

- This is a closed-book examination. No books, notes, calculators, cell phones, communication devices of any sort, webpages, or other aids are permitted.
- Please *show* all of your work and *justify* all of your answers.

1. Evaluate each of the following limits. Please **justify** your answers. Be clear if the limit equals a value, $+\infty$ or $-\infty$, or Does Not Exist.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow -7} \frac{x^2 + 5x - 14}{x^2 - 4x + 4} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \frac{0}{81} = \boxed{0}$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow -6} \frac{f(x^2) + 5x - 8}{[f(x)]^2 + 5x + 14} = \quad \text{where } f(x) = x + 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -6} \frac{f(x^2) + 5x - 8}{[f(x)]^2 + 5x + 14} &\stackrel{0}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow -6} \frac{x^2 + 2 + 5x - 8}{[x + 2]^2 + 5x + 14} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -6} \frac{x^2 + 5x - 6}{x^2 + 4x + 4 + 5x + 14} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -6} \frac{x^2 + 5x - 6}{x^2 + 9x + 18} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -6} \frac{(x + 6)(x - 1)}{(x + 6)(x + 3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -6} \frac{x - 1}{x + 3} = \frac{-7}{-3} = \boxed{\frac{7}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{3 - \sqrt{x+1}}{x^2 - 7x - 8} &\stackrel{0}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{3 - \sqrt{x+1}}{x^2 - 7x - 8} \cdot \left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{x+1}}{3 + \sqrt{x+1}} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{9 - (x+1)}{(x^2 - 7x - 8)(3 + \sqrt{x+1})} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{8 - x}{(x - 8)(x + 1)(3 + \sqrt{x+1})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{-(x - 8)}{(x - 8)(x + 1)(3 + \sqrt{x+1})} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{-1}{(x + 1)(3 + \sqrt{x+1})} = \frac{-1}{(9)(3 + \sqrt{9})} = \frac{-1}{(9)(6)} = \boxed{\frac{-1}{54}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\frac{3-x}{x-5} - \frac{3}{7-x}}{x^2 - x - 12} &\stackrel{0}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\left(\frac{(3-x)(7-x) - 3(x-5)}{(x-5)(7-x)} \right)}{x^2 - x - 12} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\left(\frac{21 - 10x + x^2 - 3x + 15}{(x-5)(7-x)} \right)}{x^2 - x - 12} = \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\left(\frac{x^2 - 13x + 36}{(x-5)(7-x)} \right)}{x^2 - x - 12} & \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 - 13x + 36}{(x-5)(7-x)} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x^2 - x - 12} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{(x-9)(x-4)}{(x-5)(7-x)} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{(x-4)(x+3)} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x-9}{(x-5)(7-x)(x+3)} = \frac{4-9}{(4-5)(7-4)(4+3)} = \frac{-5}{(-1)(3)(7)} = \boxed{\frac{5}{21}} \end{aligned}$$

$$(e) \lim_{x \rightarrow 7} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 21}{x^2 - 3x} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \frac{0}{28} = \boxed{0} \quad (\text{Trust this answer})$$

$$(f) \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 - 3x - 4}{|x - 4|} = \boxed{\text{DNE b/c RHL} \neq \text{LHL}}$$

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{x^2 - 3x - 4}{|x - 4|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{x^2 - 3x - 4}{x - 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{(x - 4)(x + 1)}{x - 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} x + 1 = 5$$

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \frac{x^2 - 3x - 4}{|x - 4|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \frac{x^2 - 3x - 4}{-(x - 4)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \frac{(x - 4)(x + 1)}{-(x - 4)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} -(x + 1) = -5$$

$$\text{Recall } |x - 4| = \begin{cases} x - 4 & \text{if } x - 4 \geq 0 \\ -(x - 4) & \text{if } x - 4 < 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} x - 4 & \text{if } x \geq 4 \\ -(x - 4) & \text{if } x < 4 \end{cases} \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \text{RHL} \\ \leftarrow \text{LHL} \end{array}$$

WARNING: The $|x - 4|$ does not just cancel with the $x - 4$. You must examine the two cases for the absolute value, because we are approaching 7.

