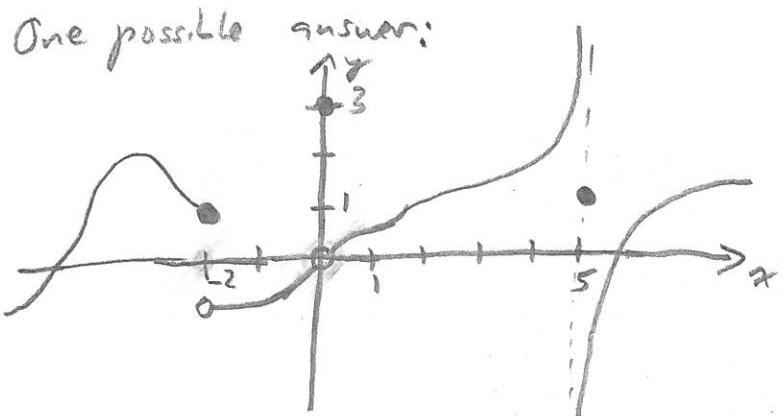


Math F251: Sections 2.3 Worksheet

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1. Sketch the graph  $y = f(x)$  of a function which has all of the following properties; do not worry about any formula for  $f(x)$ :

- (a)  $f(0) = 3$
- (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$
- (c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x) = 1$
- (d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) = -1$
- (e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x)$  d.n.e.
- (f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) = -\infty$
- (g) the domain of  $f$  is  $(-\infty, \infty)$



2. Evaluate the limit, if it exists:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+h)^3 - 8}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{8 + 12h + 6h^2 + h^3 - 8}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 12 + 6h + h^2 = 12$$

3. Evaluate the limit, if it exists:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{u \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{4u+1} - 3}{u-2} &= \lim_{u \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{4u+1} - 3}{u-2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{4u+1} + 3}{\sqrt{4u+1} + 3} \right) = \lim_{u \rightarrow 2} \frac{(4u+1) - 9}{(u-2)(\sqrt{4u+1} - 3)} \\ &= \lim_{u \rightarrow 2} \frac{4(u-2)}{(u-2)(\sqrt{4u+1} + 3)} = \lim_{u \rightarrow 2} \frac{4}{\sqrt{4u+1} + 3} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{9+3}} \\ &= \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

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4. Evaluate the limit, if it exists:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{t\sqrt{1+t}} - \frac{1}{t} \right) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \sqrt{1+t}}{t\sqrt{1+t}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \sqrt{1+t}}{t\sqrt{1+t}} \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{1+t}}{1 + \sqrt{1+t}} \right) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - (1+t)}{t\sqrt{1+t}(1+\sqrt{1+t})} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{-t}{t\sqrt{1+t}(1+\sqrt{1+t})} \\ &= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1}(1+\sqrt{1})} = \frac{-1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

5. Evaluate the limit, if it exists:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{3}}{x-3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\left(\frac{3-x}{3x}\right)}{(x-3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{3-x}{(x-3)(3x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{-1}{3x} = -\frac{1}{9}$$

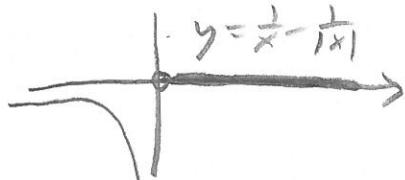
6. Evaluate the limits, if they exist, and otherwise explain why they do not:

(a)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{|x|} \right) = -\infty \text{ since if } x < 0, \frac{1}{|x|} = -\frac{1}{x}, \text{ so } \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{|x|} = \frac{2}{x}$$

(b)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{|x|} \right) = 0 \text{ since if } x > 0, \frac{1}{|x|} = \frac{1}{x}, \text{ so } \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{|x|} = 0$$



7. Challenge problem. Consider the following function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \text{ is rational} \\ 0, & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$$

Evaluate the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  if it exists. If it does not exist, explain why.

DNE since there are both rational and irrational numbers arbitrarily close to 0, the function values near  $x=0$  jump between 0 & 1 and so don't approach any number.