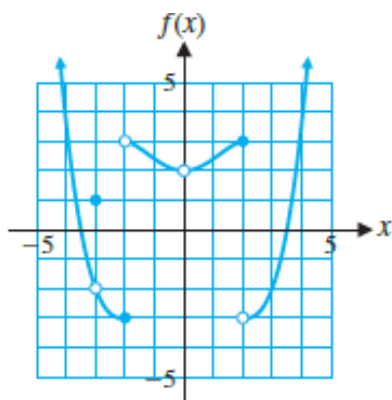


Exercise-4: Limit and Continuity

1. Using the graph of the following function  $f(x)$  evaluate the indicated limits.



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| a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} f(x)$ | b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} f(x)$ | c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x)$ |
| d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x)$ | e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x)$ | f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x)$ |
| g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$  | h) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$  | i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  |
| j) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$  | k) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$  | l) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  |

2. Find the limit or explain why the limit does not exist.

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| a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x}{x+5}$      | b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{16-7x}$           | c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{ x-1 }{x-1}$ | d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \sqrt{5}} \frac{x-\sqrt{5}}{ x-\sqrt{5} }$ |
| e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x+3}{x^2+3x}$ | f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2-1}{(x+1)^2}$ | g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x-5}{x+2}$   | h) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x^2-3x-2}{x^2+x-6}$              |

3. Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1-x^2 & \text{if } x \leq 0, \\ 1+x^2 & \text{if } x > 0. \end{cases}$  Find each indicated quantity if it exists.

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$ | b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$ | c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ | d) $f(0)$ |
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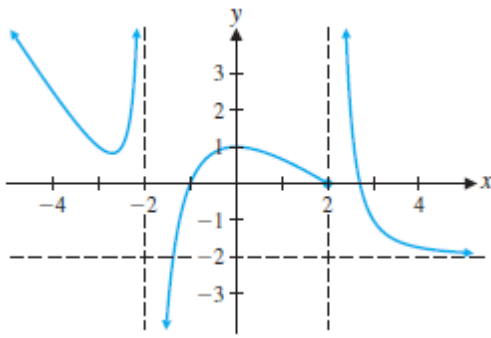
4. Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+3 & \text{if } x < -2, \\ \sqrt{x+2} & \text{if } x > -2. \end{cases}$  Find each indicated quantity if it exists.

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| a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x)$ | b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x)$ | c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x)$ | d) $f(-2)$ |
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5. Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-9}{x+3} & \text{if } x < 0, \\ \frac{x^2-9}{x-3} & \text{if } x > 0. \end{cases}$  Find each indicated quantity if it exists.

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x)$ | b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$ | c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$ | d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$ |
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6. Using the graph of the following function  $f(x)$  evaluate the indicated limits.



- a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$       b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$       c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x)$   
 d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x)$       e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x)$       f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$   
 g)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$       h)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$

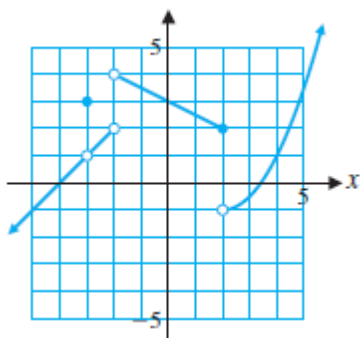
7. Find each limit. Use  $-\infty$  and  $\infty$  when appropriate.

- a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{x}{x-5}$       b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{x}{x-5}$       c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x}{x-5}$       d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x + 2}$   
 e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x + 2}$       f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x + 2}$       g)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 - 3x^3}{7 + 4x^3}$   
 h)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2 - 3x^3}{7 + 2x^3}$       i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4x + 11}{2x^3 - 5}$       j)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6x^5 + 2x}{9x^3 + x^2}$       k)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2 - x + 1}{4x^2}$

8. Find all horizontal and vertical asymptotes for the given functions.

- a)  $f(x) = \frac{2x}{x+2}$       b)  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 1}$       c)  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 2}$       d)  $f(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 5x + 2}{x^2 - x - 2}$

9. Use the graph to estimate the indicated function values and limits.



- a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x)$       b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x)$       c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x)$   
 d)  $f(-2)$       e) Is  $f$  continuous at  $x = -2$ ? Why?  
 f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} f(x)$       g)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} f(x)$       i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x)$   
 j)  $f(-3)$       k) Is  $f$  continuous at  $x = -3$ ? Why?  
 l)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$       m)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$       n)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$   
 o)  $f(2)$       p) Is  $f$  continuous at  $x = 2$ ? Why?

10. Using the definition of continuity, discuss the continuity of each function at the indicated point.

- a)  $f(x) = x + 1$  at  $x = 1$       b)  $g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1}$  at  $x = 1$       c)  $h(x) = \frac{x - 2}{|x - 2|}$  at  $x = 2$   
 d)  $k(x) = \begin{cases} x + 2 & \text{if } x \leq 0, \\ 2 - x & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$  at  $x = 0$

**11.** A company manufacturing snowboards has fixed costs of \$200 per day and total costs of \$3800 per day for a daily output of 20 boards.

- a) Assuming that the total cost per day  $C(x)$  is linearly related to the total output per day  $x$ , write an equation for the cost function.
- b) The average cost per board for an output of  $x$  boards is given by  $\bar{C} = \frac{C(x)}{x}$ . Find the average cost function.
- c) What does the average cost per board tend to as production increases?

**12.** Natural-gas rates. Table 1 shows the rates for natural gas charged by the Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Utility District during summer months. The base charge is a fixed monthly charge, independent of the amount of gas used per month.

**Table 1 Summer (May–September)**

Base charge	\$5.00
First 50 therms	0.63 per therm
Over 50 therms	0.45 per therm

- a) Write a piecewise definition of the monthly charge  $S(x)$  for a customer who uses  $x$  therms in a summer month.
- b) Graph  $S(x)$ .
- c) Is  $S(x)$  continuous at  $x = 50$ ? Explain.

**13.** A personal-computer salesperson receives a base salary of \$1000 per month and a commission of 5% of all sales over \$10000 during the month. If the monthly sales are \$20000 or more, then the salesperson is given an additional \$500 bonus. Let  $E(s)$  represent the person's earnings per month as a function of the monthly sales  $s$ .

- a) Write a piecewise definition of  $E(s)$ .
- b) Graph  $E(s)$  for  $0 \leq s \leq 30000$ .
- c) Find  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 10000} E(s)$  and  $E(10000)$ . Is  $E(s)$  continuous at  $s = 10000$ ? Explain.
- d) Find  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 20000} E(s)$  and  $E(20000)$ . Is  $E(s)$  continuous at  $s = 20000$ ? Explain.