$$(g) \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 - 2x - 8}{x^2 - 5x + 4} \stackrel{\left(\frac{0}{0}\right)}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{(x - 4)(x + 2)}{(x - 4)(x - 1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x + 2}{x - 1} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \frac{6}{3} = \boxed{2}$$

$$(h) \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{\frac{1}{1-x} - \frac{1}{6}}{x^2 + 3x - 10} \stackrel{\left(\frac{0}{0}\right)}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{\frac{6 - (1-x)}{(1-x)6}}{x^2 + 3x - 10} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{5+x}{(1-x)6} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2 + 3x - 10}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{5+x}{(1-x)6} \cdot \frac{1}{(x+5)(x-2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{1}{(1-x)6(x-2)} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \frac{1}{(6)6(-7)} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{252}}$$

$$(i) \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 12x + 27}{x^2 - 9} \stackrel{\left(\frac{0}{0}\right)}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x-9)(x-3)}{(x-3)(x+3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x-9}{x+3} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \frac{-6}{6} = \boxed{-1}$$

$$(j) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x+7} - 3}{x^2 - 3x + 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x+7} - 3}{x^2 - 3x + 2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x+7} + 3}{\sqrt{x+7} + 3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x+7) - 9}{(x^2 - 3x + 2)(\sqrt{x+7} + 3)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{(x-2)(x-1)(\sqrt{x+7} + 3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{(x-1)(\sqrt{x+7} + 3)} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{9+3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{9+3}} = \boxed{\frac{1}{6}}$$

2. Suppose that $f(x) = \frac{x+7}{x-3}$. Compute the difference quotient $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$. Simplify your answer until the h in the denominator cancels.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} &= \frac{\frac{(x+h)+7}{(x+h)-3} - \frac{x+7}{x-3}}{h} = \frac{\left(\frac{(x+h+7)(x-3) - (x+7)(x+h-3)}{(x+h-3)(x-3)}\right)}{h} \\ &= \frac{x^2 + xh + 7x - 3x - 3h - 21 - (x^2 + xh - 3x + 7x + 7h - 21)}{h(x+h-3)(x-3)} \\ &= \frac{x^2 + xh + 7x - 3x - 3h - 21 - x^2 - xh + 3x - 7x - 7h + 21}{h(x+h-3)(x-3)} \\ &= \frac{-3h - 7h}{h(x+h-3)(x-3)} = \frac{-10h}{h(x+h-3)(x-3)} = \boxed{\frac{-10}{(x+h-3)(x-3)}} \end{aligned}$$

3. Consider the two functions $f(x) = \frac{1+x}{1-x}$ and $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$.

(a) Compute $f \circ g(x)$. Simplify your answer to a single fraction. State the Domain.

$$f \circ g(x) = f(g(x)) = f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{x}}{1 - \frac{1}{x}} = \frac{\frac{x}{x} + \frac{1}{x}}{\frac{x}{x} - \frac{1}{x}} = \frac{\frac{x+1}{x}}{\frac{x-1}{x}} = \frac{x+1}{x} \cdot \left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right) = \boxed{\frac{x+1}{x-1}}$$

Domain $f \circ g$: $\{x|x \neq 0, 1\}$. Recall, for x to be in the domain of $f \circ g$, it must be in the domain of g first, and THEN the output $g(x)$ must be in the domain of f .

(b) Compute $g \circ f(x)$. Simplify your answer to a single fraction. State the Domain.

$$g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = g\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right) = \frac{1}{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} = \boxed{\frac{1-x}{1+x}}$$

Domain $g \circ f$: $\{x|x \neq -1, 1\}$

(c) Compute $f \circ f(x)$. Simplify your answer to a single fraction. State the Domain.

