# **Chapter 1: Limits and Continuity**

# 1.1 RATES OF CHANGE AND LIMITS

**OBJECTIVE A:** Find the average rate of change of a function y = f(x) over an interval  $[x_1, x_2]$ .

- 1. The average rate of change of y = f(x) over  $[x_1, x_2]$  is the change in y,  $\Delta y =$ \_\_\_\_\_\_ divided by  $\Delta x =$ \_\_\_\_\_\_, the length of the interval over which the change occurred.
- 2. Geometrically, an average rate of change is a \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. The average rate of change of  $f(x) = x^2 x + 1$  over [0, 2] is

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{f(2) - \underline{\hspace{1cm}}}{2 - 0} = \frac{(2^2 - 2 + 1) - \underline{\hspace{1cm}}}{2} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}.$$

**OBJECTIVE B:** Know the informal definition of the limit  $\lim_{x \to x_0} f(x) = L$ .

- **4.** According to the informal definition, we write  $\lim_{x \to x_0} f(x) = L$  if the values of \_\_\_\_\_ approach the value L as x approaches \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 5. If f is the identity function f(x) = x, then for any value of  $x_0$ ,  $\lim_{x \to x_0} f(x) = \underline{\qquad}$ .
- **6.** If f is the constant function f(x) = k, then for any value of  $x_0$ ,  $\lim_{x \to x_0} f(x) =$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**OBJECTIVE C:** Find limits of elementary functions by substitution, if possible.

- 7.  $\lim_{x \to \frac{1}{4}} (8x 3) = \underline{\qquad} -3 = \underline{\qquad}$
- 8.  $\lim_{x \to \frac{1}{2}} \frac{6x^2 + \frac{1}{2}}{4x 1} = \frac{6\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1}{2}}{\left(\underline{\phantom{a}}\right)} = \underline{\phantom{a}}$
- 9.  $\lim_{x \to \frac{\pi}{4}} (\cos x)(2 \sin x) = \underline{\qquad} \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \underline{\qquad}$
- 10. A function may fail to have a limit as x approaches  $x_0$  because it
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_\_,
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.  $f(x_2) f(x_1)$ ,  $x_2 x_1$
- 2. secant slope

3. f(0),  $(0^2 - 0 + 1)$ ,  $\frac{2}{2} = 1$ 

**4.** f(x),  $x_0$ 

5. *x*<sub>0</sub>

**6.** *k* 

**7.** 2, −1

**8.** 2 − 1, 2

9.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , 1

**10. a.** jumps

b. grows too large

c. oscillates too much

**OBJECTIVE D:** Given a function y = f(x), a positive number  $\varepsilon$ , a point  $x_0$ , and a target value L, determine an interval about  $x_0$  in which we must hold x to be sure that y = f(x) lies within  $\varepsilon$  units of L.

11. Suppose y = -3x + 1,  $\varepsilon = 1$ ,  $x_0 = 2$ , L = -5. We must know in what interval of values to hold x to make to make y satisfy the inequality |y - (-5)| < 1.

Substituting for y, we find |(-3x+1)-(-5)| < 1 or \_\_\_\_\_ < 1. Thus, |-3(x-2)| < 1 or |x-2| <\_\_\_\_ . Thus,  $-\frac{1}{3} < x - 2 < \frac{1}{3}$ , or x satisfies the inequality \_\_\_\_ < x < \_\_\_ .

In summary, the interval  $|x-2| < \frac{1}{3}$  contains the values near  $x_0 = 2$  to which x must be held to ensure y = -3x + 1 is within  $\varepsilon = 1$  of L = -5.

**OBJECTIVE E:** Write the formal definition of the limit of a function f(x) as x approaches a number  $x_0$ .

- 12. Let f be a function defined on an open interval containing the point  $x_0$ , except possibly at  $x_0$  itself. Then the limit of f as x approaches  $x_0$  is L, written \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, if, given any number  $\varepsilon$ , there is a corresponding positive number  $\delta$  such that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ holds whenever \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 13. As an application of the definition, consider the limit of the function f(x) = 3 2x as x approaches 5. The limit is L = -7. To show this it is required to establish that: For any positive number  $\varepsilon$ , there is a positive number  $\delta$  such that \_\_\_\_\_ when  $0 < \underline{}$  when  $0 < \underline{}$  when  $0 < \underline{}$  .

