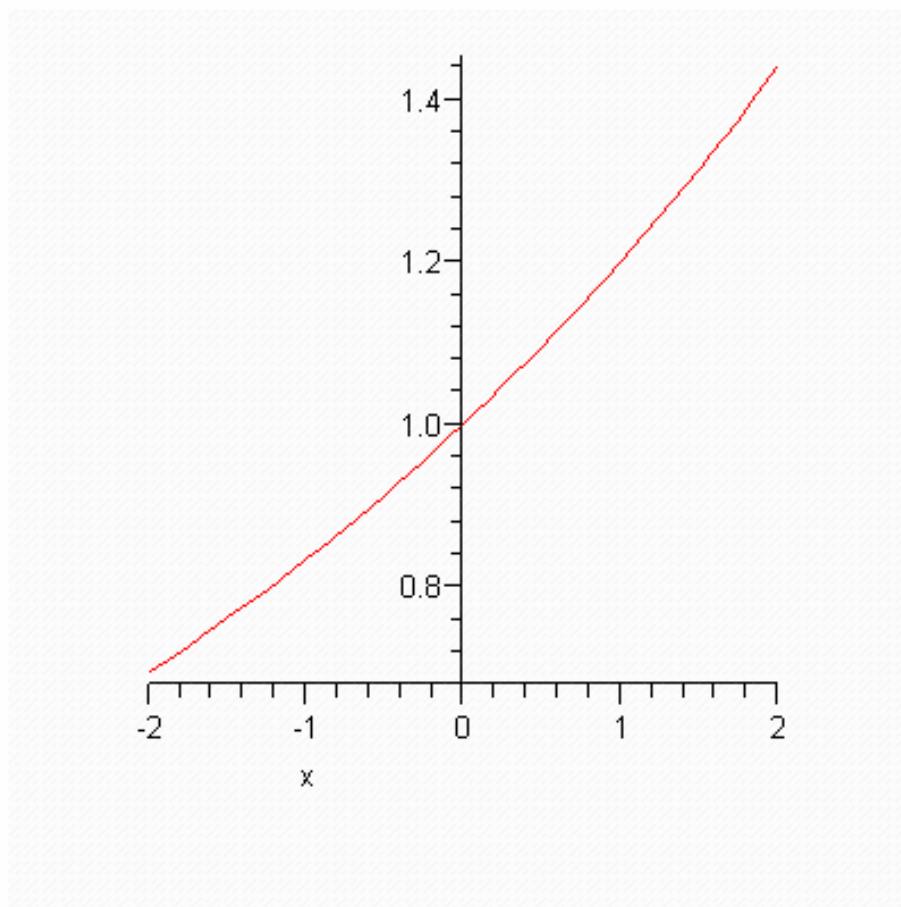
> $\text{plot}(f(x), x = -2..2);$



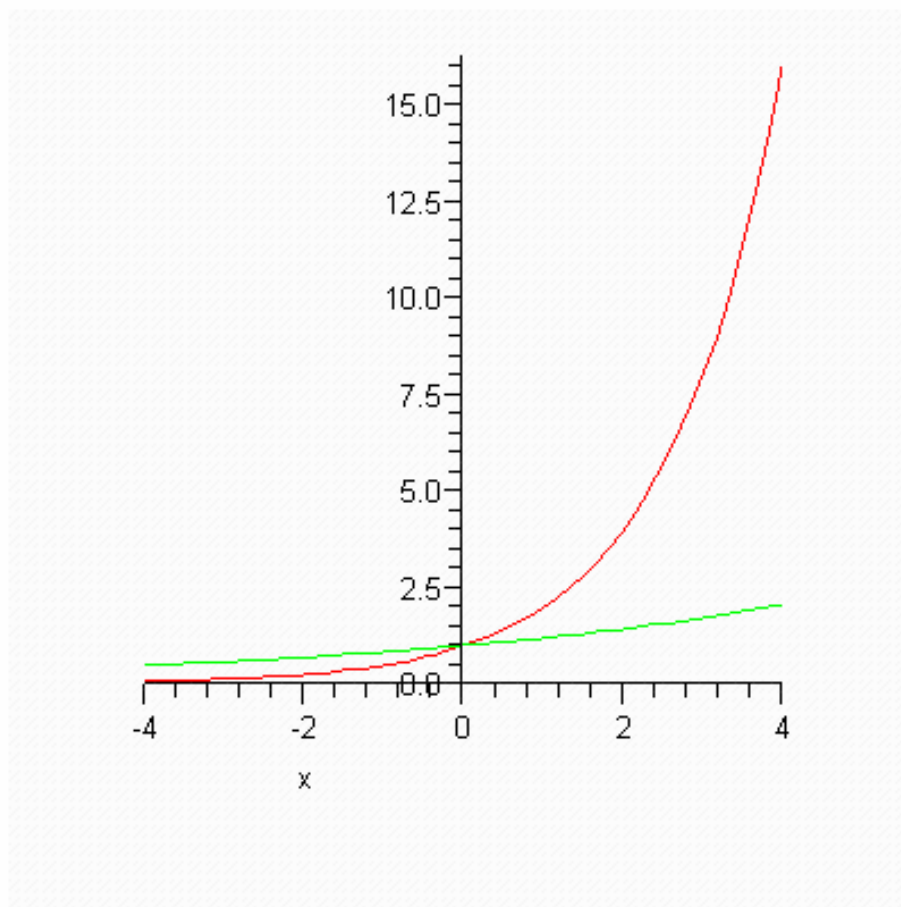
> $g := x \rightarrow 1.2^x$

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> $\text{plot}(g(x), x = -2..2)$



