

INTRODUCTION TO LIMITS

1 Evaluate each limit.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (3x)$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x^2 + 4x)$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (9 - x^2)$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (x^2 - 2x + 1)$

(e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} x^2(x + 2)$

(f) $\lim_{h \rightarrow 2} (h^2 - 4h + 4)$

(g) $\lim_{a \rightarrow -1} (a + 3)(a - 4)$

(h) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left(\frac{x^2 - 5}{x + 2} \right)$

2 The value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{(x + 5)(x + 3)}{x + 3} = \dots$

A -2

B 0

C 2

D indeterminate

3 Evaluate the following limits.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 1$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x^2 + 5x}{x} \right)$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \left(\frac{x^3 + 8}{x + 2} \right)$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left(\frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x - 3} \right)$

(e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left(\frac{3x}{x + 3} \right)$

(f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \left(\frac{x - 5}{2x^2 - 9x - 5} \right)$

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

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

(i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{x^3 - 1}{x - 1} \right)$

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4 Evaluate each limit.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) \quad \text{where } f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1 & \text{for } x \geq 0 \\ 1 & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases} \quad (b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) \quad \text{where } f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{for } x \geq 1 \\ -2x + 4 & \text{for } x < 1 \end{cases}$$

5 Evaluate $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ where:

$$(a) f(x) = x^2 - 1 \quad (b) f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x + 2$$

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5 Evaluate $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ where:

(c) $f(x) = x^3$

(d) $f(x) = x(6 - x)$

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6 Show that the following limits do not exist:

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x}$	(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ where $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0 \\ 1 & \text{for } x > 0 \end{cases}$	(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ where $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1 & \text{for } x > 0 \\ 2 & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases}$
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7 The function whose graph is shown is:

- A discontinuous at $x = 0$
- B continuous for all x
- C discontinuous at $x = 2$
- D continuous for all $x > 0$ but discontinuous at $x = 1$

