

## Section 1.6 Solutions

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$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [f(x) + 5g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [5g(x)] \quad [\text{Limit Law 1}]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) + 5 \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x) \quad [\text{Limit Law 3}]$$

$$= 4 + 5(-2) = -6$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [g(x)]^3 = \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x) \right]^3 \quad [\text{Limit Law 6}]$$

$$= (-2)^3 = -8$$

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \sqrt{f(x)} = \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)} \quad [\text{Limit Law 11}]$$

$$= \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [3f(x)]}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x)} \quad [\text{Limit Law 5}]$$

$$= \frac{3 \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x)} \quad [\text{Limit Law 3}]$$

$$= \frac{3(4)}{-2} = -6$$

(e) Because the limit of the denominator is 0, we can't use Limit Law 5. The given limit,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{g(x)}{h(x)}$ , does not exist because the denominator approaches 0 while the numerator approaches a nonzero number.

$$(f) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{g(x)h(x)}{f(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [g(x)h(x)]}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)} \quad [\text{Limit Law 5}]$$

$$= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} h(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)} \quad [\text{Limit Law 4}]$$

$$= \frac{-2 \cdot 0}{4} = 0$$

2 (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x) = 2 + 0 = 2$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x)$  does not exist since its left- and right-hand limits are not equal, so the given limit does not exist.

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [f(x)g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = 0 \cdot 1.3 = 0$

(d) Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} g(x) = 0$  and  $g$  is in the denominator, but  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = -1 \neq 0$ , the given limit does not exist.

(e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^3 f(x) = \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^3 \right] \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) \right] = 2^3 \cdot 2 = 16$

(f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{3 + f(x)} = \sqrt{3 + \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)} = \sqrt{3 + 1} = 2$

$$3 \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow -2} \frac{t^4 - 2}{2t^2 - 3t + 2} = \frac{\lim_{t \rightarrow -2} (t^4 - 2)}{\lim_{t \rightarrow -2} (2t^2 - 3t + 2)} \quad [\text{Limit Law 5}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\lim_{t \rightarrow -2} t^4 - \lim_{t \rightarrow -2} 2}{2 \lim_{t \rightarrow -2} t^2 - 3 \lim_{t \rightarrow -2} t + \lim_{t \rightarrow -2} 2} \quad [1, 2, \text{ and } 3] \\ &= \frac{16 - 2}{2(4) - 3(-2) + 2} \quad [9, 7, \text{ and } 8] \\ &= \frac{14}{16} = \frac{7}{8} \end{aligned}$$

$$4 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \sqrt{\frac{2x^2 + 1}{3x - 2}} = \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x^2 + 1}{3x - 2}} \quad [\text{Limit Law 11}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{\frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (2x^2 + 1)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (3x - 2)}} \quad [5] \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^2 + \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 1}{3 \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x - \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 2}} \quad [1, 2, \text{ and } 3] \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2(2)^2 + 1}{3(2) - 2}} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{4}} = \frac{3}{2} \quad [9, 8, \text{ and } 7] \end{aligned}$$

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(a) The left-hand side of the equation is not defined for  $x = 2$ , but the right-hand side is.

(b) Since the equation holds for all  $x \neq 2$ , it follows that both sides of the equation approach the same limit as  $x \rightarrow 2$ , just as in Example 3. Remember that in finding  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ , we never consider  $x = a$ .

$$6 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x^2 - 6x + 5}{x - 5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{(x - 5)(x - 1)}{x - 5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} (x - 1) = 5 - 1 = 4$$

7  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x - 5}$  does not exist since  $x - 5 \rightarrow 0$ , but  $x^2 - 5x + 6 \rightarrow 6$  as  $x \rightarrow 5$ .