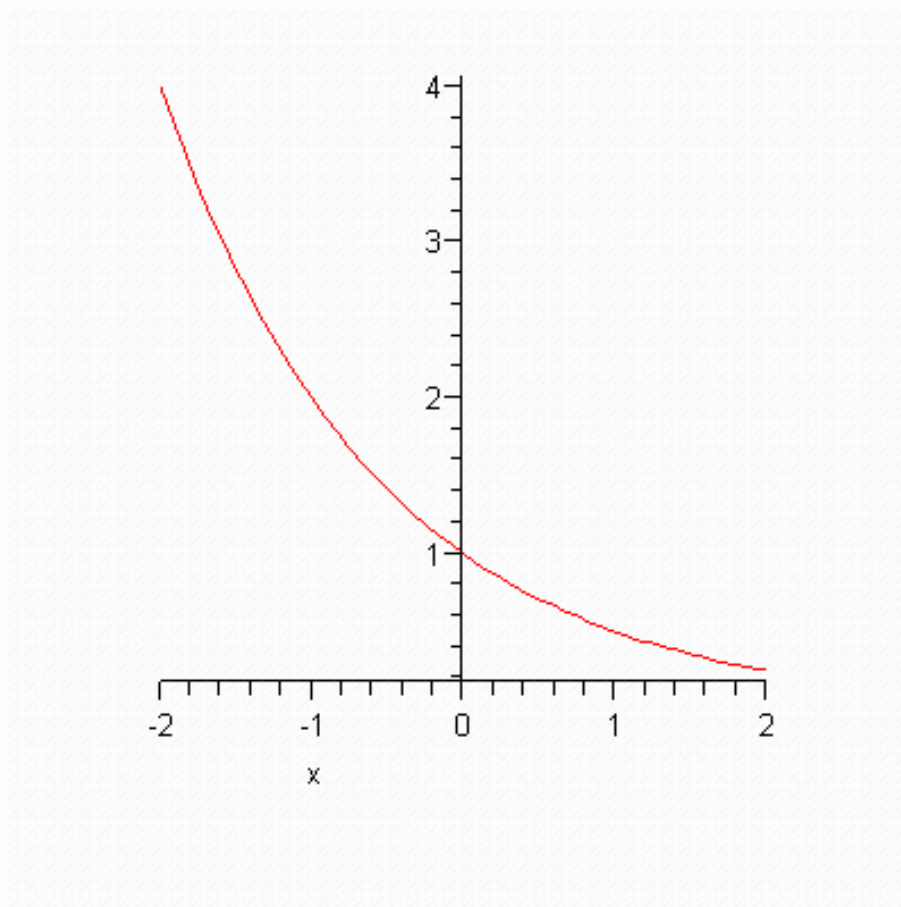
> `plot([f(x), g(x)], x = -4..4)`



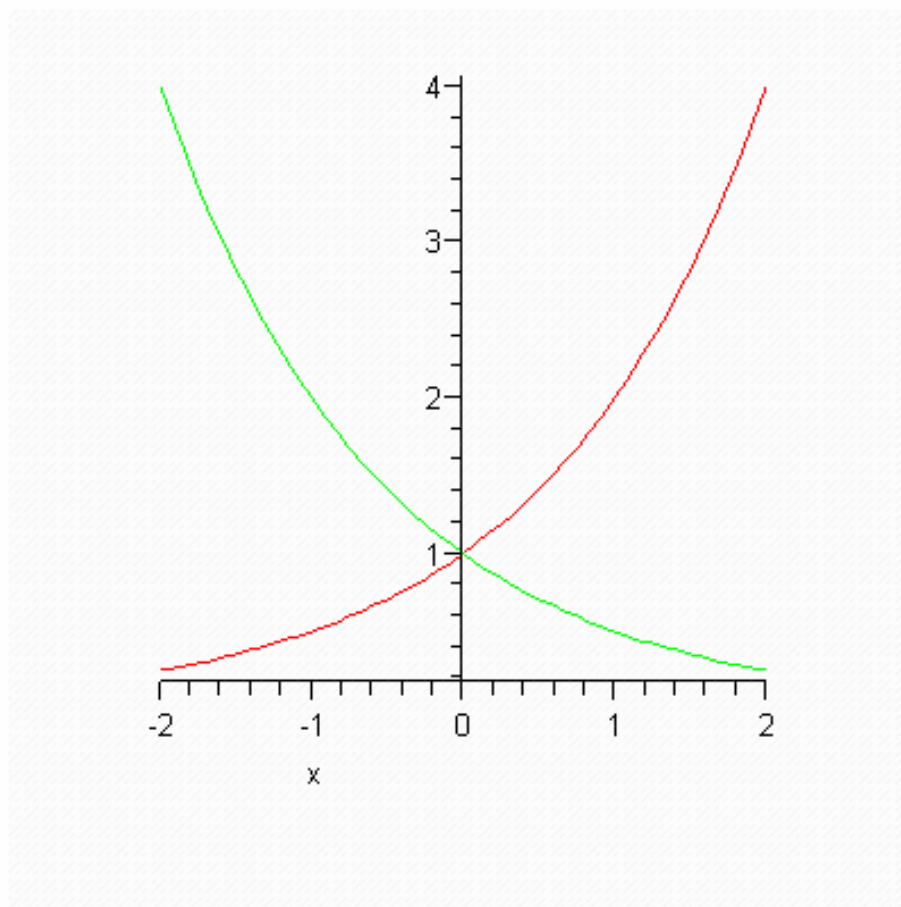
> $h := x \rightarrow (.5)^x$

$h := x \rightarrow 0.5^x$

> $plot(h(x), x = -2..2)$



> `plot([f(x), h(x)], x = -2..2)`



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Example #60, p. 108. Evaluate limit as $x \rightarrow \infty$

