

*Revised chapter 1 syllabus is posted  
on my website AND by Garfield*

*next quiz: Wednesday*

*square root*

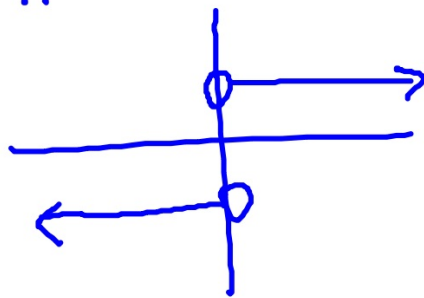
*D:  $[0, \infty)$*

*reciprocal of square*

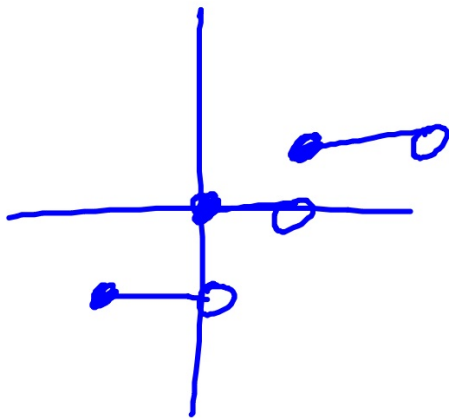
*R:  $(0, \infty)$*

128. a.)  $1/2$   
b.)  $1$   
c.) dne  
d.)  $3$

13.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|x|}{x} = -1$



$$23.) \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (2 - [-x])$$



$$11.) \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 9}}$$

dne  $(-\infty)$

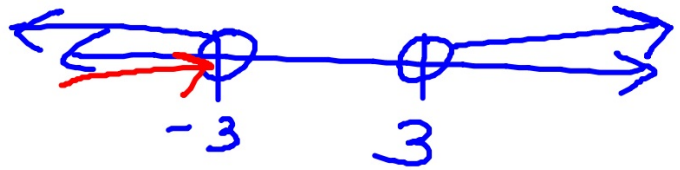
-3.01

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$$\sqrt{(-3.01)^2 - 9}$$

$$\frac{-3.01}{\text{small}}$$

$$\frac{-3}{\frac{1}{10000}}$$



$$15.) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\frac{1}{x+h} - \frac{1}{x}}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x - (x+h)}{x(x+h)} - \frac{1}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-1}{x(x+h)}$$

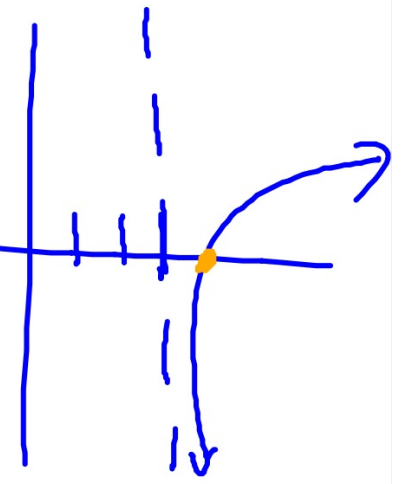
$$\frac{-1}{x^2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \ln(x-3)$$

$-\infty$

$$\ln(3.01-3)$$

$$\ln(.01)$$



## 1.5/1.6 Infinite Limits and Limits at Infinity

REVIEW:

Finding Horizontal Asymptotes - if  $f(x)$  is a rational function...

$$f(x) = \frac{ax^n + \dots}{bx^m + \dots} \quad \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \text{nth degree polynomial} \\ \leftarrow \text{mth degree polynomial} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{x^3}{e^x}$$

Bobo  
Eats dc  
Botn

1 If  $n < m$ , then the x-axis is the horizontal asymptote.

2 If  $n = m$ , then the horizontal asymptote is the line

$$y = \frac{a}{b}$$

3 If  $n > m$ , then there is no horizontal asymptote.

REMEMBER THE ACRONYM: **BOBO BOTN EATSDC**

\*If  $f(x)$  is not a rational function but comes in the form of a fraction compare the magnitudes of the numerator and denominator and use "BOBO."

Finding Vertical Asymptotes - Vertical asymptotes are vertical lines which correspond to the zeroes of the denominator of a simplified rational function. (They can also arise in other types of functions.)

\*WATCH OUT FOR HOLES!

ex: State the horizontal and vertical asymptotes.

$$\text{a) } f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x^2+7x-8} = \frac{1}{x+8}$$

$$\text{HA: } y = 0$$

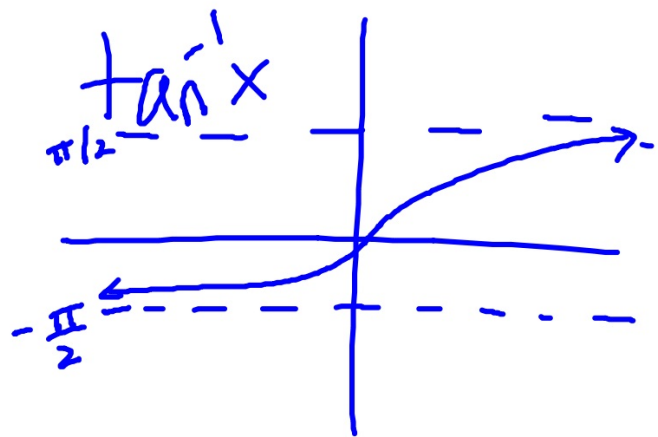
$$\text{VA: } x = -8$$



$$b) f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 5}$$

HA: none

VA:  $x = 5$



$$c) f(x) = \frac{5x}{\sqrt{4x^2 + 1}}$$

VA: none

HA:  $y = \pm \frac{5}{2}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x}{\sqrt{4x^2 + 1}} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{5x}{\sqrt{4x^2 + 1}} = -\frac{5}{2}$$

$$d) f(x) = \frac{\cos x}{2^x}$$

$$HA: y = 0$$

VA: none

$$e) f(x) = \frac{5 \cdot 3^x - 2}{3^x}$$

$$HA: y = 5$$

VA: none

Infinite Limits:

