

**Faculty of Engineering**  
**Mathematical Analysis I**  
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**Exercises 2: Limit-Continuity**

1. Evaluate the following limits or explain why they do not exist (do not use l'Hospital's Rule).

- (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{|x - 3|}$   
 (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^3 - 27}{x^2 - 9}$   
 (c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{9x^2 + 3} - \sqrt{x^2 - x + 1})$   
 (d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x} - 1}{\sqrt{x} - 1}$   
 (e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2^x + 2^{3-x} - 6}{\sqrt{2^{-x}} - 2^{1-x}}$   
 (f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x - 1}{\sqrt[3]{x - 1} - \sqrt[3]{1 - x}}$   
 (g)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x - 1} - 1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$   
 (h)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \cos \frac{3}{x}$   
 (i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{4x^2 - x}$   
 (j)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 3x + 5} + x}{x + \sqrt{x^2 - x + 1}}$   
 (k)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(16x)}{x + 1 - \cos x}$   
 (l)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{e^x}$   
 (m)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{\sqrt{x - 2} - \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x^2 - 4}}$   
 (n)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{\sin 7x}$   
 (o)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{x^3 + x^2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{x}\right)$

2. Find numbers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{ax + b} - 2}{x} = 1$ .

3. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] = 3$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) - g(x)] = 2$ , find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x)$ .

4. Consider the functions

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin 2x}{2x}, & x < 0, \\ 1, & x = 0, \\ \frac{\cos x}{x^3 + 1}, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

and

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x|}{x}, & x \neq 0, \\ 1, & x = 0 \end{cases}.$$

Are the functions  $f$  and  $g$  continuous at  $x = 0$ ? Explain your answer.

5. Find the constants  $m$  and  $n$  so that the following functions are continuous.

- (a)  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2}, & x \neq 2, \\ m, & x = 2 \end{cases}$   
 (b)  $f(x) = \begin{cases} mx - n, & x < 1, \\ 5, & x = 1, \\ 2mx + n, & x > 1 \end{cases}$   
 (c)  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2 - x}, & x \neq 0, \\ m, & x = 0 \end{cases}$

6. Show that there is a root of the given equation in the specified interval.

(a)  $e^{-x} = \ln x$ ,  $(1, 2)$

(b)  $\cos x = x$ ,  $(0, 1)$

7. If  $f(x) = x^6 + 2x - 7$ , show that there is a number  $c$  such that  $f(c) = 25$ .

8. Is there a number that is exactly 1 more than its cube?

9. Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to prove that there is a positive  $c$  such that  $c^2 = 2$ .

10. The gravitational force exerted by Earth on a unit mass at a distance  $r$  from the center of the planet is

$$F(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{GM}{r^2}, & \text{if } r \geq R \\ \frac{GM}{R^3}r, & \text{if } r < R, \end{cases}$$

where  $M$  is the mass of Earth,  $R$  is its radius, and  $G$  is the gravitational constant. Is  $F$  a continuous function of  $r$ ?

11. Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-1}{x-1}, & x \neq 1, \\ 0, & x = 1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 + x \sin\left(\frac{121}{x}\right), & x \neq 0, \\ 1, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

are given.

(a) Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ .

(b) Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x)$ .

(c) Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (f \circ g)(x)$ .

12. Determine whether the statement is true or false. If it is true, explain why. If it is false, give an example that disproves the statement.

(a) If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 3$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  does not exist.

(b) If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  does not exist.

(c) If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x)$  exists, then the limit must be  $f(a)g(a)$ .

(d) If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$  does not exist, then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x)$  does not exist.

(e) If the line  $x = 2$  is a vertical asymptote of  $y = f(x)$ , then  $f$  is not defined at 2.

(f) If  $f(2) > 0$  and  $f(4) < 0$ , then there exists a number  $c$  between 2 and 4 such that  $f(c) = 0$ .

(g) If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \infty$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \infty$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) - g(x)] = 0$ .

(h) If  $f$  is not continuous at 5, then  $f(5)$  is not defined.

(i) A function may have infinitely many vertical asymptotes.

(j) If  $f(x) > 5$  for all  $x$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  exists, then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) > 5$ .

(k) If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$  exist, then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists.

(l) A function may have at most two horizontal asymptotes.

(m) If the line  $y = 2$  is a horizontal asymptote of  $y = f(x)$ , then this line does not cross the graph of  $y = f(x)$ .