> $g := x \rightarrow \frac{(-x^4)}{x^4 - 7 \cdot x^3 + 7 \cdot x^2 + 9}$

$$g := x \rightarrow -\frac{x^4}{x^4 - 7x^3 + 7x^2 + 9}$$

> $g(100)$

$$\frac{-100000000}{93070009}$$

> $g(500)$

$$\frac{-62500000000}{61626750009}$$

> $g(1000)$

$$\frac{-1000000000000}{993007000009}$$

> $g(10000)$

$$\frac{-10000000000000000}{9993000700000009}$$

> $g(10000.)$

$$-1.000700420$$

> $g(-1000)$

$$\frac{-1000000000000}{1007007000009}$$

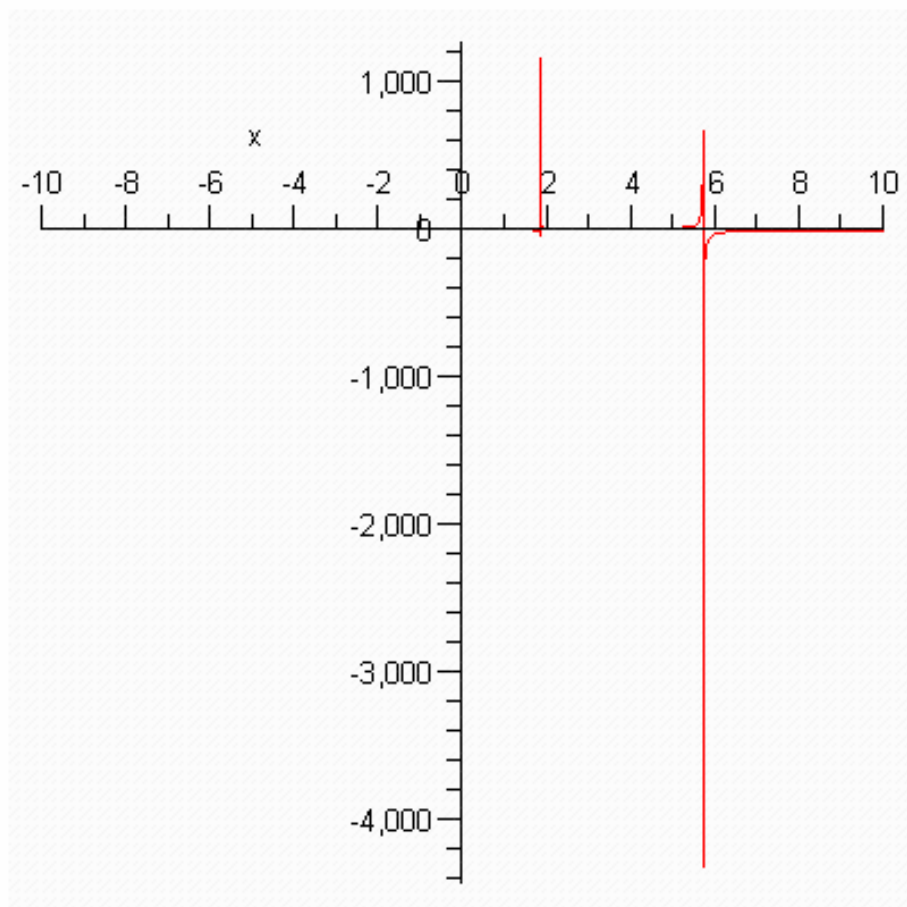
> $g(-10000)$

$$\frac{-10000000000000000}{10007000700000009}$$

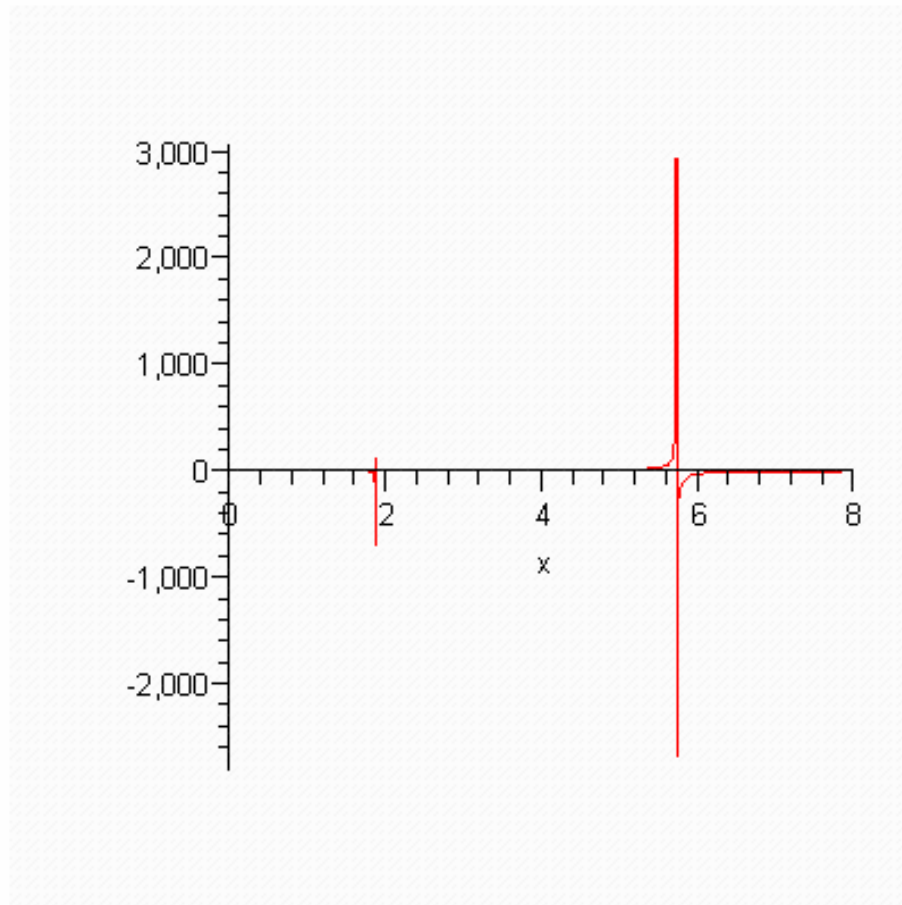
> $g(-10000.)$

$$-.9993004198$$

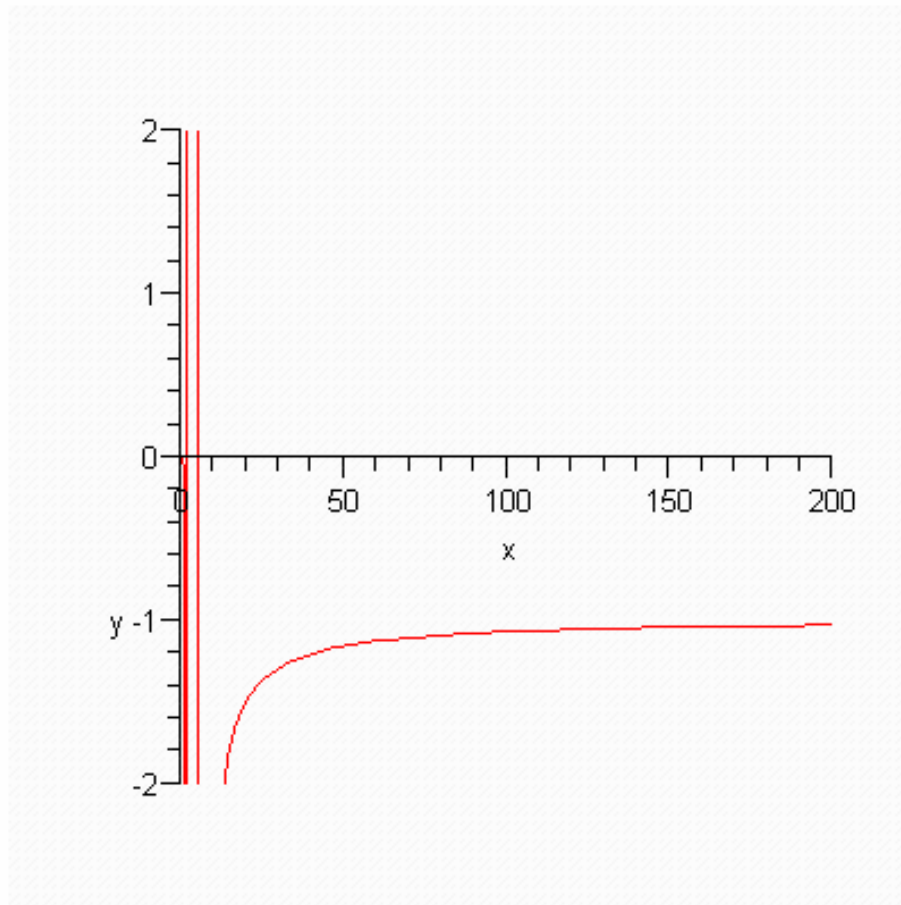
> $plot(g(x), x)$



