

# UNIT I

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## UNIT I: LIMITS AND CONTINUITY

**Expectation:** The student will demonstrate an intuitive understanding of the limiting process and an understanding of continuity in terms of limits.

### OVERVIEW:

The emphasis of this unit should be on an intuitive approach to limits and continuity through graphical investigation, numerical approximations and analytical methods where appropriate.

### INDICATORS:

1. Demonstrate an intuitive understanding of the limiting process.
2. Determine the limit of a given function, including one-sided limits.
3. Estimate the limit of a function from a graph and table of data (numerical approach).
4. Determine the limit of a sum, product, and quotient of two or more functions as  $x \rightarrow a$ .
5. Determine the limit of a sum, product, and quotient of two or more functions as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .
6. Demonstrate an understanding of the definition of continuity.
7. Determine the continuity of a function at a given point by using the definition of continuity.
8. Determine the continuity of a function over a given interval.
9. Demonstrate a geometric understanding of graphs of continuous functions including applications of the Intermediate Value Theorem and Extreme Value Theorem.

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Indicators/ Objectives	Foerster: Calculus Key Curriculum 1998	Foerster: Calculus: Instructor's Resource Book Key Curriculum 1998	Finney, et al: Calculus S F A W 1999	Guide Pages
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LIMITS REVIEW I

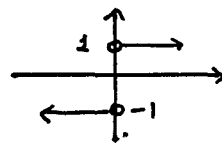
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-61

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{2x - 10}{x^2 - 4x - 5}$   
 $\frac{1}{3}$

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3x}{x^2 + 6x - 16}$   
d.n.e.

4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|x|}{x}$   
1



5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \sqrt[6]{81 - x^4}$   
d.n.e.

6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7x + 19}{4x - 3}$   $\frac{7}{4}$

( $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \sqrt[6]{81 - x^4} = 0$ , but  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \sqrt[6]{81 - x^4}$  d.n.e.)

7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} e^x \cos x$   
1

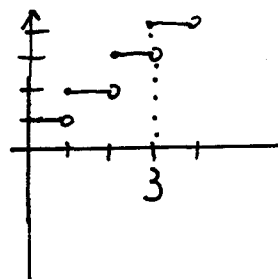
8.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{x}$   
5

9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\cos x}{x}$   
 $-\frac{1}{\pi}$

10.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x - 9}{x}$   
3

11.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} \csc x$   
 $\infty$   
(d.n.e.)

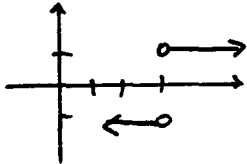
12.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} [x + 1]$   
d.n.e.



LIMITS REVIEW II

Evaluate each limit without using a calculator.

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{|x-3|}{x-3}$  d.n.e.



2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 25} \frac{\sqrt{x}-5}{x-25}$

$$\frac{(\cancel{\sqrt{x}-5})}{(\cancel{\sqrt{x}-5})(\sqrt{x}+5)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{10}$$

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{x^2+2} - x$  0

$$\sqrt{x^2+2} - x = \frac{(x^2+2) - x^2}{\sqrt{x^2+2} + x}$$

4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3+x)^3 - 27}{x}$  27

Factor and simplify,  
or use L'Hôpital's Rule

5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2+1}}{x+2}$  1

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

6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^2+3x+5}{3x^2+4x-7}$   $\frac{2}{3}$

7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2-9}{x^2-x-6}$

$$\frac{6}{5}$$

8.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \begin{cases} 4-x^2, & x \leq 1 \\ 3x-1, & x > 1 \end{cases}$  2

Note: lim f.d.n.e. because  $x \rightarrow 1$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f = 3, \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f = 2, 3 \neq 2.$

9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} \sin x$  0

10.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \text{Arctan } x$

$$-\frac{\pi}{2}$$

11.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x(\frac{3}{x} + 1)}{|x| \sqrt{\frac{5}{x^2} + 6}}$  (Since  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ ,  $\frac{x}{|x|} = -1$ ;  $\frac{3}{x} \rightarrow 0^-$  etc.)

