

Limit Practice Problems

Evaluate the following limits. Be clear 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. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} |x-1| - 3 =$
62. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} |x-1| - 3 =$
63. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x^2 - 1}{|x-1|} =$
64. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x^2 - 1}{|x-1|} =$
65. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{|1-x|}{(1-x)^2} =$
66. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 4}{|x-2|} =$
67. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} \frac{7-x}{|x-7|} =$
68. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x}{x-|x|} =$
69. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{2-x}{|x-2|} =$
70. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sqrt{x+6} - 3}{x^2 - x - 6} =$
71. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} \frac{\frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{x}}{x-7} =$
72. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -6} \frac{\frac{1}{2-x} - \frac{1}{8}}{x+6} =$

$$73. \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sqrt{x+1} - 2}{3-x} =$$

$$74. \lim_{x \rightarrow 7} \frac{x^2 - 49}{2 - \sqrt{x-3}} =$$

$$75. \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x+20}} - \frac{1}{5}}{x-5} =$$

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

$$76. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 7x - 6 = 8.$$

$$77. \lim_{x \rightarrow -7} 2 - \frac{3}{7}x = 5.$$

$$78. \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} 2x + 1 = -3.$$

$$79. \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 1 - 4x = -11.$$

$$80. \lim_{t \rightarrow 2} 5 - 4t = -3.$$

$$81. \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} 4 - 3x = 7.$$

$$82. \lim_{t \rightarrow 2} -2t - 5 = -9.$$

$$83. \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} -3x + 17 = 5.$$

$$84. \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} 1 - 5x = 16.$$

$$85. \lim_{x \rightarrow -14} \frac{4}{7}x + 3 = -5.$$

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

$$86. \text{ Find an equation for the tangent line to the graph of } f(x) = x - 2x^2 \text{ at the point } (1, -1)$$

$$87. \text{ Find an equation for the tangent line to the graph of } f(x) = \sqrt{x} \text{ at } x = 4$$

$$88. \text{ At which point(s) does the graph of } f(x) = -x^2 + 13 \text{ have a horizontal tangent line?}$$

$$89. \text{ At which point(s) of the graph of } f(x) = -x^3 + 13 \text{ is the slope of the tangent line equal to } -27? \text{ What's the picture representing this problem?}$$

$$90. \text{ There are two points on the graph of the curve } y = -x^2 + 7 \text{ whose tangent line to the graph at those points passes through the point } (0, 11). \text{ Find those two points.}$$

$$91. \text{ Find the equation of the line passing through } (2, 3) \text{ which is perpendicular to the tangent to the curve } y = x^3 - 3x + 1 \text{ at the point } (2, 3).$$

$$92. \text{ Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve } y = x^3 + x \text{ at the point(s) where the slope equals 4.}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Functions and Limit Practice Problems Evaluate the following limits:

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

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

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

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

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

109. 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.

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

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

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

113. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

122. 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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123. 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) $g \circ g(x) =$

124. 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. Justify your work.

(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.

125. 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:

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

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

126. 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:

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

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

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

$$127. \text{ Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x-4} & \text{if } x < 2 \\ \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

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

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

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

$$128. \text{ Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} -3x + 4 & \text{if } x \leq 3 \\ -2 & \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases}$$

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

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

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

$$129. \text{ Let } f(t) = \begin{cases} t - 3 & \text{if } t \leq 3 \\ 3 - t & \text{if } 3 < t < 5 \\ 1 & \text{if } t = 5 \\ 3 - t & \text{if } t > 5 \end{cases}$$

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

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

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

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

$$130. \text{ Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x^2 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 6 - x & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$131. \text{ Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 & \text{if } x < -1 \\ x & \text{if } -1 < x < 1 \\ 1 - x & \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

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

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

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

$$132. \text{ Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} x - 1 & \text{if } x < 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } 2 < x < 4 \\ 3 & \text{if } x = 4 \\ \sqrt{x} & \text{if } x > 4 \end{cases}$$

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

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

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

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

$$f(4) =$$

$$133. \text{ Let } h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{8}{x+2} & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 2 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}x - 4 & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 16 \\ \sqrt{x} & \text{if } x > 16 \end{cases}$$

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

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

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

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

$$134. \text{ Let } h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{8}{x-2} & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 2 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}x - 4 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

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

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

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

$$135. \text{ Let } h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{8}{x-2} & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}x - 4 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

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

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

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

$$h(0) =$$