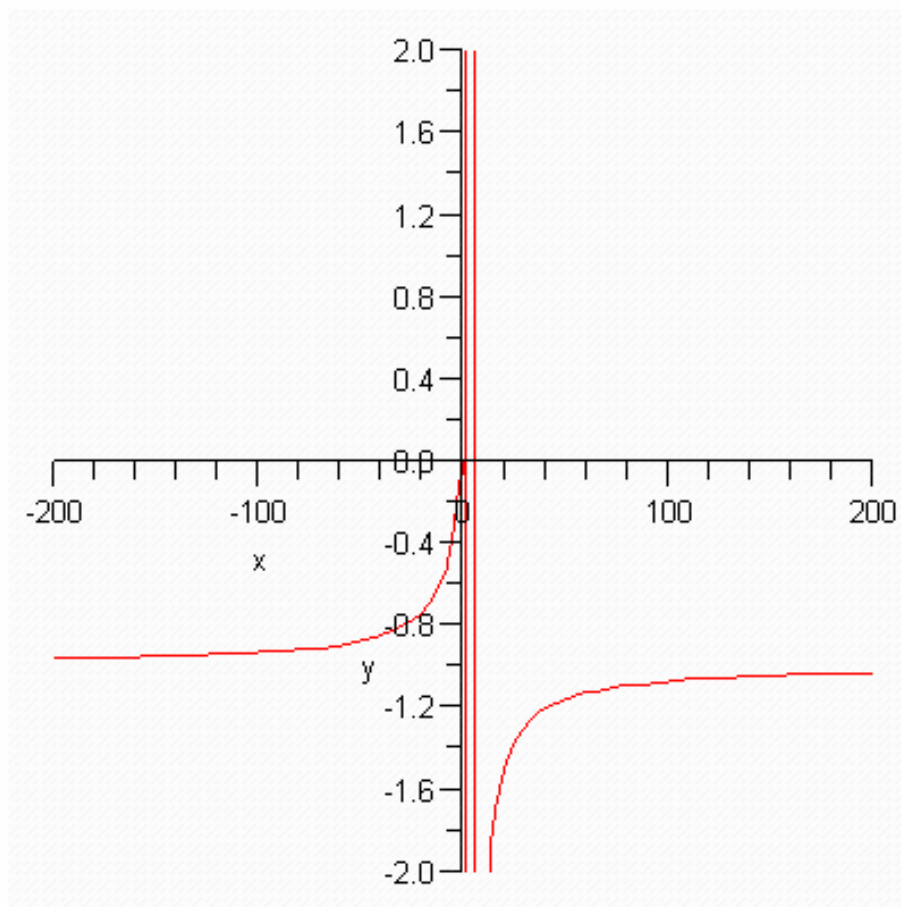
> *plot(g(x), x = 0 ..8)*



> `plot(g(x), x = 0..200, y = -2..2)`



> `plot(g(x), x = -200 .. 200, y = -2 .. 2)`



> $\lim(g(x), x = \text{infinity})$

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1

> $\lim(g(x), x = -\infty)$

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