11.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3+x}{\sqrt{5+6x^2}}$   $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$

12.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{4+x} - \frac{1}{4}}{x}$   $-\frac{1}{16}$

LIMITS REVIEW III

Evaluate each limit, if it exists. If a limit does not exist, explain why.

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 8}{x^2 - 4} \rightarrow \frac{(x-2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)}{(x-2)(x+2)}$

2.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+h)^6 - 1}{h} = 6 \rightarrow$  Def. of the derivative:  
 $f(x) = x^6$   
 $f'(c) = 6$

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3^{-x}} \rightarrow 3^x$

4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}} [3x] - 2$

5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sin^2 x$  d.n.e.

6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  Let  $u = \frac{1}{x}$  :  
 $\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{\sin u}{u}$

7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} \frac{|x-a|}{x^2 - a^2} = \frac{1}{2a}$   
 Here  $x > a$ , so  $x-a > 0$   
 and  $|x-a| = x-a$

8.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} \frac{|x-a|}{x^2 - a^2} = -\frac{1}{2a}$  Here  $x < a$ ,  
 so  $x-a < 0$ , so  $|x-a| = -(x-a)$

9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + 3x} - x) = \frac{3}{2}$

10.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (2x - \sqrt{4x^2 - 5x}) = \frac{5}{4}^*$

$\frac{(\sqrt{x^2 + 3x} - x)(\sqrt{x^2 + 3x} + x)}{\sqrt{x^2 + 3x} + x} = \frac{x^2 + 3x - x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + 3x} + x} = \frac{x(3)}{x\left[\sqrt{1 + \frac{3}{x}} + 1\right]} \rightarrow \frac{3}{2}$

11.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{x - [x]}{x} = 0$

12.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x + 4}{\sqrt{2x^2 - 5}} = \frac{x\left(3 + \frac{4}{x}\right)}{x\sqrt{2 - \frac{5}{x^2}}} \rightarrow \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$

13.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{1+x}}{\sqrt{9x-1}} \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{9x-1}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}$

\*10:  $\frac{(2x - \sqrt{4x^2 - 5x})(2x + \sqrt{4x^2 - 5x})}{2x + \sqrt{4x^2 - 5x}} = \frac{5x}{2x + \sqrt{4x^2 - 5x}} = \frac{x(5)}{x(2 + \sqrt{4 - \frac{5}{x}})} \rightarrow \frac{5}{4}$

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## STUDENT WORKSHEETS



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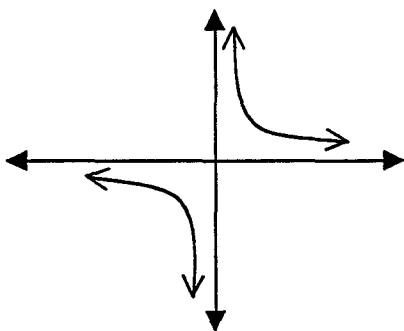
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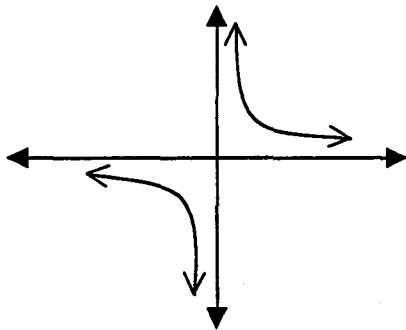
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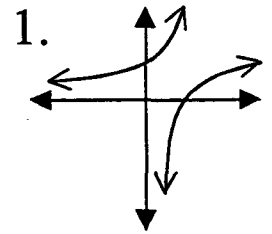
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ANSWERS:



