

Calculus — Homework 4 (Fall 2025)

1. Use the ε - δ argument (i.e. the precise definition of limit) to prove that: if $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = M$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x) = N$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (3f(x) + 4g(x) - 5h(x)) = 3L + 4M - 5N.$$

2. Let f be a function defined on $(c - p, c + p) \setminus \{c\}$, where $p > 0$. Assume that $L \in \mathbb{R}$ is a number with the property: for any sequence $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ with $x_n \in (c - p, c + p) \setminus \{c\}$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = c$, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = L$. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$.

3. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ if and only if $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = L$.

4. Suppose that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ exists and $k \in \mathbb{R}$. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (k \cdot f(x)) = k \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$.

5. Suppose that $c > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sqrt[n]{x} = \sqrt[n]{c}$.

6. Decide whether or not the indicated limit exists. Evaluate the limits that do exist. If the limit does not exist, explain why.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} |x|(x^4 - 3).$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x}{x+1}.$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{1-x}{x+1}.$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(x+1)}{2x^2}.$

(e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x}{|x|}.$

(f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{\sqrt{x-1}}{x}.$

(g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x-4}{\sqrt{x}-2}.$

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

(i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^{10} - 1}{x^3 - 1}.$

(j) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \left(\frac{2x}{x+4} + \frac{8}{x+4} \right).$

(k) $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \left(1 - \frac{1}{h} \right).$

(l) $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - 1/h^2}{1 + 1/h^2}.$

(m) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$ if $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x-1, & x \leq 2 \\ x^2-x, & x > 2. \end{cases}$

(n) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x)$ if $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \leq -1 \\ x+2, & x > -1. \end{cases}$

(o) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ if $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3, & x \text{ an integer} \\ x+2, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

7. True or false? Prove your answers.

(a) If $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) + g(x))$ exists but $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ does not exist, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$ does not exist.

(b) If $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) + g(x))$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ exist, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$ exists.

(c) If $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sqrt{f(x)}$ exists, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ exists.

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(e) If $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ exists, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{1}{f(x)}$ exists.

(f) If $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ exists and $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = 0$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = 0$.