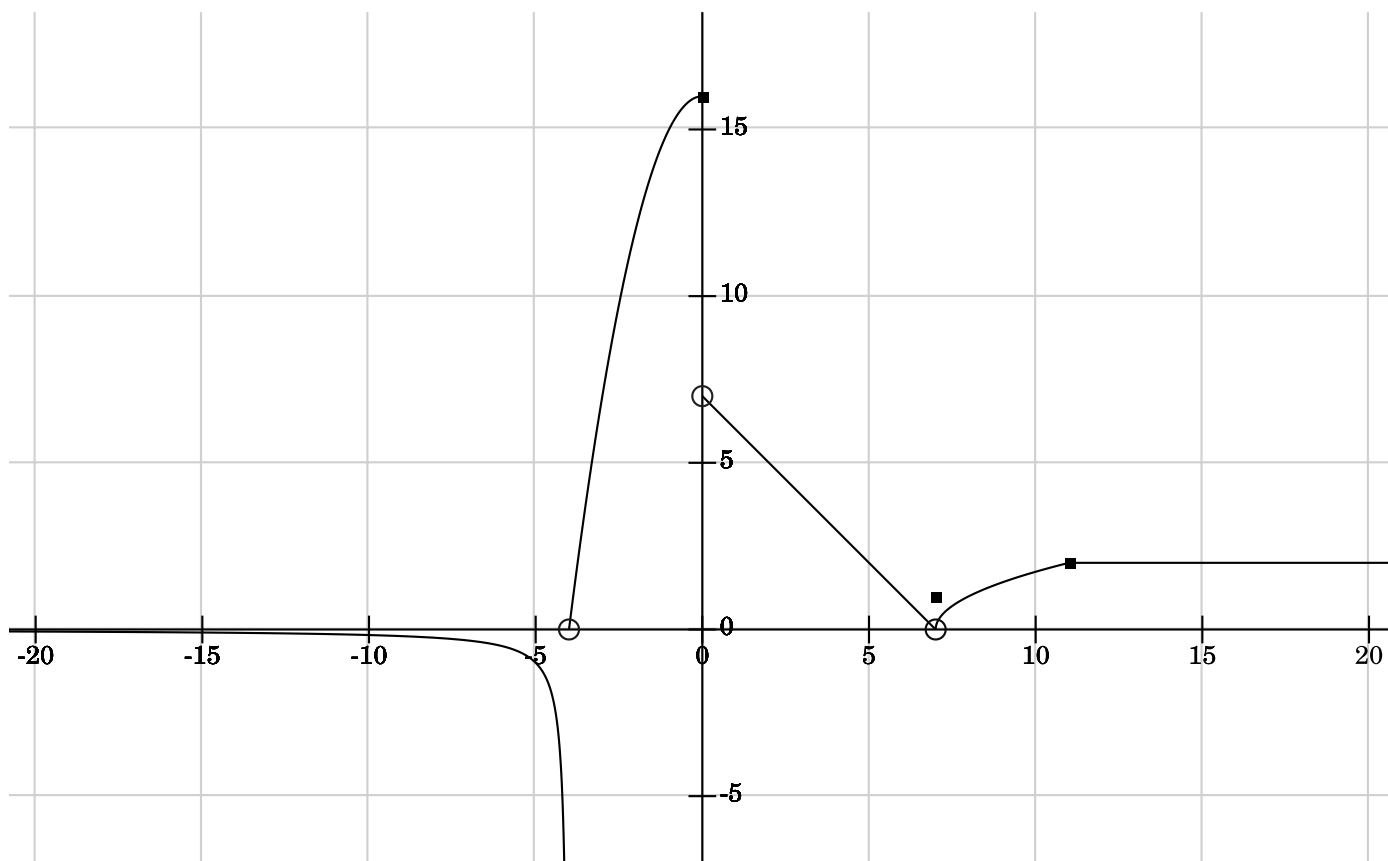
$$\begin{aligned} f \circ f(x) = f(f(x)) &= f\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right) = \frac{1 + \frac{1+x}{1-x}}{1 - \frac{1+x}{1-x}} = \frac{\frac{1-x}{1-x} + \frac{1+x}{1-x}}{\frac{1-x}{1-x} - \frac{1+x}{1-x}} = \frac{\frac{1-x+1+x}{1-x}}{\frac{1-x-(1+x)}{1-x}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1-x+1+x}{1-x}}{\frac{1-x-1-x}{1-x}} = \frac{2}{-2x} = \frac{2}{1-x} \cdot \left(\frac{1-x}{-2x}\right) = \boxed{-\frac{1}{x}} \end{aligned}$$

Domain $f \circ f$: $\{x|x \neq 0, 1\}$

4. Consider the function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } x \geq 11 \\ \sqrt{x-7} & \text{if } 7 < x < 11 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 7 \\ 7-x & \text{if } 0 < x < 7 \\ 16-x^2 & \text{if } -4 < x \leq 0 \\ \frac{1}{x+4} & \text{if } x < -4 \end{cases}$$

(a) Carefully sketch the graph of $f(x)$.



(b) State the Domain of the function $f(x)$.

Domain = $\boxed{\{x : x \neq -4\}}$

(c) Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} f(x) = \boxed{\text{DOES NOT EXIST since RHL} \neq \text{LHL}}$

RHL: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -4^+} 16 - x^2 = 0$

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow -4^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -4^-} \frac{1}{x+4} = \frac{1}{0^-} = -\infty$$

(d) Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) =$ DOES NOT EXIST since RHL \neq LHL

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} 7 - x = 7$$

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} 16 - x^2 = 16$$

(e) Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} f(x) =$ 0 since RHL=LHL

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} \sqrt{x-7} = 0$$

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} 7 - x = 0$$

(f) Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow 11} f(x) =$ 2

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 11^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 11^+} 2 = 2$$

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 11^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 11^-} \sqrt{x-7} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