Now,  $|(3-2x)-(-7)| = 2 \cdot$ \_\_\_\_\_. Thus,  $2|x-5| < \varepsilon$  provided |x-5| <\_\_\_\_\_.

Therefore, if  $\delta =$ \_\_\_\_\_\_, then  $|(3-2x)-(-7)| < \varepsilon$  whenever \_\_\_\_\_\_.

That is,  $\lim_{x \to 5} (3 - 2x) = -7$ .

**OBJECTIVE F:** Given a function f(x), a point  $x_0$ , and a positive number  $\varepsilon$ , find a number  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x = 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta$  implies  $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ , where  $L = \lim_{x \to x_0} f(x)$ .

**14.** For the limit  $\lim_{x\to 4} \sqrt{2x+1} = 3$ , find a  $\delta > 0$  that works for  $\varepsilon = 1$ .

Solution:

STEP 1: We first find an interval about  $x_0 = 4$  on which the inequality  $\left| \sqrt{2x+1} - 3 \right| < 1$  holds for  $x \ne 4$ .

11.  $\left|-3x+6\right|, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{3}, \frac{7}{3}$ 

- 12.  $\lim_{x \to x_0} f(x) = L, |f(x) L| < \varepsilon, 0 < |x x_0| < \delta$
- **13.**  $|(3-2x)-(-7)| < \varepsilon, |x-5|, |x-5|, \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, 0 < |x-5| < \delta$

The inequality holds for all x in the open interval  $\left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{15}{2}\right)$ .

STEP 2: We now find an interval centered at 4. The distance from 4 to the nearest endpoint of  $\left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{15}{2}\right)$  is . If we take  $\delta =$  \_\_\_\_\_ or any smaller positive number, the inequality  $0 < |x - 4| < \delta$ will automatically place x between  $\frac{3}{2}$  and  $\frac{15}{2}$  to make the inequality \_\_\_\_\_ hold.

#### 1.2 FINDING LIMITS AND ONE-SIDED LIMITS

**OBJECTIVE** A: Specify the five important limit rules related to the arithmetic operations, as stated in Theorem 1 of

15.	Sum Rule:							

- 16. Difference Rule:
- 17. Product Rule:
- 18. Constant Multiple Rule:
- 19. Quotient Rule:

**OBJECTIVE B:** Evaluate limits  $\lim_{x \to a} f(x)$  when f(x) is a sum, difference, product, or quotient of polynomials.

- **20.** To find the limit as x approaches c of any polynomial function  $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + ... + a_0$  you simply the number c for \_\_\_\_\_\_ thus evaluating f(c). Hence,  $\lim_{x \to -1} (2x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 3) = _____ = ____.$
- 21.  $\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{x^3 2x}{x^2 + 3} = \frac{1+3}{1+3} = \frac{1}{1+3}$

**14.** -1, 1, 
$$\sqrt{2x+1}$$
, 4,  $2x+1$ ,  $\frac{3}{2}$ ,  $\frac{15}{2}$ ,  $\frac{5}{2}$ ,  $\frac{5}{2}$ ,  $\left|\sqrt{2x+1}-3\right| < 1$ 

**15.** 
$$\lim_{x \to c} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \to c} f(x) + \lim_{x \to c} g(x)$$
 **16.**  $\lim_{x \to c} [f(x) - g(x)] = \lim_{x \to c} f(x) - \lim_{x \to c} g(x)$ 

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17. 
$$\lim_{x \to c} f(x) \cdot g(x) = \lim_{x \to c} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \to c} g(x)$$

18. 
$$\lim_{x \to c} k \cdot f(x) = k \lim_{x \to c} f(x)$$

19. 
$$\lim_{x \to c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \to c} f(x)}{\lim_{x \to c} g(x)}$$
 provided that  $\lim_{x \to c} g(x)$  is not zero

**20.** substitute, 
$$x$$
,  $2(-1)^3 + (-1)^2 - 4(-1) - 3$ , 0 **21.**  $1 - 2$ ,  $-\frac{1}{4}$ 

**21.** 
$$1-2, -\frac{1}{2}$$

22. 
$$\lim_{x \to -2} (4+3x)(x^2-x+1) = \lim_{x \to -2} (4+3x)$$
 = \_\_\_\_\_ (4+2+1) = -14.

