

# Warm Up

Evaluate the following limits, if they exist:

$$(\sqrt[3]{x+3})(\sqrt[3]{x})^2 - 3\sqrt[3]{x+9}$$

(12)  
1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{x-8}{\sqrt[3]{x}-2}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{(\sqrt[3]{x}-2)(\sqrt[3]{x})^2 + 2\sqrt[3]{x} + 4}{\sqrt[3]{x}-2}$$

$$= \frac{(\sqrt[3]{8})^2 + 2\sqrt[3]{8} + 4}{\sqrt[3]{8}-2}$$

$$= \frac{4+4+4}{4-2}$$

$$= \frac{12}{2} = 6$$

(-2/27)  
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^{-2} - 3^{-2}}{x^2 - 9}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(9-x^2)}{9x^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x-3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(3-x)(3+x)}{9x^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x-3}$$

$$= \frac{1(3+3)}{9(3)^2} = \frac{6}{81} = \frac{2}{27}$$

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

$$\frac{x^3 - x^2 - 4x + 4}{x=1}$$

$$1 - 1 - 4 + 4 = 0$$

(x-1) is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r} -1 \mid 1 \quad -1 \quad -4 \quad 4 \\ \quad \quad -1 \quad 0 \quad 4 \\ \hline \quad \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad -4 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$$(x-1)(x^2 - 4)$$

(2a)  
4.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(a+h)^2 - a^2}{h}$

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

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(2a+h)}{h}$$

$$= 2a + 0$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(x^2+x+1)}{(x-1)(x^2-x)}$$

$$= \frac{1+1+1}{1-1}$$

$$= \frac{3}{-3} = -1$$

9.

$$b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{6-x} - 2}{\sqrt{3-x} - 1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{6-x} + 2}{\sqrt{6-x} + 2} \right) \left( \frac{\sqrt{3-x} + 1}{\sqrt{3-x} + 1} \right)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{[(6-x) - 4] (\sqrt{3-x} + 1)}{[(3-x) - 1] (\sqrt{6-x} + 2)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\cancel{(2-x)} (\sqrt{3-x} + 1)}{\cancel{(2-x)} (\sqrt{6-x} + 2)}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3-2} + 1}{\sqrt{6-2} + 2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{4} \right)$$

$$5. e) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{9+h} - 3}{h} \left( \frac{\sqrt{9+h} + 3}{\sqrt{9+h} + 3} \right)$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{(9+h)} - 9}{\cancel{(h)} (\sqrt{9+h} + 3)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{9+0} + 3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}$$

Recall from our prior discussions that ...  $y = \sqrt{x}$  

**1 Theorem**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$  if and only if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$

Let's look at a couple of unique functions:

1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{x-1}$  **DNE**

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \sqrt{0.999... - 1}$        $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \sqrt{1.000... - 1}$   
 $\sqrt{-0.000...}$                        $= \sqrt{0.000...}$   
 $\emptyset$      $= 0$   
**DNE**

**\* Watch for even indexed radicals in isolation !!!**

$$2) \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{|x+2|}{x+2}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} \frac{|-2.000\dots 1 + 2|}{-2.000\dots 1 + 2} \\ \frac{|-0.000\dots 1|}{-0.000\dots 1} \\ = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \frac{|-1.99\dots + 2|}{-1.99\dots + 2} \\ = \frac{|0.000\dots 1|}{0.000\dots 1} \\ = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x)$$

$\therefore \underline{\text{DNE}}$

# Piecewise Defined Functions

**Definition:**

- Functions defined by different formulas in different parts of their domains

Example:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 3 & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ x^2 - 2 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

- 1) Determine  $f(1)$ ,  $f(3)$ , and  $f(2)$ .
- 2) Sketch  $f(x)$ .

①  $f(1) = 4$     $f(3) = 3^2 - 2 = 7$     $f(2) = 2 + 3 = 5$

2/  $y = x + 3$

x	y
2	5
0	3

$y = x^2 - 2$

x	y
2	2
3	7

$v(0, -2)$

