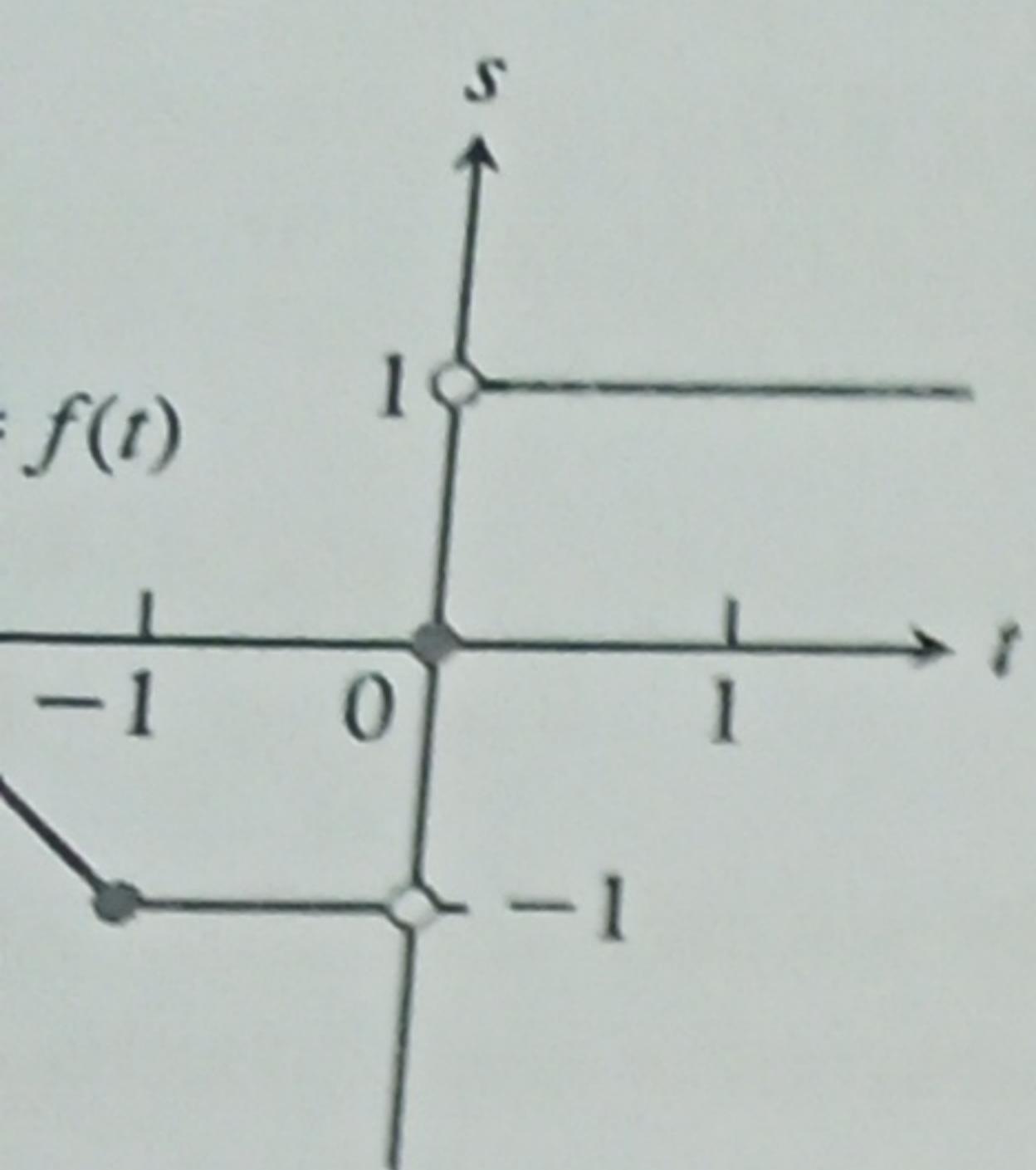


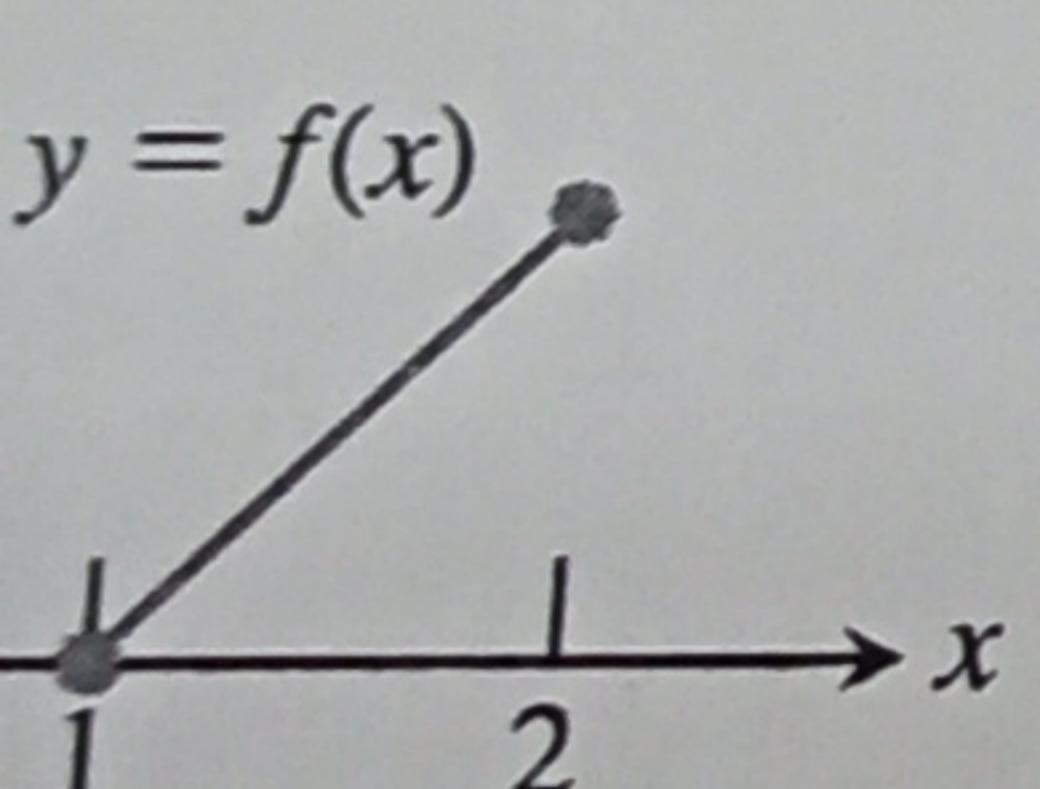
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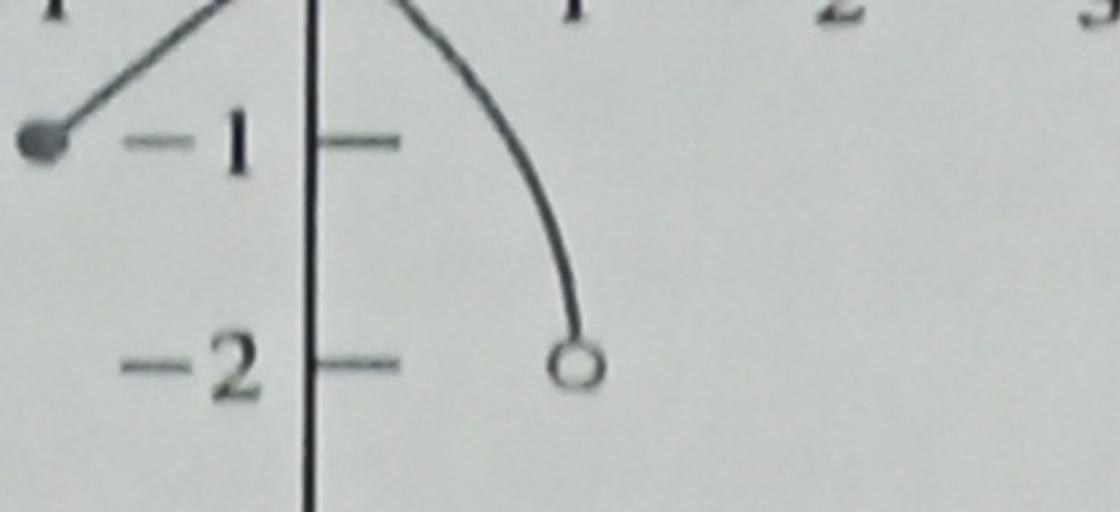


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Existence of Limits

In Exercises 5 and 6, explain why the limits do not exist.

$$5. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{|x|}$$

$$6. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{x - 1}$$

7. Suppose that a function $f(x)$ is defined for all real values of x except $x = c$. Can anything be said about the existence of $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$? Give reasons for your answer.
8. Suppose that a function $f(x)$ is defined for all x in $[-1, 1]$. Can anything be said about the existence of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$? Give reasons for your answer.
9. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 5$, must f be defined at $x = 1$? If it is, must $f(1) = 5$? Can we conclude *anything* about the values of f at $x = 1$? Explain.
10. If $f(1) = 5$, must $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ exist? If it does, then must $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 5$? Can we conclude *anything* about $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$? Explain.