23. 
$$\lim_{x \to 4} \frac{x^2 + x - 2}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{18}{\lim_{x \to 4} (x^2 - 1)} = \frac{18}{-}.$$

**OBJECTIVE C:** Evaluate limits of functions when the denominator is zero at the limit point c by canceling a common factor, or by creating and canceling a common factor.

24. 
$$\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{x^3 + x^2 - 3x + 1}{x - 1} \neq \frac{\lim_{x \to 1} (x^3 + x^2 - 3x + 1)}{x - 1}$$
 because the limit of the denominator is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

However, 
$$\frac{x^3 + x^2 - 3x + 1}{x - 1} = \frac{(x - 1)(\underline{\hspace{1cm}})}{x - 1}$$
,

so that 
$$\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{x^3 + x^2 - 3x + 1}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \to 1} = \frac{1}{x + 1}$$

25. 
$$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{(1+h)^3 - 1}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{(\underline{\phantom{a}}) - 1}{h}$$
$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \underline{\phantom{a}}$$
$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \underline{\phantom{a}}$$

26. 
$$\lim_{x \to 9} \frac{x^2 - 81}{3 - \sqrt{x}} = \lim_{x \to 9} \frac{x^2 - 81}{3 - \sqrt{x}} \cdot \frac{3 + \sqrt{x}}{3 + \sqrt{x}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 9} \frac{(x^2 - 81)(3 + \sqrt{x})}{(\underline{\hspace{1cm}})}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 9} \frac{(x - 9)(\underline{\hspace{1cm}})(3 + \sqrt{x})}{9 - x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 9} -(\underline{\hspace{1cm}})(\underline{\hspace{1cm}}) = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}.$$

**OBJECTIVE D:** State and use the Sandwich Theorem for limits.

27. If 
$$g(x) \le f(x) \le h(x)$$
 for  $x \ne c$  over some interval containing c, and if  $\lim_{x \to c} g(x) = \lim_{x \to c} h(x) = L$ , then

28. For 
$$-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$$
 it is known that  $1 \le \frac{\tan x}{x} \le \frac{1}{\cos x}$ . Therefore, since  $\lim_{x \to 0} \cos x = \underline{\qquad}$  we have, 
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} = \underline{\qquad}$$

22. 
$$\lim_{x \to -2} (x^2 - x + 1), (4 - 6)$$

23. 
$$\lim_{x \to 4} (x^2 + x - 2)$$
, 15

**24.** 
$$\lim_{x \to 1} (x-1)$$
, 0,  $x^2 + 2x - 1$ ,  $x^2 + 2x - 1$ , 2

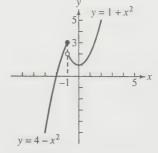
**25.** 
$$1+3h+3h^2+h^3$$
,  $3h+3h^2+h^3$ ,  $3+3h+h^2$ , 3

**26.** 
$$3 + \sqrt{x}$$
,  $9 - x$ ,  $x + 9$ ,  $x + 9$ ,  $3 + \sqrt{x}$ ,  $-(18)(6) = -108$ 

$$27. \quad \lim_{x \to c} f(x) = L$$

**OBJECTIVE E:** For elementary functions y = f(x), find the right-hand and left-hand limits as x approaches a, and from these determine if  $\lim f(x)$  exists.





The graph is shown above right.

$$\lim_{\substack{x \to -1^{+} \\ \lim_{x \to -1^{-}} f(x) = \lim_{x \to -1^{+}} = \\ \lim_{x \to -1^{-}} f(x) = \lim_{x \to -1^{-}} = \\ \operatorname{Since } \lim_{x \to -1^{+}} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \to -1^{-}} f(x), \text{ the limit } \lim_{x \to -1} f(x) = exist.$$

30. 
$$\lim_{x \to 1^{-}} \frac{5x^{2} - 7x + 2}{x^{2} + x - 2} = \lim_{x \to 1^{-}}$$
 (factor)
$$= \lim_{x \to 1^{-}} \frac{5x - 2}{x^{2} + x - 2} = \frac{5 - 2}{x^{2} + x - 2}$$

In this problem you must factor the numerator and denominator first and cancel the term (x-1) before \_\_\_\_\_ is zero in the original expression: calculating the limit because \_\_\_\_\_

 $\lim (x^2 + x - 2) = 1^2 + 1 - 2 = 0$ . Note also that the limit as  $x \to 1^+$  equals 1.

