

Math 17A  
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 Discussion Sheet 4

1.) Evaluate the following limits.

$$a.) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4x^3 - 7x^2 + 2x - 1}{5x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 1000}$$

$$i.) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x}}{e^{2x} - e^{-2x}}$$

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

$$j.) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (e^{2x} + e^{-x})$$

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

$$k.) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^x + 1}{e^x + 4}$$

$$d.) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 2x}}{x + 2}$$

$$l.) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^{-2x} + 1}{e^{-x} + 4}$$

$$e.) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x - \sqrt{x^2 + 100})$$

$$m.) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^{-x} + 1}{e^{-x} + 4}$$

$$f.) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{2x} + 1}{e^{2x} + 4}$$

$$n.) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x + e^{3x}}{e^{2x} + e^{3x}}$$

$$g.) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x + 1}{e^{2x} + 4}$$

$$o.) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^x + e^{3x}}{e^{2x} + e^{3x}}$$

$$h.) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{2x} + 1}{e^x + 4}$$

$$p.) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (e^x - \sqrt{e^{2x} + e^x})$$

2.) Determine if the following function is continuous at  $x = 0$  :

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \ln(x + e), & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } x = 0 \\ \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

3.) Determine if the following function is continuous at  $x = 1$  :

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 3x + 4, & \text{if } x > 1 \\ \frac{2}{3x+1}, & \text{if } x = 1 \\ \frac{3x+1}{4}, & \text{if } x < 1 \end{cases}$$

4.) Determine if the following function is continuous at  $x = 2$  :

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \cos((\pi/4)x), & \text{if } x \geq 2 \\ \sin(3\pi x), & \text{if } x < 2 \end{cases}$$

5.) Use shortcuts to determine the  $x$ -values for which each of the following functions is continuous. Briefly explain.

- a.)  $y = x^{1000} - \pi x + 1$   
 b.)  $f(x) = (3x^2 + x - 2) \cos x$   
 c.)  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 - 4x - 5}$   
 d.)  $f(x) = \ln x - e^x$   
 e.)  $y = e^{\sin x}$   
 f.)  $g(x) = \begin{cases} e^x \sin x, & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ x^2 + x, & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$

6.) Use limits and a "fake" graph to determine the values of constants  $A$  and  $B$  so that the following function is continuous for all values of  $x$ :

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} Ax^2 - Bx, & \text{if } x < -1 \\ 2 + 3x, & \text{if } -1 \leq x < 2 \\ \frac{Ax + B}{x - 1} + 7, & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

7.) Use the Squeeze Principle (Sandwich Theorem) to evaluate the following limits or conclude that the limit does not exist.

- a.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x \sin x}{x^2 + 1}$       b.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} \cdot \cos 100x$       c.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^{2x} \cdot \sin 5x}{2e^x + 1}$   
 d.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^4 \sin(1/x)$       e.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x^3 - 1) \cos(1/x)$

8.) Evaluate the following limits.

- a.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{5x}$       b.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 4x}{x^2}$       c.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x^2 \cot x}$   
 d.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos 3x}{x}$       e.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\sin(5 \tan x)}{\tan x}$       f.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{\sin x}$

9.) What can be determined about  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  for each of the following ?

- a.)  $\frac{x^2 - 5x}{x^2 + 10x} \leq f(x) \leq \frac{2x^2 + 50}{2x^2 + 100}$   
 b.)  $\frac{3 - x}{x + 7} \leq f(x) \leq \frac{x + 4}{x - 4}$   
 c.)  $x \sin(2/x) \leq f(x) \leq 1 + x \tan(1/x)$

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The following problem is for recreational purposes only.

10.) A snail is at the bottom of a well which is 100 feet deep. Each day it climbs up 5 feet and back down 4 feet. In how many days will the hapless snail reach the top of the well ?