

Math 131 - Quiz 3

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Name key

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Show all work to receive full credit. Supply explanations when necessary.

1. (5 points) Determine each limit analytically.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x(4-x)}{2-\sqrt{x}} \cdot \frac{2+\sqrt{x}}{2+\sqrt{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x(4-x)(2+\sqrt{x})}{4-x} = 4(2+\sqrt{4}) = \boxed{16}$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5 \sin 5x}{5x} = 5 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{5x} = (5)(1) = \boxed{5}$

2. (4 points) Determine each limit below analytically or explain why it does not exist.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 5x + 6, & x < 2 \\ x^3 - 1, & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (x^3 - 1) = (2)^3 - 1 = 8 - 1 = \boxed{7}$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} (x^2 - 5x + 6) = (2)^2 - 5(2) + 6 = 4 - 10 + 6 = \boxed{0}$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \boxed{\text{DNE}}$ Limit from right $\neq$ Limit from left
(See (a) & (b).)

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

3. (1 point) Suppose that $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{x^2}{24} < \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2} < \frac{1}{2}$ for values of x close to $x = 0$.

What can you say about the limit below? What is the name of the theorem you used?

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{x^2}{24} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$

AND $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2}$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2} = \frac{1}{2}$ by Squeeze Thm