OBJECTIVE F: Evaluate limits of trigonometric functions by making use of appropriate trigonometric identities and the limit theorems.

- 31. One of the most useful facts in calculus is that  $\lim_{\theta \to 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} =$ \_\_\_\_\_\_. For this limit the angle  $\theta$  must be measured in \_\_
- 32. To find  $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{3x}$  first substitute  $\theta = 5x$ , and note that  $\theta \to 0$  as  $x \to 0$ . Then the limit

becomes, 
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{3x} = \lim_{\theta \to 0}$$

$$= \lim_{\theta \to 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = \frac{5}{3} (\underline{\hspace{1cm}}) = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}.$$

**29.** 
$$1+x^2$$
, 2,  $4-x^2$ , 3, does not

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, 2,  $4-x^2$ , 3, does not **30.**  $\frac{(5x-2)(x-1)}{(x+2)(x-1)}$ ,  $x+2$ ,  $1+2$ , 1, the limit of the denominator

32. 
$$\frac{\sin \theta}{3(\frac{\theta}{5})}, \frac{5}{3}, 1, \frac{5}{3}$$

33. 
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{1 - \sin x} = \frac{\lim_{x \to 0} (1 - \cos x)}{1 - \sin x} = \frac{(1 - \frac{1}{1 - \cos x})}{(1 - 0)} = \frac{1}{1 - \cos x}$$

34. 
$$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{h}{\sin h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}{\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\sin h}{1}} = \frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}{1}$$

#### 1.3 LIMITS INVOLVING INFINITY

**OBJECTIVE A:** Calculate the limit of f(x) as x approaches  $+\infty$  or  $-\infty$ , whenever the limit exists.

35. 
$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{5x^3}{1 + 3x - 2x^3} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\frac{5}{h^3}}{1 + 3x - 2x^3} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{5}{h^3} = \lim_{h \to$$

36. 
$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{1 - 3x^2}{4x^3 + 2x - 5} = \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{1 - 3x^2}{4 + \left(\frac{2}{x^2}\right) - \left(\frac{5}{x^3}\right)} = \frac{0 - \frac{1}{4 + 0 - 0}}{4 + 0 - 0} = \frac{1 - 3x^2}{4 + 0 - 0}$$

37. 
$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{3-x^2}{6x+1} = \lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{3}{x}\right)-x}{-x} = \underline{\qquad}$$

**OBJECTIVE B:** Analyze the behavior of the graph of a function y = f(x) as  $x \to \pm \infty$ .

- 38. A line y = b is a \_\_\_\_\_\_ asymptote of the graph of a function y = f(x) if either  $\lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) = b$  or \_\_\_\_\_.
- 39. A line x = a is a \_\_\_\_\_\_ asymptote of the graph of a function y = f(x) if either  $\lim_{x \to a^-} f(x) = \pm \infty$  or \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 40. Consider the function  $y = \frac{2x-5}{x^2-2x-3} + 4$ . If we divide the top and bottom of the rational expression by x, we obtain y =\_\_\_\_\_\_. As  $x \to \pm \infty$ , the numerator of the rational expression approaches \_\_\_\_\_\_ and the denominator goes to \_\_\_\_\_\_. So the rational expression approaches \_\_\_\_\_\_. Thus the function y has a \_\_\_\_\_\_ asymptote at \_\_\_\_\_\_. Furthermore, in the original expression for y the denominator of the rational expression can be factored to obtain y =\_\_\_\_\_\_, from which it is evident that y has \_\_\_\_\_\_ asymptotes at \_\_\_\_\_\_ and