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3.  $\frac{2}{9}$

4.  $\sqrt{3}$

5.  $x(x-4)(x-2)$

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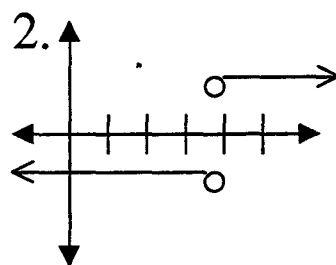
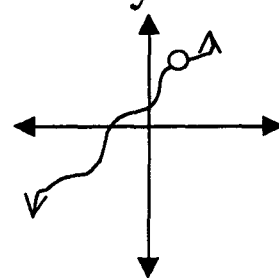
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ANSWERS:

1. Answers vary



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4. -1

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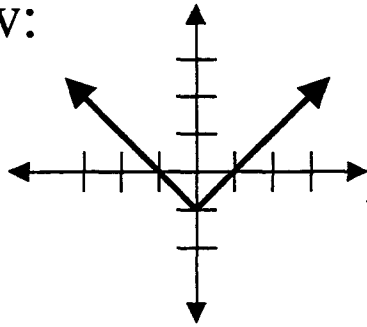
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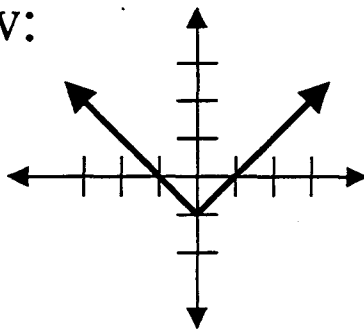
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What value should be assigned to  $f(-5)$  to make the extended function continuous?

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1.

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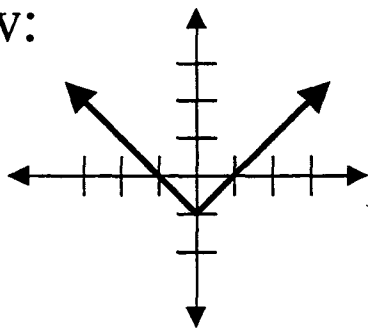
2. Slope of line AB

3. -8

4. 2

5.  $x > -3$

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2. For the function above, find each limit or explain why it does not exist:

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b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+}$

c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2}$

3. Simplify:  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{4}$

4. Given:  $f(x) = x^2 + 2$

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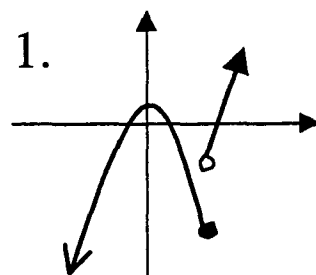
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ANSWERS:



2. a)  $-3$   
b)  $-1$   
c) DNE  
since  $-3 \neq -1$

3.  $\frac{17}{12}$

4. 4

5.  
 $y = 4(x - 1) + 3$   
or  
 $y = 4(x - 3) + 11$

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \cos \frac{1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

3. Given:  $f(x) = \tan x$   
Graph  $f(x)$ ,  $f^{-1}(x)$ , and  $y = x$  on one coordinate system.

4. Find:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x}$

5. Name at least 4 types of functions that are continuous for all real numbers.

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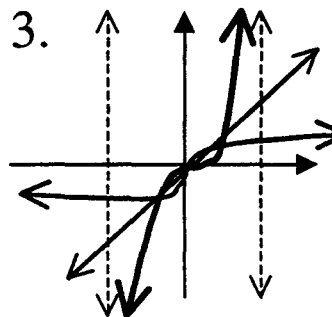
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ANSWERS:

1.  $x, 0$

2.  $\cos x, 1$



4. 1

5.  
polynomials  
exponential  
sine  
cosine  
abs value

## UNIT I INTERNET RESOURCES

<http://www.math.odu.edu/cbij/calcanim/> and <http://www.math.psu.edu/dna/graphics.html>

Both sites have animated demonstrations of the limiting process.

<http://www.netsrq.com/~hahn/calculus.html>, <http://www.barzilai.org/archive>,  
<http://archives.math.utk.edu/visual/calculus/> and  
<http://www.hofstra.edu/~matscw/RealWorld/index.html>

Sites feature some tutorials, but mostly have good drill and quiz resources for either in-class practice or at-home practice.