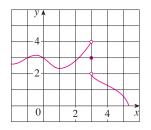
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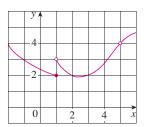
3. Explain the meaning of each of the following.

(a)
$$\lim_{x \to -3} f(x) = \infty$$
 (b) $\lim_{x \to 4^+} f(x) = -\infty$

- **4.** For the function *f* whose graph is given, state the value of each quantity, if it exists. If it does not exist, explain why.
 - (a) $\lim_{x \to 0} f(x)$ (b) $\lim_{x \to 3^{-}} f(x)$ (c) $\lim_{x \to 3^{+}} f(x)$ (d) $\lim_{x \to 3} f(x)$ (e) f(3)

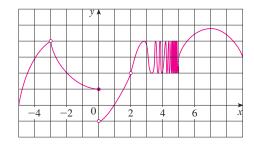


- **5.** Use the given graph of *f* to state the value of each quantity, if it exists. If it does not exist, explain why.
 - (a) $\lim_{x \to 1^{-}} f(x)$ (b) $\lim_{x \to 1^{+}} f(x)$ (c) $\lim_{x \to 1} f(x)$
 - (d) $\lim_{x \to 5} f(x)$ (e) f(5)



6. For the function h whose graph is given, state the value of each quantity, if it exists. If it does not exist, explain why.
(a) lim h(x)
(b) lim h(x)
(c) lim h(x)

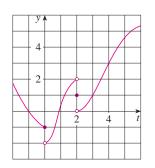
(a) $\lim_{x \to -3^-} n(x)$	$(0) \lim_{x \to -3^+} n(x)$	(c) $\lim_{x \to -3} n(x)$
(d) $h(-3)$	(e) $\lim_{x\to 0^-} h(x)$	(f) $\lim_{x\to 0^+} h(x)$
(g) $\lim_{x\to 0} h(x)$	(h) $h(0)$	(i) $\lim_{x \to 2} h(x)$
(j) <i>h</i> (2)	(k) $\lim_{x \to 5^+} h(x)$	(1) $\lim_{x \to 5^-} h(x)$



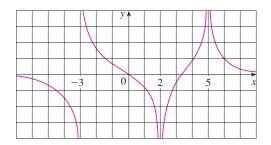
7. For the function *g* whose graph is given, state the value of each quantity, if it exists. If it does not exist, explain why.

(a) $\lim_{t\to 0^-} g(t)$	(b) $\lim_{t\to 0^+} g(t)$	(c) $\lim_{t\to 0} g(t)$
(d) $\lim_{t\to 2^-} g(t)$	(e) $\lim_{t\to 2^+} g(t)$	(f) $\lim_{t\to 2} g(t)$

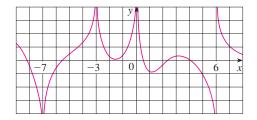
(g) g(2) (h) $\lim_{t \to 4} g(t)$



- **8.** For the function *R* whose graph is shown, state the following. (a) $\lim_{x\to 2} R(x)$ (b) $\lim_{x\to 5} R(x)$
 - (c) $\lim_{x \to -3^{-}} R(x)$ (d) $\lim_{x \to -3^{+}} R(x)$
 - (e) The equations of the vertical asymptotes.



- **9.** For the function f whose graph is shown, state the following.
 - (a) $\lim_{x \to -7} f(x)$ (b) $\lim_{x \to -3} f(x)$ (c) $\lim_{x \to 0} f(x)$
 - (d) $\lim_{x \to 6^{-}} f(x)$ (e) $\lim_{x \to 6^{+}} f(x)$
 - (f) The equations of the vertical asymptotes.

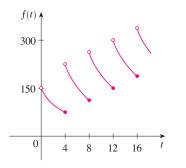


10. A patient receives a 150-mg injection of a drug every 4 hours. The graph shows the amount f(t) of the drug in the blood-

stream after t hours. Find

$$\lim_{t \to 12^-} f(t) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{t \to 12^+} f(t)$$

and explain the significance of these one-sided limits.



