

**Limit Practice Problems**

Evaluate the following limits, including if the limit Does Not Exist, or is  $+\infty$  or  $-\infty$ . Always justify your work:

1.  $\lim_{w \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{16}{w} =$

2.  $\lim_{w \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{16}{w} =$

3.  $\lim_{w \rightarrow 0} \frac{16}{w} =$

4.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{3-t}{t-2} =$

5.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{3-t}{t-2} =$

6.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 2} \frac{3-t}{t-2} =$

7.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{3-t}{(t-2)^2} =$

8.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{3-t}{(t-2)^2} =$

9.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 2} \frac{3-t}{(t-2)^2} =$

10.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{(x+2)^2}{x^2 - 3x - 4} =$

11.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \frac{(x+2)^2}{x^2 - 3x - 4} =$

12.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{(x+2)^2}{x^2 - 3x - 4} =$

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

14.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \frac{x-4}{x^2 - 3x - 4} =$

15.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x-4}{x^2 - 3x - 4} =$

$$16. \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{x^2 - 2x - 8}{x^2 - 3x - 4} =$$

$$17. \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \frac{x^2 - 2x - 8}{x^2 - 3x - 4} =$$

$$18. \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 - 2x - 8}{x^2 - 3x - 4} =$$

$$19. \lim_{x \rightarrow 6} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 12}{x^2 - 3x - 18} =$$

$$20. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 12}{x^2 - 3x - 18} =$$

$$21. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 12}{x^2 - 3x - 18} =$$

$$22. \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 12}{x^2 - 3x - 18} =$$

$$23. \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 12}{x^2 - 3x - 18} =$$

$$24. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 12}{x^2 - 7x} =$$

$$25. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 12}{x^2 - 7x} =$$

$$26. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - 4x - 12}{x^2 - 7x} =$$

$$27. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - 4x}{x^2 - 7x} =$$

$$28. \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{x^2 - 9}{|x - 3|} =$$

$$29. \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{x^2 - 9}{|x - 3|} =$$

$$30. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^3 + 2009x^2 + 2000x}{|x|} =$$

$$31. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x^3 + 2009x^2 + 2000x}{|x|} =$$

$$32. \lim_{x \rightarrow (-5)^+} \frac{x^2 + 6x + 5}{|x + 5|} =$$

$$33. \lim_{x \rightarrow (-5)^-} \frac{x^2 + 6x + 5}{|x + 5|} =$$

34.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{x^2 + 6x + 5}{|x + 5|} =$
35.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{t^2 - 1}{t^2 - 11t + 10} =$
36.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{t^2}{t^2 + t - 1} =$
37.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -1} \frac{2009(t^2 + 6t + 5)}{t^2 + t} =$
38.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{x^2 - 10x + 9}{x^2 + x - 90} =$
39.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} t^{500} + t^{400} + t^{300} + t^{200} + t^{100} =$
40.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x^2 - 2x - 3} =$
41.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x - 1}{\sqrt{x + 3} - 2} =$
42.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{9x - x^2}{3 - \sqrt{x}} =$
43.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 8} - 3}{x - 1} =$
44.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{t + 4}{t^2 + 6t} =$
45.  $\lim_{w \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{w + 6} =$
46.  $\lim_{w \rightarrow 6} \frac{2}{w + 6} =$
47.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5} x^2 - 3x + 6 =$
48.  $\lim_{w \rightarrow -2} \frac{w + 2}{w^2 - 3w + 2} =$
49.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3}{x - 2} =$
50.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{5}{1 - x} =$
51.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{5x}{1 - x} =$
52.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{6x}{5 - x} =$
53.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{6x}{5 - x} =$