33. 
$$\lim_{x\to 0} (1-\sin x), 1, 0$$

34. 
$$\frac{\sin h}{h}$$
, h, 1, 1

35. 
$$1 + \frac{3}{h} - \frac{2}{h^3}$$
,  $h^3 + 3h^2 - 2$ ,  $-\frac{5}{2}$ 

36. 
$$\frac{1}{x^3} - \frac{3}{x}$$
, 0, 0

37. 
$$6 + \frac{1}{x}, +\infty$$

**38.** horizontal, 
$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} f(x) = b$$

39. vertical, 
$$\lim_{x \to a^+} f(x) = \pm \infty$$

40. 
$$\frac{2-\frac{5}{x}}{x-2-\frac{3}{x}}+4$$
, 2,  $\pm \infty$ , 0, horizontal,  $y=4$ ,  $\frac{2x-5}{(x+1)(x-3)}+4$ , vertical,  $x=-1$ ,  $x=3$ 

**OBJECTIVE C:** Find "infinite limits" such as  $\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = \infty$ ,  $\lim_{x \to a^{-}} f(x) = \infty$ ,  $\lim_{x \to a^{+}} f(x) = -\infty$ , and so forth.

41. 
$$\lim_{x \to 1^+} \frac{|x|+1}{x^2-1} = \lim_{x \to 1^+} \frac{|x|+1}{(x+1)(\underline{\hspace{1cm}})} = \lim_{x \to 1^+} \underline{\hspace{1cm}}, \text{ since } |x|+1 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \text{ for } x \text{ near } 1. \text{ Therefore,}$$

$$\lim_{x \to 1^+} \frac{|x|+1}{x^2-1} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

**OBJECTIVE D:** Find an end behavior model for a function y = f(x).

- **42.** Consider the rational function  $y = \frac{x^2 3x 1}{x 3}$ . If we divide x 3 into  $x^2 3x 1$  we obtain y = x -\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is both a \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ end behavior model for y.
- 43. Consider the function  $y = x\sqrt{x^2 + 1}$ . Since for large x,  $\sqrt{x^2 + 1} \approx \sqrt{\underline{\phantom{a}}} = x$ , one might expect that  $u = x \cdot \underline{\underline{\phantom{a}}} = \underline{\underline{\phantom{$

#### 1.4 CONTINUITY

**OBJECTIVE** A: Specify the test for a function f to be continuous at an interior point x = c of its domain.

- 44. The three conditions that must be satisfied if the function f is to be continuous at the point x = c are that \_\_\_\_\_\_ exists, \_\_\_\_\_\_ exists, and \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 45. A function is continuous over an interval if it is continuous at \_\_\_\_\_\_ within that interval.
- **46.** If a function f is not continuous at the point x = c, it is said to be \_\_\_\_\_\_ at c.

**OBJECTIVE B:** Given an elementary function y = f(x), determine its points of continuity and discontinuity. Be able to justify your conclusions.

41. 
$$x-1, \frac{1}{x-1}, x+1, +\infty$$

42. 
$$\frac{1}{x-3}$$
, x, right, left

**43.** 
$$x^2$$
,  $x$ ,  $x^2$ ,  $x\sqrt{x^2+1}$ ,  $\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{x^2}}$ ,  $\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{x^2}}$ , 1, 1

**44.** 
$$f(c)$$
,  $\lim_{x \to c} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \to c} f(x) = f(c)$ 

46. discontinuous

<sup>45.</sup> all points

47. Consider  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+4 & \text{if } x < -1 \\ -x & \text{if } x \ge -1 \end{cases}$ . Observe that c = -1 belongs to the domain of f: f(-1) = 1. Does f have a limit as

 $x \rightarrow -1$ ? To answer that question, we calculate the right- and left-hand limits:

$$\lim_{x \to -1^{-}} f(x) = \lim_{x \to -1^{-}} ( _{ } ) = _{ } ,$$

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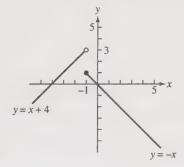
Since  $\lim_{x \to -1^-} f(x) = 3 \neq \lim_{x \to -1^+} f(x) = 1$ , then  $\lim_{x \to -1} f(x)$ , we conclude that f is

at x = -1. Sketch a graph of f.

