

## Exercises:

3.2.0: True or False.

a. If  $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and  $g(x) > 0$  then  $\frac{g(x)}{f(x)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . False

If  $f(x) = x^2 + 1 = g(x)$  then  $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$  and  $g(x) > 0 \forall x$ .

But  $\frac{g(x)}{f(x)} = 1$  does not converge to 0.

b. If  $f(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow a^+$  and  $g(x) \geq 1 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $\frac{g(x)}{f(x)} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow a^+$ . False

If  $f(x) = -x^2$  and  $g(x) = 1$  then  $f(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow a^+$  and  $g(x) \geq 1$

But  $\frac{g(x)}{f(x)} = -\frac{1}{x^2} \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow a^+$ .

c. If  $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  then  $\frac{\sin(x^2+x+1)}{f(x)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . True.

let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and set  $M = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$

If  $x > M$  then  $\left| \frac{\sin(x^2+x+1)}{f(x)} \right| < 1 \leq \sin x \leq 1$

$f(x) > M$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{f(x)} < \frac{1}{M}}_{\text{Since } f(x) > M} \quad < \quad \frac{1}{f(x)} < \frac{1}{M} < \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} = \varepsilon \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

d. If  $P$  and  $Q$  are polynomials s.t. the degree of  $P$  is less than or equal to

the degree of  $Q$ , then there is an  $L \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} = L$ . True

Proof:

(S)  $\Rightarrow$  (G)

9.2.1: use definitions to prove that the limit exists.

$$a. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sqrt{x^2}}{x} = -1 \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|x|}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-x}{x} = -1$$

let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and set  $\delta = 1$

$$\text{If } 0 - \delta < x < 0 \text{ then } \left| \frac{\sqrt{x^2}}{x} - (-1) \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{-x}{x} + 1 \right|$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = -x$$

$$= |-1 + 1|$$

$$= 0 < \varepsilon$$

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$$b. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x^2} = 0$$

let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , set  $M = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}$

$$\text{If } x > M \text{ then } \left| \frac{\sin x}{x^2} - 0 \right| = \left| \frac{\sin x}{x^2} \right|$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{x} < \frac{1}{M} \right)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{x^2} < \frac{1}{M^2}$$

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

$$< \frac{1}{M^2}$$

$$< \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}^2}$$

$$< \varepsilon \quad \square$$

d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x-3}{3-x-2x^2} = \frac{1-3}{3-1-2(1)^2} = \frac{-2}{0} = -\infty$

Suppose  $M > 0$  and set  $\delta = \min\{1,$

If  $1 < x < 1+\delta$  then  $\frac{x-3}{-2x^2-x+3} = \frac{3-x}{2x^2+x-3} = \frac{3-x}{(x-1)(2x+3)}$

$$< \frac{3-x}{8}$$

since  $3-x > 3-2=1$

$$1 < \frac{1}{M}$$

↳ If  $1 < x < 1+\delta$  then  $(1 < x < 2)$  since  $\delta \leq 1$

$$(2 < 2x < 4)$$

$$5 < 2x+3 < 7$$

$$\text{and } 0 < x-1 < 1$$

$$e. \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\cos(\tan x)}{x+1} = 0$$

let  $\epsilon > 0$ , set  $M = -1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon}$

$$\text{if } x < M \quad \text{then} \quad \left| \frac{\cos(\tan x)}{x+1} - 0 \right|$$

$$x+1 < M+1$$

$$\begin{aligned} -(x+1) &> -(M+1) \\ \frac{-1}{x+1} &< \frac{-1}{M+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \left| \frac{1}{x+1} \right|$$

$$\cos x \leq 1 \quad \forall x$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{x+1} \right)^2 \leq 1$$

$$-\delta \rightarrow 0^+$$

$$\begin{aligned} |x+1| &= x+1, x \geq -1 \\ &= -(x+1), x < -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$< \frac{1}{-(x+1)}$$

$x$  negative

$$< \frac{-1}{x+1}$$

$$< \frac{-1}{M+1} \Rightarrow \epsilon \quad \Rightarrow (M+1)\epsilon = -1$$

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

$$M = -1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

$$< -1 + \left(-\frac{1}{\epsilon} + 1\right)$$

$$< -1 + \epsilon$$

$$< 0 \quad \text{when } x > -M \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = -M \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow -\infty$$

