

Quiz 2

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1. Find the limit, if it exists. If the limit does not exist explain why: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{3|x+1|}{4x+4}$.

$$\frac{3|x+1|}{4x+4} = \begin{cases} \frac{3(x+1)}{4(x+1)}, & x+1 > 0 \\ \frac{-3(x+1)}{4(x+1)}, & x+1 < 0 \end{cases} =$$
$$= \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4}, & x > -1 \\ -\frac{3}{4}, & x < -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{3|x+1|}{4x+4} = -\frac{3}{4} \neq$$

$$\neq \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{3|x+1|}{4x+4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Hence $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{3|x+1|}{4x+4}$ DNE.

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2. Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that there is a root of the equation $\sqrt[3]{x} - 1 = -2x$ in the interval $(0, 1)$.

$$\sqrt[3]{x} - 1 = -2x \Leftrightarrow \sqrt[3]{x} + 2x - 1 = 0$$

Let $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} + 2x - 1$.

$$f(0) = -1, \quad f(1) = 1 + 2 - 1 = 2$$

We can apply IVT since $f(x)$ is continuous on $[0, 1]$. Take $N = 0$. Then $f(0) = -1 < 0 < 2 = f(1)$.

By IVT there is $c \in (0, 1)$ such that $f(c) = N = 0$.

This c is a root of the given equation in $(0, 1)$.

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3. Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve $y = 2 + \sqrt{x}$ at the point $(1, 3)$. (Find a slope of the tangent line using its definition, that involves limit).

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 + \sqrt{x+h} - 2 - \sqrt{x}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}$$

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

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}}$$

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4. Find the derivative of the function $f(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}$ using the definition of a derivative.

State the domain of the function and the domain of its derivative.

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x+h}{x+h-1} - \frac{x}{x-1}}{h}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x+h}{x+h-1} - \frac{x}{x-1} &= \frac{(x+h)(x-1) - x((x+h)-1)}{(x+h-1)(x-1)} = \\ &= \frac{(x+h)x - (x+h) - x(x+h) + x}{(x+h-1)(x-1)} = \frac{-x+h+x}{(x+h-1)(x-1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h(x+h-1)(x-1)} =$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(x+h-1)(x-1)} = \boxed{\frac{1}{(x-1)^2}}$$

Domain of $f(x)$ is $x \neq 1$ or $x \in (-\infty, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$

Domain of $f'(x)$ is $x \in (-\infty, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$.