54.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{6x}{5 - x} =$
55.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x^2 - 3x - 28}{x^2 + 4x} =$
56.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - 3x - 28}{x^2 + 4x} =$
57.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{-4}{x - 3} =$
58.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{-4}{x - 3} =$
59.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{-4}{3 - x} =$
60.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{-4}{3 - x} =$
61.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} |x| + 3 =$
62.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} |x| + 3 =$
63.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} |x - 1| - 3 =$
64.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} |x - 1| - 3 =$
65.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} |x - 1| - 3 =$
66.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} |x - 1| - 3 =$
67.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x^2 - 1}{|x - 1|} =$
68.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x^2 - 1}{|x - 1|} =$
69.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{|1 - x|}{(1 - x)^2} =$
70.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 4}{|x - 2|} =$
71.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} \frac{7 - x}{|x - 7|} =$
72.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x}{x - |x|} =$

$$73. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{2-x}{|x-2|} =$$

Use the  $\varepsilon - \delta$  definition for limits to prove each of the following:

$$74. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 7x - 6 = 8.$$

$$75. \lim_{x \rightarrow -7} 2 - \frac{3}{7}x = 5.$$

$$76. \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} 2x + 1 = -3.$$

$$77. \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 1 - 4x = -11.$$

$$78. \lim_{t \rightarrow 2} 5 - 4t = -3.$$

$$79. \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} 4 - 3x = 7.$$

$$80. \lim_{t \rightarrow 2} -2t - 5 = -9.$$

$$81. \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} -3x + 17 = 5.$$

$$82. \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} 1 - 5x = 16.$$

$$83. \lim_{x \rightarrow -14} \frac{4}{7}x + 3 = -5.$$

**Tangent Lines** Please use the limit definition for the derivative when computing the derivatives in this section.

84. Find an equation for the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x) = x - 2x^2$  at the point  $(1, -1)$

85. Find an equation for the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  at  $x = 4$

86. At which point(s) does the graph of  $f(x) = -x^2 + 13$  have a horizontal tangent line?

87. At which point(s) of the graph of  $f(x) = -x^3 + 13$  is the slope of the tangent line equal to  $-27$ ? What's the picture representing this problem?

88. There are two points on the graph of the curve  $y = -x^2 + 7$  whose tangent line to the graph at those points passes through the point  $(0, 11)$ . Find those two points.

89. Find the equation of the line passing through  $(2, 3)$  which is perpendicular to the tangent to the curve  $y = x^3 - 3x + 1$  at the point  $(2, 3)$ .

90. Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve  $y = x^3 + x$  at the point(s) where the slope equals 4.

**Derivatives** Use the limit definition of the derivative to calculate the derivative for each of the following functions:

91.  $f(x) = 3 - 9x^2$

92.  $f(x) = -4x - x^2 - 3$

93.  $f(x) = \frac{-3}{x}$

94.  $f(x) = -9x^2 + 3$

95.  $f(x) = x^3$

96.  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3$

97.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$

98.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x - 7}$

99.  $f(x) = \sqrt{3x - 7}$

100.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^3}$

101.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$

**Functions and Limit Practice Problems** Evaluate the following limits:

102. Let  $g(x) = 2x + 1$ . Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x - 1}{g(x^2) - 3} =$

103. Let  $G(u) = u^2 + u$ . Compute  $\lim_{u \rightarrow 2} \frac{u^2 - 2u}{G(u - 3)} =$

104. Let  $F(x) = |x| + 1$ . Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{F(x - 1)}{F(x - 5)} =$

105. Let  $h(y) = y^2 - 3$ . Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x + 2}{h(2x) - h(x + 6)} =$

106. Let  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ . Compute  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 1} \frac{g(s^2 + 8) - 3}{s - 1} =$

107. Let  $f(t) = \frac{1}{t}$ . Compute  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 2} \frac{f(t - 1) - 2f(t)}{t^2 - 4} =$

**More Tangent Lines** Please use the limit definition for the derivative when computing derivatives in this section.

108. Find an equation for the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$  at the point  $(0, -1)$ .

109. Find an equation for the tangent line to the graph of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$  at the point  $\left(1, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ .

110. Find an equation for the tangent line to the graph of  $y = \frac{3}{x} + 1$  when  $x = 1$ .

111. Find an equation for the tangent line to the graph of  $y = x^2 - 4x + 2$  when  $x = 1$ . At what point is the tangent line to this curve horizontal?

