

Brief solutions to Quiz 1

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1. (30 pts) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[3]{1+2x} - 1}{x}$.

Ans:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[3]{1+2x} - 1}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sqrt[3]{1+2x} - 1}{x} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{1+2x}^2 + \sqrt[3]{1+2x} + 1}{\sqrt[3]{1+2x}^2 + \sqrt[3]{1+2x} + 1} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+2x) - 1}{x(\sqrt[3]{1+2x}^2 + \sqrt[3]{1+2x} + 1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{1+2x}^2 + \sqrt[3]{1+2x} + 1} = \frac{2}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

2. (35 pts) If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x) - 2}{x - 1} = 3$, find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$.

Ans:

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 2$. See homework_01_s2.2_sln_mse23f.pdf for details.

3. (35 pts) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}$ and write down the full statement of the Theorem you use.

Ans:

Since $-x^2 \leq x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} \leq x^2$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -x^2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 = 0$, it follows from The Sandwich Theorem that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} = 0$.

See Theorem 4, p86 for the statement of The Sandwich Theorem.