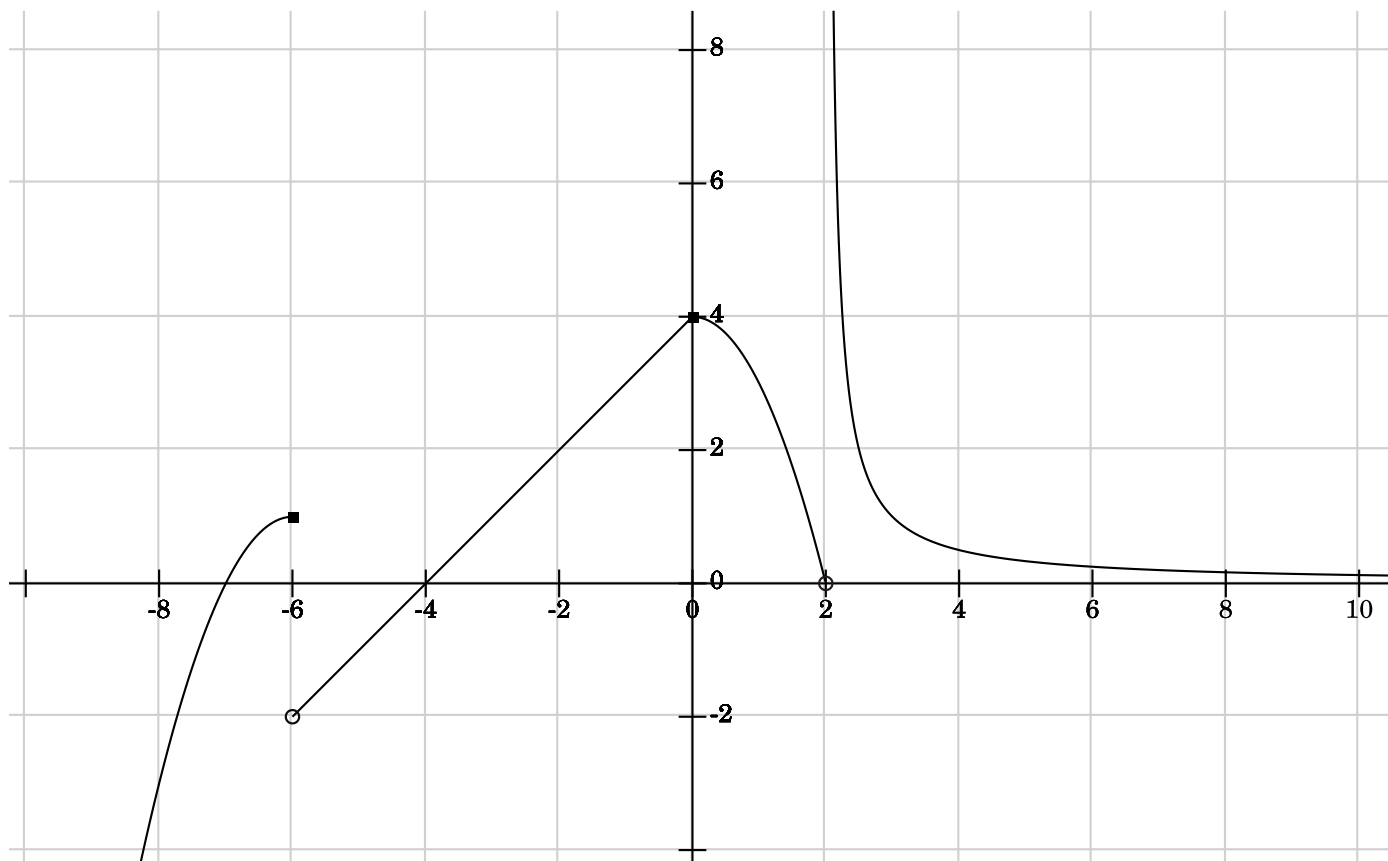
(g) Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) =$ 2

(h) Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) =$ 0

5. Consider the function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x-2} & \text{if } x > 2 \\ 4 - x^2 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 2 \\ x + 4 & \text{if } -6 < x < 0 \\ 1 - (x + 6)^2 & \text{if } x \leq -6 \end{cases}$$

Graph $f(x)$.



Answer the following questions. Justify your answers.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -6} f(x) =$ DNE b/c RHL \neq LHL

RHL: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -6^+} f(x) = -2$

LHL: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -6^-} f(x) = 1$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) =$ 4 b/c RHL=LHL

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 4$$

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = 4$$

$$\text{(c) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \boxed{\text{DNE b/c RHL} \neq \text{LHL}}$$

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = +\infty$$

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 0$$

$$\text{(d) } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \boxed{0}$$

$$\text{(e) } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \boxed{-\infty}$$