3.2.2: evaluate the following limits when they exists:

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

Ans:  $(x-2) = 0$  ml null.  $x^2 + x + 2 \neq 0$  if  $x \neq 2$

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

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$$\approx = 2$$

$$b. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^2 + 3x - 2}{3x^2 - 2x + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 + \frac{3}{x} + \frac{2}{x^2}}{3 - \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}} = \frac{5 + 0 - 0}{3 - 0 + 0} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$c. \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{x^2}} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} -\frac{1}{x^2}} = e^0 = 1$$

$$d. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{e^{x^2 + 2x - 1}}{\sin x} = \frac{e^{-1}}{\sin 0} = \frac{e^{-1}}{0^+} = \infty$$

$$e. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin(x + \frac{\pi}{2})}{\sqrt[3]{\cos x - 1}} = \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{2}}{\sqrt[3]{0^-}} = \frac{1}{0^-} = -\infty$$

$$f. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \cos x}}{\sin x} = \text{since } \sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x = (1 - \cos x)(1 + \cos x)$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{1 - \cos x}}{\sin x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \cos x}}$$

$$\text{so } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \cos x}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

3.2.3:

a. prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} x^n = a^n$  for  $n = 0, 1, \dots$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . By Thm 3

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} x^n = (\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} x)^n = x_0^n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

b. prove that if  $P$  is a polynomial, then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} P(x) = P(a)$ ,  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

By Thm 3 and part a<sup>↑</sup>:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} P(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (a_n x^n + \dots + a_0) = a_n x_0^n + \dots + a_0 \\ &= P(x_0) \end{aligned}$$

QED

3.2.4: prove the following comparison theorems for real functions  $f$  and  $g$  and  $g \in \mathbb{R}$ :

a. If  $f(x) \geq g(x)$  and  $g(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow a$ , then  $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow a$ .

If  $g(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow a$  then

given  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  and choose  $\delta > 0$  s.t.  $0 < |x-a| < \delta$  implies  $g(x) > M$ .

since  $f(x) \geq g(x) \Rightarrow f(x) > M$ .

so By def:  $g(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow a$  and  $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow a$ .

b. If  $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$  and  $L := \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} h(x)$  then  $g(x) \rightarrow L$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and choose  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $x \geq M$  implies:

$|f(x)-L| < \varepsilon$  and  $|h(x)-L| < \varepsilon$ . By hypotheses and def.

this means:  $L-\varepsilon < \underline{f(x)} \leq \overline{g(x)} \leq \underline{h(x)} < L+\varepsilon$ .

Thus,  $L-\varepsilon < g(x) < L+\varepsilon$

$\Rightarrow |g(x)-L| < \varepsilon$ .  $\blacksquare$

3.2.5: Prove ..., suppose that  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f: [a, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f(x) \rightarrow L$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  iff  $f(x_n) \rightarrow L$  for any seq.  $x_n \in (a, \infty)$  which converges to  $\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Suppose  $f(x) \rightarrow L$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and choose  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $x > M \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$

If  $x_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  choose  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $n \geq N \Rightarrow x_n > M$

Then  $|f(x_n) - L| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

i.e.  $f(x_n) \rightarrow L$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Conversely, suppose  $f(x)$  does not converge to  $L$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

Then there is an  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  s.t. given  $n > 0$  there is an  $x_n > n$  satisfying

$f(x_n) \geq L + \epsilon_0$  OR  $f(x_n) \leq L - \epsilon_0$ .

i.e.  $|f(x_n) - L| \geq \epsilon_0$ , Thus  $x_n \rightarrow \infty$  But  $f(x_n)$  does not converge to  $L$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

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3.2.6: suppose that  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \quad \forall a \in [0, 1]$ . prove that

$f(q) = 0 \quad \forall q \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$  iff  $f(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in [0, 1]$ .

given  $x_0 \in [0, 1]$ , choose  $q_n \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$  s.t.  $q_n \rightarrow x_0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

By Thm.  $f(q_n) \rightarrow f(x_0)$ .

If  $f(q) = 0$  for all  $q \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$  it follows that  $f(x_0) = 0$ .

Thus,  $f(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in [0, 1]$ .

converse Trivial.

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