48. Let  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}$ . Since  $x = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$  does not belong to the domain of f we conclude that f is  $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$  at 1. Also,  $\lim_{x \to 1^-} f(x) = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$  and  $\lim_{x \to 1^+} f(x) = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$  so f does not have a finite limit as  $x \to 1$ . However, as  $x \to +\infty$  or  $x \to -\infty$ ,  $f(x) \to \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ . Sketch a graph of f. Observe that f is continuous at all points except x = 1.

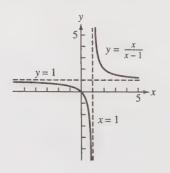
**OBJECTIVE C:** Specify the main facts related to continuous functions.

- **49.** Every constant function is continuous \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 50. Every polynomial function is continuous
- 51. Every rational function is continuous \_\_\_\_\_
- **52.** If f and g are continuous at c, then f + g, f g, and  $f \cdot g$  are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at c.
- 53. If f and g are continuous at c, then  $\frac{f}{g}$  is \_\_\_\_\_\_ at c provided that \_\_\_\_\_
- 54. If f is continuous at c, and k is any constant, then kf is \_\_\_\_\_\_ at c
- 47. x + 4, 3, -x, 1, does not exist, discontinuous



- **49.** at every number
  - 50. at every number
- 51. at every number at which the denominator is not zero
- 52. continuous

- 53. continuous,  $g(c) \neq 0$
- 54. continuous



48. 1, discontinuous,  $-\infty$ ,  $+\infty$ , 1

55. If f is continuous at c and g is continuous at f(c), then the composite \_\_\_\_\_\_ is continuous at \_\_\_\_\_\_ is

OBJECTIVE D: Understand the Intermediate Value Theorem

**56.** Suppose that f(x) is continuous for all x in the closed interval [a,b], and that N is any number between f(a) and f(b) What is your conclusion?

# 1.5 TANGENT LINES

**OBJECTIVE A:** Find the slope of the function y = f(x) at a given point  $P(x_0, f(x_0))$  using the definition  $m = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$ .

57. Find the slope of the curve  $y = (x+1)^2$  at P(0,1).

Solution. Here  $f(x) = (x+1)^2$  and  $x_{0=}$ .

STEP 1. Calculate  $f(x_0)$  and  $f(x_0 + h)$ :  $f(x_0) = f(0) =$ \_\_\_\_\_ and  $f(x_0 + h) = f(h) =$ \_\_\_\_.

STEP 2. 
$$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\frac{1}{h}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{h^2 + \frac{1}{h}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} (h + \frac{1}{h}) = \frac{1}{h}$$

**OBJECTIVE B:** Find an equation for the tangent to a curve y = f(x) at a given point  $P(x_0, f(x_0))$ .

58. Find an equation for the tangent to  $y = (x+1)^2$  at P(0,1).

Solution. From Problem 57, the slope of the tangent line is m = 2. An equation of the tangent in point-slope form is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**59.** Find an equation for the tangent to  $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}$  when x = 2.

Solution. Here 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}$$
.

STEP 1. Calculate f(2) and f(2+h):  $f(2) = ______$  and  $f(2+h) = ______$ 

STEP 2. Calculate the slope *m*:

$$m = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(2+h) - f(2)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+h}} - 1}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{1 - \frac{1}{h\sqrt{1+h}}}{h\sqrt{1+h}} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{(1 - \sqrt{1+h})(1 + \sqrt{1+h})}{h\sqrt{1+h}(1 + \sqrt{1+h})}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\frac{1}{h\sqrt{1+h}} - 1}{h\sqrt{1+h}(1 + \sqrt{1+h})} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+h}} - 1}{h\sqrt{1+h}(1 + \sqrt{1+h})} = \frac{1}{h\sqrt{1+h}(1 + \sqrt{1+h}$$

STEP 3. Find the tangent line using the point-slope equation: \_\_\_\_\_\_, or  $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 2$ .

**OBJECTIVE C:** Find the rate of change of a given function f(x) with respect to x at a specified point  $x = x_0$ .

- **60.** The rate of change of f(x) with respect to x at  $x = x_0$  is the same as the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of y = f(x) at  $x = x_0$  or the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of f at  $x = x_0$ .
- **61.** Find the rate of change of the area of a square  $(A = x^2)$  with respect to its side length when the side length is x = 5.