**Functions** Please state what the domain is for each of the following functions.

112.  $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x-1}$

113.  $g(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$

114.  $g(x) = \sqrt{2-x}$

115.  $g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-x}}$

116.  $f(x) = \frac{x-3}{x^2+3}$

117.  $w(x) = \frac{1}{x-4}$

118.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2+6x+8}{x+2}$

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119. Let  $g(x) = \frac{x+1}{x}$ . Compute (and simplify, if possible) the following:

(a)  $g(2) =$

(b)  $g(0) =$

(c)  $g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) =$

(d)  $g\left(\frac{1}{10}\right) =$

(e)  $g(t-2) =$

(f)  $\frac{g(2+h) - g(2)}{h} =$

120. Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{1}{x}$ . Compute (and simplify, if possible) the following:

(a)  $f(1) =$

(b)  $f(-1) =$

(c)  $f\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) =$

(d)  $f(t-1) =$

(e)  $f\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) =$

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121. Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ ,  $g(x) = x^2 + 4$ , and  $h(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ . Compute (and simplify, if possible) the following:

(a)  $f \circ g(x) =$

(b)  $g \circ f(x) =$

(c)  $g \circ h(x) - h \circ g(x) =$

(d)  $f \circ h(x) - h \circ f(x) =$

(e)  $h \circ g \circ f(x) =$

(f)  $g \circ f \circ f(x) =$

(g)  $g \circ g(x) =$

122. Suppose  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 3$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} g(x) = -2$ . Assume  $g$  is continuous at  $x = 3$ . Find each of the following values:

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 2f(x) - 4g(x) =$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} g(x) \cdot \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} =$

(c)  $g(3) =$

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} g(f(x)) =$

(e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \sqrt{(f(x))^2 - 8g(x)} =$

Consider each of the following piecewise defined functions. Answer the related questions. *Justify* your answers please.

123. Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x^2 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 8 - x & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$

Sketch the graph. Find the numbers at which  $f$  is discontinuous. Evaluate:

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) =$$

124. Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 2 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 2x^2 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 3 - x & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$

Sketch the graph. Find the numbers at which  $f$  is discontinuous. Evaluate:

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) =$$



$$125. \text{ Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x-4} & \text{if } x < 2 \\ \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Sketch the graph. Find the numbers at which  $f$  is discontinuous. Evaluate:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) =$$

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

$$126. \text{ Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} -3x + 4 & \text{if } x \leq 3 \\ -2 & \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases}$$

Sketch the graph. Find the numbers at which  $f$  is discontinuous. Evaluate:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) =$$

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

$$127. \text{ Let } f(t) = \begin{cases} t - 3 & \text{if } t \leq 3 \\ 3 - t & \text{if } 3 < t < 5 \\ 1 & \text{if } t = 5 \\ 3 - t & \text{if } t > 5 \end{cases}$$

Sketch the graph. Find the numbers at which  $f$  is discontinuous. Evaluate:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 3} f(t) =$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) =$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 5} f(t) =$$

$$128. \text{ Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x^2 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 6 - x & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Sketch the graph. Find the numbers at which  $f$  is discontinuous. Evaluate:

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) =$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 6} f(x) =$$

$$129. \text{ Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 & \text{if } x < -1 \\ x & \text{if } -1 < x < 1 \\ 1 - x & \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Sketch the graph. Find the numbers at which  $f$  is discontinuous. Evaluate:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) =$$

$$130. \text{ Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} x - 1 & \text{if } x < 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } 2 < x < 4 \\ 3 & \text{if } x = 4 \\ \sqrt{x} & \text{if } x > 4 \end{cases}$$

Sketch the graph. Find the numbers at which  $f$  is discontinuous. Evaluate:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) =$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) =$$

$$f(4) =$$

$$131. \text{ Let } h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{8}{x+2} & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 2 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}x - 4 & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 16 \\ \sqrt{x} & \text{if } x > 16 \end{cases}$$

Sketch the graph. Find the numbers at which  $h$  is discontinuous. Evaluate:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} h(x) =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} h(x) =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 16} h(x) =$$

$$132. \text{ Let } h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{8}{x-2} & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 2 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}x - 4 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Sketch the graph. Find the numbers at which  $h$  is discontinuous. Evaluate:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} h(x) =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} h(x) =$$

$$133. \text{ Let } h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{8}{x-2} & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}x - 4 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Sketch the graph. Find the numbers at which  $h$  is discontinuous. Evaluate:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} h(x) =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} h(x) =$$

$$h(0) =$$