

Homework 3

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Exercise 1 Prove the following limit using an ε, δ proof.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^3 = 0$$

Exercise 2 Prove the following limit using an ε, δ proof.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -6^+} \sqrt[8]{6+x} = 0$$

Exercise 3 Evaluate the following limits and justify each step.

(1)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x^4 - 3x)(x^2 + 5x + 3)$$

(2)

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow -2} \sqrt{u^4 + 3u + 6}$$

(3)

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

Exercise 4 Evaluate the following limits, if they exist.

(1)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 + 3x}{x^2 - x - 12}$$

(2)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 + 3x}{x^2 - x - 12}$$

(3)

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

(4)

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+h)^3 - 8}{h}$$

(5)

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{t^4 - 1}{t^3 - 1}$$

(6)

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{4u+1} - 3}{u-2}$$

(7)

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3+h)^{-1} - 3^{-1}}{h}$$

(8)

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{t} - \frac{1}{t^2 + t} \right)$$

(9)

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

(10)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 9} - 5}{x + 4}$$

(11)

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{(x+h)^2} - \frac{1}{x^2}}{h}$$

Exercise 5 Use the squeeze theorem to show

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{x^3 + x^2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{x}\right) = 0$$

Exercise 6 If $2x \leq g(x) \leq x^4 - x^2 + 2$, for all x , find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x)$.

Exercise 7 Find the following limits, if they exist.

(1)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -6} \frac{2x + 12}{|x + 6|}$$

(2)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{2 - |x|}{2 + x}$$

(3)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{|x|} \right)$$

Exercise 8 Use the definition of continuity and the properties of limits to show that the function is continuous at the given number a .

$$(1) g(t) = \frac{t^2 + 5t}{2t + 1}, a = 2$$

$$(2) f(x) = 3x^4 - 5x + \sqrt[3]{x^2 + 4}, a = 2$$

Exercise 9 Explain why the functions below are discontinuous at the given number a .

$$(1) \text{ for } a = -2,$$

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

$$(2) \text{ for } a = -1,$$

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

$$(3) \text{ for } a = 3,$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2x^2 - 5x - 3}{x - 3} & \text{if } x \neq 3 \\ 6 & \text{if } x = 3 \end{cases}$$

Exercise 10 Explain using our theorems, why the functions below are continuous everywhere on its domain. What are their domains?

$$(1) G(x) = \frac{x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - x - 1}$$

$$(2) R(t) = \frac{e^{\sin(t)}}{2 + \cos(\pi t)}$$

$$(3) B(x) = \frac{\tan(x)}{\sqrt{4 - x^2}}$$

$$(4) N(r) = \tan^{-1}(1 + e^{-r^2})$$

Exercise 11 Locate the discontinuities of $y = \ln(\tan^2(x))$.

Exercise 12 Use the intermediate value theorem to show that there is a root of the given equation in the specified interval.

$$(1) \ln(x) = x - \sqrt{x} \text{ on } (2, 3).$$

$$(2) \sin(x) = x^2 - x \text{ on } (1, 2).$$