

## Unit 1 Limits Review

**Algebraic Steps (for x approaching Real Number):** 1) Plug in x-value first (IGNORE one-sided limit)  
2) If result is a real number value, the value is the limit. 3) If the result is  $\frac{0}{0}$  (indeterminate form) then reduce by i) factoring ii) conjugate method iii) simplify complex fraction 4) Re-evaluate the reduced Expression 4) If result is undefined, and it's a one-sided limit, then test using decimals.

**Evaluate Limits (for x approaching  $\pm\infty$ ):** 1) Compare Degrees: i) if Numerator < Denominator, Limit = 0 ii) If Numerator = Denominator, Limit = ratio of coefficients iii) If Number > Denominator, Limit = DNE  $\pm\infty$

**L'Hopital's Rule Option:** If Evaluating Limits produces  $\frac{0}{0}$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$

- take derivative of numerator and denominator separately,
- then re-evaluate Limit.

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 + 4}$  is

- (A) 1      (B) 0      (C)  $-\frac{1}{2}$       (D) -1      (E)  $\infty$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4 - x^2}{x^2 - 1}$  is

- (A) 1      (B) 0      (C) -4      (D) -1      (E)  $\infty$

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

- (A) 0      (B) 1      (C)  $\frac{1}{4}$       (D)  $\infty$       (E) none of these

4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} \frac{2x+1}{x+3}$  is

- A) 0      B) 2      C) -5      D)  $\infty$       E)  $-\infty$

5)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4 - x^2}{4x^2 - x - 2}$  is  
 (A)  $-2$  (B)  $-\frac{1}{4}$  (C)  $1$  (D)  $2$  (E) nonexistent

6)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{5x^3 + 27}{20x^2 + 10x + 9}$  is  
 (A)  $-\infty$  (B)  $-1$  (C)  $0$  (D)  $3$  (E)  $\infty$

7)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{x}$   
 (A)  $= 0$  (B)  $= \frac{1}{5}$  (C)  $= 1$  (D)  $= 5$  (E) does not exist

8)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{3x}$

9) (A)  $= 0$  (B)  $= \frac{2}{3}$  (C)  $= 1$  (D)  $= \frac{3}{2}$  (E) does not exist

10) The graph of  $y = \frac{x^2 - 9}{3x - 9}$  has  
 (A) a vertical asymptote at  $x = 3$  (B) a horizontal asymptote at  $y = \frac{1}{3}$   
 (C) a removable discontinuity at  $x = 3$  (D) an infinite discontinuity at  $x = 3$   
 (E) none of these

11)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^2 + 1}{(2 - x)(2 + x)}$  is  
 (A)  $-4$  (B)  $-2$  (C)  $1$  (D)  $2$  (E) nonexistent

12) Which statement is true about the curve  $y = \frac{2x^2 + 4}{2 + 7x - 4x^2}$ ?

- (A) The line  $x = -\frac{1}{4}$  is a vertical asymptote.
- (B) The line  $x = 1$  is a vertical asymptote.
- (C) The line  $y = -\frac{1}{4}$  is a horizontal asymptote.
- (D) The graph has no vertical or horizontal asymptote.
- (E) The line  $y = 2$  is a horizontal asymptote.

### Continuity Conditions Review:

1.  $f(c)$  is defined (point exists on the graph)
  2. The  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exists  $\left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) \right]$
  3.  $f(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$
- If function passes all 3 conditions, the function has continuity at  $x = c$
  - If condition #2 FAILS, the function has **nonremovable** discontinuity at  $x = c$
  - If function PASSES condition #2 and FAILS condition #3, the function has **removable** discontinuity at  $x = c$
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13) Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-1}{x-1} & \text{if } x \neq 1 \\ 4 & \text{if } x = 1. \end{cases}$

Which of the following statements is (are) true?

- I.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  exists
  - II.  $f(1)$  exists
  - III.  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 1$
- (A) I only    (B) II only    (C) I and II  
(D) none of them    (E) all of them

14) If  $\begin{cases} f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2x+5} - \sqrt{x+7}}{x-2}, \text{ for } x \neq 2, \\ f(2) = k \end{cases}$  and if  $f$  is

continuous at  $x = 2$ , then  $k =$

- A) 0    B)  $\frac{1}{6}$     C)  $\frac{1}{3}$     D) 1    E)  $\frac{7}{5}$

15) Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2+x}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$ .

Which of the following statements is (are) true?

- I.  $f(0)$  exists
  - II.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  exists
  - III.  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 0$
- (A) I only    (B) II only    (C) I and II only  
(D) all of them    (E) none of them

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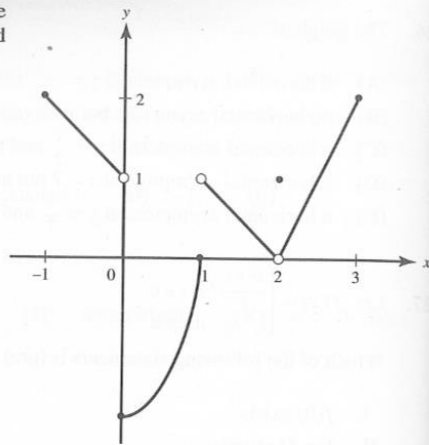
Suppose 
$$\begin{cases} f(x) = \frac{3x(x-1)}{x^2-3x+2} & \text{for } x \neq 1, 2, \\ f(1) = -3, \\ f(2) = 4. \end{cases}$$

Then  $f(x)$  is continuous

- (A) except at  $x = 1$     (B) except at  $x = 2$     (C) except at  $x = 1$  or  $2$   
 (D) except at  $x = 0, 1,$  or  $2$     (E) at each real number

Questions 32–36 are based on the function  $f$  shown in the graph and defined below:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1-x & (-1 \leq x < 0) \\ 2x^2-2 & (0 \leq x \leq 1) \\ -x+2 & (1 < x < 2) \\ 1 & (x=2) \\ 2x-4 & (2 < x \leq 3) \end{cases}$$



32.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$

- (A) equals 0    (B) equals 1    (C) equals 2  
 (D) does not exist    (E) none of these

33. The function  $f$  is defined on  $[-1, 3]$

- (A) if  $x \neq 0$     (B) if  $x \neq 1$     (C) if  $x \neq 2$   
 (D) if  $x \neq 3$     (E) at each  $x$  in  $[-1, 3]$

34. The function  $f$  has a removable discontinuity at

- (A)  $x = 0$     (B)  $x = 1$     (C)  $x = 2$     (D)  $x = 3$     (E) none of these

35. On which of the following intervals is  $f$  continuous?

- (A)  $-1 \leq x \leq 0$     (B)  $0 < x < 1$     (C)  $1 \leq x \leq 2$   
 (D)  $2 \leq x \leq 3$     (E) none of these

36. The function  $f$  has a jump discontinuity at

- (A)  $x = -1$     (B)  $x = 1$     (C)  $x = 2$   
 (D)  $x = 3$     (E) none of these