

Quiz 2

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Problem 1 (3 points)

Calculate the following limit. If the limit is infinite, indicate whether it is $+\infty$ or $-\infty$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 - 3x + 2}$$

$$\text{Since } x^2 + x - 6 = (x-2)(x+3) \text{ and } x^2 - 3x + 2 = (x-2)(x-1)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 - 3x + 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x+3)}{(x-2)(x-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x+3}{x-1} = \frac{5}{1} = \boxed{5}$$

Problem 2 (3 points)

Calculate the following one-sided limit. If the limit is infinite, indicate whether it is $+\infty$ or $-\infty$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \sqrt{\frac{x+3}{3x-6}}$$

When $x \rightarrow 2^+$, the nominator $\sqrt{x+3} \rightarrow \sqrt{5}^+$, but the denominator $\sqrt{3x-6} \rightarrow 0^+$. Therefore, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \sqrt{\frac{x+3}{3x-6}} = \boxed{+\infty}$

Problem 3 (4 points) Suppose that $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1, & \text{if } x \geq 2 \\ \frac{x-7}{x-3}, & \text{if } x < 2 \end{cases}$

Decide if this function is continuous at $x = 2$.

The function is continuous at $x = 2 \iff$

Let us check all these conditions.

$$\begin{aligned} 1) & f(2) = 2^2 + 1 = 5 \quad (f(2) \text{ is defined}) \\ 2) & \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x-7}{x-3} = \frac{2-7}{2-3} = \underline{5} \\ & \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (x^2 + 1) = 2^2 + 1 = \underline{5} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)} \right\} \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \underline{5}$$

So $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ exists, and, moreover,

$$3) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = f(2) = 5$$

Thus, the function is continuous at $x = 2$