Solution. We first calculate A(5) and A(5+h):

$$A(5) =$$
\_\_\_\_\_ and  $A(5 + h) =$ \_\_\_\_\_

Then the rate of change is

That is, the area changes at the rate 10 square units per side length unit when the side length is 5 units.

**59.** 1, 
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+h}}$$
,  $\sqrt{1+h}$ ,  $1-(1+h)$ ,  $-1$ ,  $-\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $y=1+\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(x-2)$ 

**61.** 25, 
$$(5+h)^2 = 25+10h+h^2$$
,  $10h+h^2$ , 10

## CHAPTER 1 SELF-TEST

Find the limits in Problems 1–6.

1. 
$$\lim_{t \to 3} \frac{t^2 - 1}{t - 1}$$

2. 
$$\lim_{x \to 2} \frac{2x^2 - 3x - 2}{x - 2}$$

3. 
$$\lim_{x \to 1^+} \frac{3x - 1}{5x^3 - 2x + 1}$$

4. 
$$\lim_{t \to 0^{-}} \frac{2t^2 + 3t - 1}{t^3 - 2t}$$
 5.  $\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{t^2}{4 - t^2}$ 

$$5. \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{t^2}{4 - t^2}$$

$$6. \qquad \lim_{x \to \infty} \left( \frac{1}{x} \cos x^2 \right)$$

7. Let f be defined by 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - 3 & \text{if } x \ge 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

(a) Find 
$$\lim_{x\to 0^+} f(x)$$
 and  $\lim_{x\to 0^-} f(x)$ .

(b) Is f continuous at x = 0? Justify your answer.

**8.** Consider the function 
$$f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x^2 - x}$$
.

- (a) For what values of x is f continuous? Justify your conclusion.
- (b) Is f continuous at x = 1? If not, what value can be assigned to f(1) so that the resultant function is continuous there.?
- 9. It can be shown that for all values of x

$$\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{24} \le 1 - \cos x \le \frac{x^2}{2}.$$

Use this result to find  $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{1-\cos x}{x^2}$ .

- 10. In what interval about  $x_0 = -1$  must we hold x to be sure that  $y = -\frac{x}{3} + \frac{2}{3}$  lies within  $\varepsilon = 0.5$  units of  $y_0 = 1$ ?
- 11. Justify that the function  $f(x) = x^5 + 1$  has at least one real zero; that is, where there is some real number c so that f(c) = 0.
- 12. Given f(x) = 2x + 7,  $x_0 = -2$ , and  $\varepsilon = 0.01$ , find  $L = \lim_{x \to x_0} f(x)$ . Then find  $\delta > 0$  such that  $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$
- 13. Find the slope of  $f(x) = \frac{2x}{x+1}$  at (1,1). Then find an equation for the line tangent to the graph there.
- 14. At t seconds after lift off, the height of a rocket is  $4t^2$  ft. How fast is the rocket climbing after one minute?

### **SOLUTIONS TO CHAPTER 1 SELF-TEST**

1. 
$$\lim_{t \to 3} \frac{t^2 - 1}{t - 1} = \frac{9 - 1}{3 - 1} = 4$$

2. 
$$\lim_{x \to 2} \frac{2x^2 - 3x - 2}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \to 2} \frac{(2x + 1)(x - 2)}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \to 2} (2x + 1) = 2(2) + 1 = 5$$

3. 
$$\lim_{x \to 1^+} \frac{3x - 1}{5x^3 - 2x + 1} = \frac{3 - 1}{5 - 2 + 1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

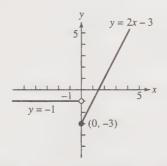
4. 
$$\lim_{t \to 0^{-}} \frac{2t^2 + 3t - 1}{t^3 - 2t} = \lim_{t \to 0^{-}} \frac{2t^2 + 3t - 1}{t(t^2 - 2)} = \lim_{t \to 0^{-}} \frac{1}{t} \lim_{t \to 0^{-}} \frac{2t^2 + 3t - 1}{t^2 - 2} = -\infty$$