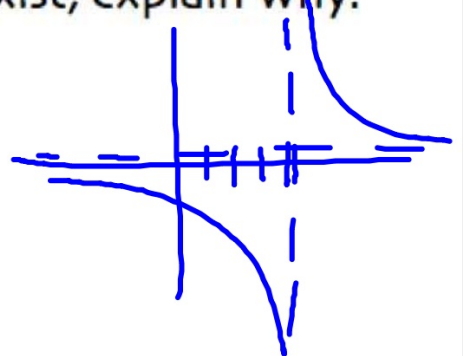
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = -\infty$$

ex: Find the limit. If the limit does not exist, explain why.

a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{1}{x-4}$  dne

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \frac{1}{x-4} \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{1}{x-4}$$



$$\text{b) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{1}{(x-4)^2}$$

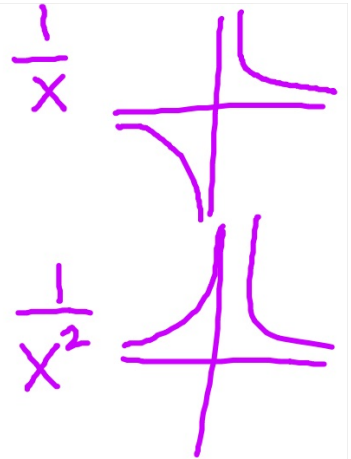
$$\text{c) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{1}{(x-4)^3}$$

$$\text{d) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{1}{(x-4)^4}$$

$$e) \lim_{x \rightarrow 7} \frac{x-9}{x-7}$$

dne

$$f) \lim_{x \rightarrow 7} \frac{x-9}{(x-7)^2} = -\infty$$



$$g) \lim_{x \rightarrow 6} \frac{x}{x^2 - 36}$$

$$h) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-1}{x^2 - 7x + 6}$$

$$i) \lim_{x \rightarrow 6} \frac{x-1}{x^2-7x+6}$$

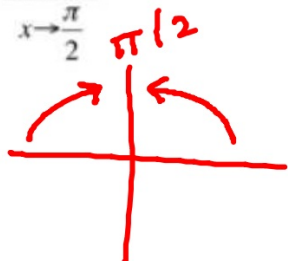
$$j) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2+8x+15}{x^2+3x-10}$$

$$k) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( x^2 - \frac{1}{x} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} = \text{dne}$$

0 - dne

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x^3 - 1}{x} \right) = \text{dne}$$

$$l) \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} -2 \sec x$$



$$-2 \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \sec x = \text{dne}$$

$$-2 \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \sec x = -\infty$$

$$-2 \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^+} \sec x = +\infty$$

$$m) \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 9}}$$



In general, if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \frac{n}{0}$ ,  $n \neq 0$ , then  $f(x)$  must have a

vertical asymptote at  $x=c$ .

- If the multiplicity of the factor that produces the vertical asymptote is odd, the limit will not exist.
- If the multiplicity of the factor that produces the vertical asymptote is even, the limit ~~exists~~ is either  $\infty$  or  $-\infty$ .

Limits at Infinity:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$$

*end  
behavior*

\*The existence or nonexistence of horizontal asymptotes will affect limits at infinity.

\*\*KNOW YOUR LIBRARY OF FUNCTIONS!!!

ex: Find the limit. If the limit does not exist, explain why.

a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\text{b) } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sin x \quad \text{dne}$$

$$\text{c) } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^2 - 4}{x^2 + 2} = 5$$

$$\text{d) } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{5x^2 - 4}{x^2 + 2} = 5$$

$$\text{e) } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{5x-4}{x^2+2} = D$$

$x \rightarrow -\infty$

$$\text{f) } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^2-4}{x+2} = \infty$$

$x \rightarrow \infty$

$$\text{g) } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 0$$

$$h) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{-x}}{x^2}$$

$$i) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{9x^2 + 2}}{5x - 3}$$

$x \rightarrow \infty$

$$= \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\frac{5x - 1}{2x + 7}$$

$$j) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{9x^2 + 2}}{5x - 3}$$

$x \rightarrow -\infty$

$$= -\frac{3}{5}$$

$$\text{k) } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{5x^2 - 2x + 3}}{x - 4}$$

$$\text{D) } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{5x^2 - 2x + 3}}{4 - x}$$

## Justifying Asymptotes

### Horizontal Asymptotes:

If  $f(x)$  has a horizontal asymptote at  $y=c$  show

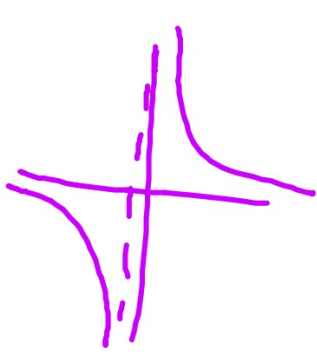
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = c$$

or

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = c$$

## Vertical Asymptotes:

If  $f(x)$  has a vertical asymptote at  $x=c$  show



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = \infty \text{ or } -\infty$$

or

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = \infty \text{ or } -\infty$$



ex: State the horizontal and vertical asymptotes. Then justify your answers using an appropriate limit statement.

a)  $f(x) = e^x - 2$

b)  $y = \frac{\sqrt{6x^2 + 16}}{x - 2}$

ex: If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 6^-} f(x) = \infty$ , what can be said about the graph of  $f(x)$ ?