$$8 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{x}}{4 + x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{\frac{x+4}{4x}}{4+x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x+4}{4x(4+x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{1}{4x} = \frac{1}{4(-4)} = -\frac{1}{16}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \boxed{9} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+t} - \sqrt{1-t}}{t} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+t} - \sqrt{1-t}}{t} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1+t} + \sqrt{1-t}}{\sqrt{1+t} + \sqrt{1-t}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{1+t})^2 - (\sqrt{1-t})^2}{t(\sqrt{1+t} + \sqrt{1-t})} \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+t) - (1-t)}{t(\sqrt{1+t} + \sqrt{1-t})} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{2t}{t(\sqrt{1+t} + \sqrt{1-t})} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{\sqrt{1+t} + \sqrt{1-t}} \\
 &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{1+0} + \sqrt{1-0}} = \frac{2}{2} = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \boxed{10} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x^3 + 3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3) - x^3}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(3x^2 + 3xh + h^2)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (3x^2 + 3xh + h^2) = 3x^2
 \end{aligned}$$

**11**  $-1 \leq \cos(2/x) \leq 1 \Rightarrow -x^4 \leq x^4 \cos(2/x) \leq x^4$ . Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (-x^4) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^4 = 0$ , we have

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [x^4 \cos(2/x)] = 0$  by the Squeeze Theorem.

$$\boxed{12} |2x^3 - x^2| = |x^2(2x - 1)| = |x^2| \cdot |2x - 1| = x^2 |2x - 1|$$

$$|2x - 1| = \begin{cases} 2x - 1 & \text{if } 2x - 1 \geq 0 \\ -(2x - 1) & \text{if } 2x - 1 < 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 2x - 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0.5 \\ -(2x - 1) & \text{if } x < 0.5 \end{cases}$$

So  $|2x^3 - x^2| = x^2[-(2x - 1)]$  for  $x < 0.5$ .

$$\text{Thus, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0.5^-} \frac{2x - 1}{|2x^3 - x^2|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0.5^-} \frac{2x - 1}{x^2[-(2x - 1)]} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0.5^-} \frac{-1}{x^2} = \frac{-1}{(0.5)^2} = \frac{-1}{0.25} = -4.$$

**13** Since  $|x| = -x$  for  $x < 0$ , we have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{|x|} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{-x} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{2}{x}$ , which does not exist since the denominator approaches 0 and the numerator does not.

**14** Since  $|x| = x$  for  $x > 0$ , we have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{|x|} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} 0 = 0$ .

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**15** (a) (i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{|x - 2|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{(x+3)(x-2)}{|x-2|}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{(x+3)(x-2)}{x-2} \quad [\text{since } x-2 > 0 \text{ if } x \rightarrow 2^+]$$

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

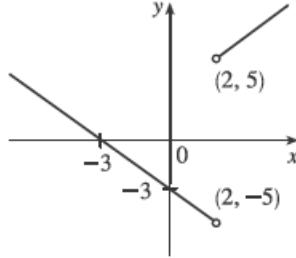
(ii) The solution is similar to the solution in part (i), but now  $|x-2| = 2-x$  since  $x-2 < 0$  if  $x \rightarrow 2^-$ .

Thus,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} -(x+3) = -5$ .

(b) Since the right-hand and left-hand limits of  $g$  at  $x = 2$

are not equal,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x)$  does not exist.

(c)



**16**  $\lim_{v \rightarrow c^-} \left( L_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} \right) = L_0 \sqrt{1 - 1} = 0$ . As the velocity approaches the speed of light, the length approaches 0.

A left-hand limit is necessary since  $L$  is not defined for  $v > c$ .

**17** (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{f(x)}{x^2} \cdot x^2 \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x^2} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 = 5 \cdot 0 = 0$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{f(x)}{x^2} \cdot x \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x^2} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x = 5 \cdot 0 = 0$

**18** Since the denominator approaches 0 as  $x \rightarrow -2$ , the limit will exist only if the numerator also approaches

0 as  $x \rightarrow -2$ . In order for this to happen, we need  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (3x^2 + ax + a + 3) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$

$3(-2)^2 + a(-2) + a + 3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow 12 - 2a + a + 3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow a = 15$ . With  $a = 15$ , the limit becomes

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{3x^2 + 15x + 18}{x^2 + x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{3(x+2)(x+3)}{(x-1)(x+2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{3(x+3)}{x-1} = \frac{3(-2+3)}{-2-1} = \frac{3}{-3} = -1.$$