- Use the graph of the function $f(x) = 1/(1 + e^{1/x})$ to state the value of each limit, if it exists. If it does not exist, explain why.
 - (a) $\lim_{x \to 0^{-}} f(x)$ (b) $\lim_{x \to 0^{+}} f(x)$ (c) $\lim_{x \to 0} f(x)$
 - 12. Sketch the graph of the following function and use it to determine the values of *a* for which $\lim_{x\to a} f(x)$ exists:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 - x & \text{if } x < -1 \\ x & \text{if } -1 \le x < 1 \\ (x - 1)^2 & \text{if } x \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

13–16 Sketch the graph of an example of a function f that satisfies all of the given conditions.

- **13.** $\lim_{x \to 1^-} f(x) = 2$, $\lim_{x \to 1^+} f(x) = -2$, f(1) = 2
- **14.** $\lim_{x \to 0^{-}} f(x) = 1, \quad \lim_{x \to 0^{+}} f(x) = -1, \quad \lim_{x \to 2^{-}} f(x) = 0,$ $\lim_{x \to 2^{+}} f(x) = 1, \quad f(2) = 1, \quad f(0) \text{ is undefined}$
- **15.** $\lim_{x \to 3^+} f(x) = 4$, $\lim_{x \to 3^-} f(x) = 2$, $\lim_{x \to -2} f(x) = 2$, f(3) = 3, f(-2) = 1
- **16.** $\lim_{x \to 1} f(x) = 3$, $\lim_{x \to 4^-} f(x) = 3$, $\lim_{x \to 4^+} f(x) = -3$, f(1) = 1, f(4) = -1

17–20 Guess the value of the limit (if it exists) by evaluating the function at the given numbers (correct to six decimal places).

17. $\lim_{x \to 2} \frac{x^2 - 2x}{x^2 - x - 2}, \quad x = 2.5, 2.1, 2.05, 2.01, 2.005, 2.001, 1.9, 1.95, 1.999, 1.995, 1.999$

18. $\lim_{x \to -1} \frac{x^2 - 2x}{x^2 - x - 2},$ x = 0, -0.5, -0.9, -0.95, -0.99, -0.999, -2, -1.5, -1.1, -1.01, -1.001 **19.** $\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^x - 1 - x}{x^2}, \quad x = \pm 1, \pm 0.5, \pm 0.1, \pm 0.05, \pm 0.01$ **20.** $\lim_{x \to 0} x \ln(x + x^2), \quad x = 1, 0.5, 0.1, 0.05, 0.01, 0.005, 0.001$

21–24 Use a table of values to estimate the value of the limit. If you have a graphing device, use it to confirm your result graphically.

21.
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+4}-2}{x}$$
22.
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\tan 3x}{\tan 5x}$$
23.
$$\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{x^6-1}{x^{10}-1}$$
24.
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{9^x-5^x}{x}$$

25–32 Determine the infinite limit.

25. $\lim_{x \to -3^+} \frac{x+2}{x+3}$	26. $\lim_{x \to -3^{-}} \frac{x+2}{x+3}$
27. $\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{2 - x}{(x - 1)^2}$	28. $\lim_{x \to 5^{-}} \frac{e^x}{(x-5)^3}$
29. $\lim_{x\to 3^+} \ln(x^2 - 9)$	30. $\lim_{x \to \pi^-} \cot x$
31. $\lim_{x \to 2\pi^-} x \csc x$	32. $\lim_{x \to 2^{-}} \frac{x^2 - 2x}{x^2 - 4x + 4}$

- 33. Determine lim_{x→1⁻} 1/(x³ 1) and lim_{x→1⁺} 1/(x³ 1)
 (a) by evaluating f(x) = 1/(x³ 1) for values of x that approach 1 from the left and from the right,
 - (b) by reasoning as in Example 9, and

(c) from a graph of f.

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34. (a) Find the vertical asymptotes of the function

$$y = \frac{x^2 + 1}{3x - 2x^2}$$

- (b) Confirm your answer to part (a) by graphing the function.
 - **35.** (a) Estimate the value of the limit $\lim_{x\to 0} (1 + x)^{1/x}$ to five decimal places. Does this number look familiar?
 - (b) Illustrate part (a) by graphing the function $y = (1 + x)^{1/x}$.
- **36.** (a) By graphing the function $f(x) = (\tan 4x)/x$ and zooming in toward the point where the graph crosses the y-axis, estimate the value of $\lim_{x\to 0} f(x)$.
 - (b) Check your answer in part (a) by evaluating f(x) for values of x that approach 0.