Calculating Limits

Find the limits in Exercises 11–22.

$$11. \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} (x^2 - 13)$$

$$12. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (-x^2 + 5x - 2)$$

$$13. \lim_{t \rightarrow 6} 8(t - 5)(t - 7)$$

$$14. \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x + 8)$$

$$15. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x + 5}{11 - x^3}$$

$$16. \lim_{s \rightarrow 2/3} (8 - 3s)(2s - 1)$$

$$17. \lim_{x \rightarrow -1/2} 4x(3x + 4)^2$$

$$18. \lim_{y \rightarrow 2} \frac{y + 2}{y^2 + 5y + 6}$$

$$19. \lim_{y \rightarrow -3} (5 - y)^{4/3}$$

$$20. \lim_{z \rightarrow 4} \sqrt{z^2 - 10}$$

$$21. \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3}{\sqrt{3h + 1} + 1}$$

$$22. \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{5h + 4} - 2}{h}$$

Limits of quotients Find the limits in Exercises 23–42.

$$23. \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x - 5}{x^2 - 25}$$

$$24. \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x + 3}{x^2 + 4x + 3}$$

$$25. \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{x^2 + 3x - 10}{x + 5}$$

$$26. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 7x + 10}{x - 2}$$

$$27. \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{t^2 + t - 2}{t^2 - 1}$$

$$28. \lim_{t \rightarrow -1} \frac{t^2 + 3t + 2}{t^2 - t - 2}$$

$$29. \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{-2x - 4}{x^3 + 2x^2}$$

$$30. \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{5y^3 + 8y^2}{3y^4 - 16y^2}$$

31. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^{-1} - 1}{x - 1}$
 33. $\lim_{u \rightarrow 1} \frac{u^4 - 1}{u^3 - 1}$
 35. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 3}{x - 9}$
 37. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x - 1}{\sqrt{x + 3} - 2}$
 39. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 12} - 4}{x - 2}$
 41. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{2 - \sqrt{x^2 - 5}}{x + 3}$

32. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{1}{x+1}}{x}$
 34. $\lim_{v \rightarrow 2} \frac{v^3 - 8}{v^4 - 16}$
 36. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{4x - x^2}{2 - \sqrt{x}}$
 38. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 8} - 3}{x + 1}$
 40. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x + 2}{\sqrt{x^2 + 5} - 3}$
 42. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{4 - x}{5 - \sqrt{x^2 + 9}}$

Limits with trigonometric functions Find the limits in Exercises 43–50.

43. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (2 \sin x - 1)$
 45. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sec x$
 47. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 + x + \sin x}{3 \cos x}$

49. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\pi} \sqrt{x + 4} \cos(x + \pi)$

44. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/4} \sin^2 x$
 46. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/3} \tan x$
 48. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x^2 - 1)(2 - \cos x)$
 50. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{7 + \sec^2 x}$

Using Limit Rules

51. Suppose $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 1$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = -5$. Name the rules in Theorem 1 that are used to accomplish steps (a), (b), and (c) of the following calculation.

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Limits of Average Rates of Change
Because of their connection with secant lines, tangents, and instantaneous rates, limits of the form

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h}$$

occur frequently in calculus. In Exercises 57–62, evaluate this limit for the given value of x and function f .

(a) 57. $f(x) = x^2, x = 1$

58. $f(x) = x^2, x = -2$

59. $f(x) = 3x - 4, x = 2$

(b) 60. $f(x) = 1/x, x = -2$

61. $f(x) = \sqrt{x}, x = 7$

62. $f(x) = \sqrt{3x + 1}, x = 0$

(c)

Using the Sandwich Theorem

63. If $\sqrt{5 - 2x^2} \leq f(x) \leq \sqrt{5 - x^2}$ for $-1 \leq x \leq 1$, find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$.