5. 
$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{t^2}{4 - t^2} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\frac{1}{h^2}}{4 - \frac{1}{h^2}} = \lim_{h \to 0} = \frac{1}{4h^2 - 1} = \frac{1}{0 - 1} = -1$$

- **6.**  $0 \le \left| \frac{1}{x} \cos x^2 \right| \le \frac{1}{|x|}$  because  $\left| \cos x^2 \right| \le 1$  for all values of x. Since  $\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{1}{|x|} = 0$ , we have  $\lim_{x \to \infty} \left( \frac{1}{x} \cos x^2 \right) = 0$  by the Sandwich Theorem.
- 7. (a) From the graph of f shown below right,

$$\lim_{x \to 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 0^+} (2x - 3) = -3$$

$$\lim_{x \to 0^{-}} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 0^{-}} (-1) = -1$$



- (b) No,  $\lim_{x\to 0} f(x)$  does not exist because the left-hand and right-hand limits differ as x tends to zero, so f is not continuous at x = 0.
- 8. (a) Since division by zero is never permitted, the points x = 0 and x = 1 do not belong to the domain of f, and therefore f is discontinuous at those two values; it is continuous for all other values of x.
  - **(b)**  $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x^2 x} = \frac{x-1}{x(x-1)} = \frac{1}{x}$  if  $x \ne 1$  and  $x \ne 0$ . Since  $\lim_{x \to 1} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{1}{x} = 1$ , if we specify f(1) = 1 the new function so defined is continuous at x = 1.
- 9. From the assumed inequality, we divide through by the positive number  $x^2$  obtaining,  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{x^2}{24} \le \frac{1 \cos x}{x^2} \le \frac{1}{2}$ Applying the Sandwich Theorem,  $\lim_{x\to 0} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{x^2}{24}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$  so that  $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{1-\cos x}{x^2} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

**10.** 
$$y_0 = 1$$
,  $\varepsilon = 0.5$ 

$$|y - y_0| = |y - 1| - \left| \left( -\frac{x}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \right) - 1 \right| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left| -\frac{x}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \right| = \frac{1}{3} |x + 1| < 0.5$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |x + 1| < 1.5$$

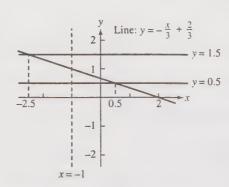
$$\Leftrightarrow -1.5 < x + 1 < 1.5$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -2.5 < x < 0.5$$



$$\Leftrightarrow$$
  $-1.5 < x + 1 < 1.5$ 

$$\Leftrightarrow$$
  $-2.5 < x < 0.5$ 



11. Notice that  $f(-2) = (-2)^5 + 1 = -31$  is a negative and  $f(1) = 1^5 + 1 = 2$  is positive. Since f is a continuous function, the Intermediate Value Theorem guarantees the existence of a real number c satisfying -2 < c < 1 and f(c) = 0.

12. 
$$\lim_{x \to -2} (2x+7) = 2 \lim_{x \to -2} x + \lim_{x \to -2} 7 = 2(-2) + 7 = 3.$$
  
 $|(2x+7)-3| = |2x+4| = 2|x+2| = 2|x-(-2)|.$   
Thus  
 $|(2x+7)-3| < 0.01$  whenever  $|x-(-2)| < 0.005.$ 

That is,  $\delta = 0.005$  for  $\varepsilon = 0.01$  in the formal definition of the limit of f(x) = 2x + 7 as x approaches  $x_0 = -2$ .

13. The slope is

$$m = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\frac{2(1+h)}{2+h} - \frac{2}{2}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{(2+2h) - (2+h)}{h(2+h)} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{h}{h(2+h)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{1}{2+h} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

An equation of the tangent line is  $y = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(x-1)$  or  $y = \frac{1}{2}(x+1)$ .

14. The rate of change of  $H(t) = 4t^2$  at t = 60 seconds is

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{H(60+h) - H(60)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{4(60+h)^2 - 4(3600)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{4(3600+120h+h^2) - 4(3600)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{4(120h+h^2)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} (480+4h) = 480$$
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