64. If $2 - x^2 \leq g(x) \leq 2 \cos x$ for all x , find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x)$.

65. a. It can be shown that the inequalities

$$1 - \frac{x^2}{6} < \frac{x \sin x}{2 - 2 \cos x} < 1$$

(a) hold for all values of x close to zero. What, if anything, does this tell you about

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \sin x}{2 - 2 \cos x}?$$

Give reasons for your answer.

(b) b. Graph $y = 1 - (x^2/6)$, $y = (x \sin x)/(2 - 2 \cos x)$, and $y = 1$ together for $-2 \leq x \leq 2$. Comment on the behavior of the graphs as $x \rightarrow 0$.

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- b. Support your conclusion in part (a) by graphing g near $\theta_0 = 0$.

74. Let $G(t) = (1 - \cos t)/t^2$.

- a. Make tables of values of G at values of t that approach $t_0 = 0$ from above and below. Then estimate $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} G(t)$.

- b. Support your conclusion in part (a) by graphing G near $t_0 = 0$.

75. Let $f(x) = x^{1/(1-x)}$.

- a. Make tables of values of f at values of x that approach $c = 1$ from above and below. Does f appear to have a limit as $x \rightarrow 1$? If so, what is it? If not, why not?

- b. Support your conclusions in part (a) by graphing f near $c = 1$.

76. Let $f(x) = (3^x - 1)/x$.

- a. Make tables of values of f at values of x that approach $c = 0$ from above and below. Does f appear to have a limit as $x \rightarrow 0$? If so, what is it? If not, why not?

- b. Support your conclusions in part (a) by graphing f near $c = 0$.

Theory and Examples

77. If $x^4 \leq f(x) \leq x^2$ for x in $[-1, 1]$ and $x^2 \leq f(x) \leq x^4$ for $x < -1$ and $x > 1$, at what points c do you automatically know $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$? What can you say about the value of the limit at these points?

78. Suppose that $g(x) \leq f(x) \leq h(x)$ for all $x \neq 2$ and suppose that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} h(x) = -5.$$

Can we conclude anything about the values of f , g , and h at $x = 2$? Could $f(2) = 0$? Could $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 0$? Give reasons for your answers.

79. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{f(x) - 5}{x - 2} = 1$, find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x)$.

80. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{f(x)}{x^2} = 1$, find

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

b. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{f(x)}{x}$

81. a. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{f(x) - 5}{x - 2} = 3$, find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$.

b. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{f(x) - 5}{x - 2} = 4$, find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$.

82. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x^2} = 1$, find

a. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$

b. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x}$

[T] 83. a. Graph $g(x) = x \sin(1/x)$ to estimate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x)$, zooming in on the origin as necessary.

b. Confirm your estimate in part (a) with a proof.

[T] 84. a. Graph $h(x) = x^2 \cos(1/x^3)$ to estimate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} h(x)$, zooming in on the origin as necessary.

b. Confirm your estimate in part (a) with a proof.

COMPUTER EXPLORATIONS

Graphical Estimates of Limits

In Exercises 85–90, use a CAS to perform the following.

- a. Plot the function near the point c being approached.
- b. From your plot guess the value of the limit.

85. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^4 - 16}{x - 2}$

86. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^3 - x^2 - 5x - 3}{(x + 1)^2}$

87. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[3]{1+x} - 1}{x}$

88. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{\sqrt{x^2 + 7} - 4}$

89. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x \sin x}$

90. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x^2}{3 - 3 \cos x}$

2.3 The Precise Definition of a Limit

We now turn our attention to the precise definition of a limit. We have seen that the informal definition of a limit, such as “ $f(x)$ gets arbitrarily close to L ,” is not very useful for calculations. The precise definition of a limit, however, can be applied to any particular example. With a precise definition, we can prove that the limit properties given in the preceding section hold for all important limits.

To show that the limit of $f(x)$ as $x \rightarrow c$ equals the number L , we must show that for every positive number ϵ , there exists a positive number δ such that if $0 < |x - c| < \delta$, then $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$. In other words, the gap between $f(x)$ and L can be made “as small as we choose” by making x sufficiently close to c . Let us see what this would require if we specified the sine function and the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin x = 0$.

EXAMPLE 1 Consider the function $y = 2x - 1$ near $x = 4$. We know from experience that y is close to 7 when x is close to 4, so $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} (2x - 1) = 7$. But how close to 4 does x have to be so that $y = 2x - 1$ differs from 7 by less than 0.1? To answer this question precisely, we must make the following statement.

