

2.2 Limits Involving Infinity

REVIEW: Find the following limits.

$$1. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(3x)}{x} = f(0) = \frac{\sin(3 \cdot 0)}{0} = \frac{0}{0} \rightarrow \checkmark \text{ graph}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(3x)}{x} = 3$$

$$2. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(5x)}{\sin(4x)} \rightarrow \checkmark \text{ graph} \rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(5x)}{\sin(4x)} = 1.25$$

$$3. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{x} \rightarrow \checkmark \text{ graph} \rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{x} = 0$$

$$1 - \cos^2 x = \sin^2 x$$

Questions on 2.1 HW?

(Example 6)

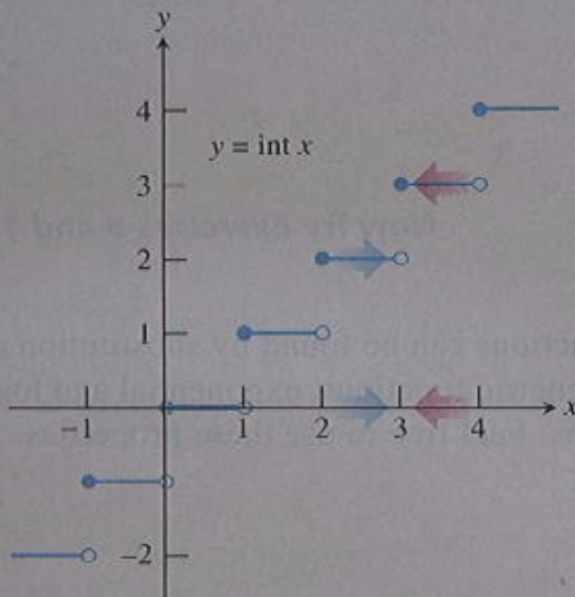


Figure 2.5 At each integer, the greatest integer function $y = \text{int } x$ has different right-hand and left-hand limits. (Example 7)

On the Far Side

of f at c . Here is the notation we use

right-hand: $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$

left-hand: $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$

EXAMPLE 7 Function Value

The greatest integer function $f(x) = \text{int } x$ has a jump discontinuity at each integer, as we can see in Figure 2.5.

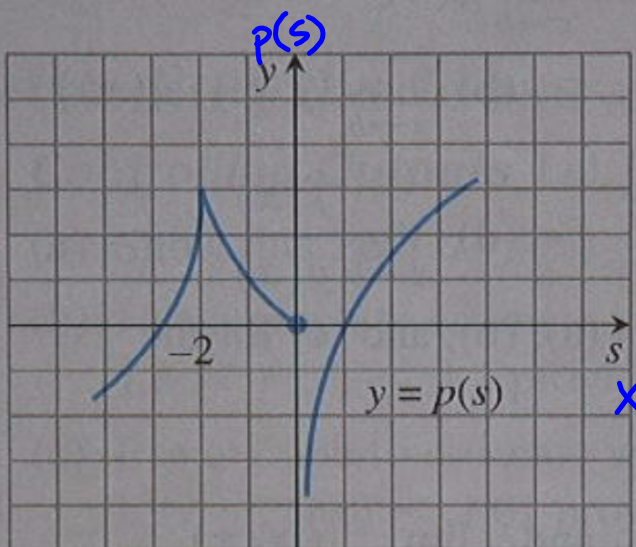
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \text{int } x = 3$$

The limit of $\text{int } x$ as x approaches 3 from the right is 3. The limit of $\text{int } x$ as x approaches 3 from the left is 2.

We sometimes call $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ the *one-sided* right-hand limit and $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ the *one-sided* left-hand limit. They are related to the two-sided limit by the following theorem.

THEOREM 3 One-Sided Limits and Two-Sided Limits

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(d) $f(0) = -4$

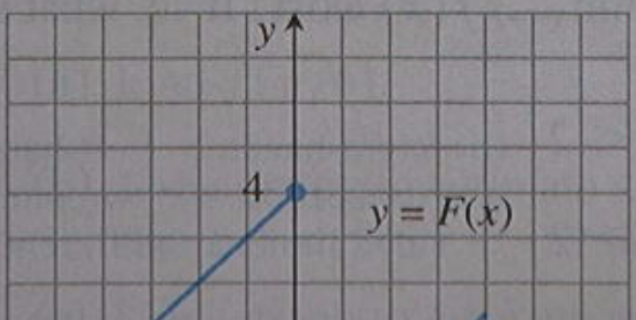
(a) $\lim_{s \rightarrow -2^-} p(s) = 3$

(b) $\lim_{s \rightarrow -2^+} p(s) = -3$

(c) $\lim_{s \rightarrow -2} p(s)$ No limit

(d) $p(-2) = 3$
 $(-2, 3)$

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(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} F(x) = 4$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} F(x) = -3$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} F(x)$ No limit

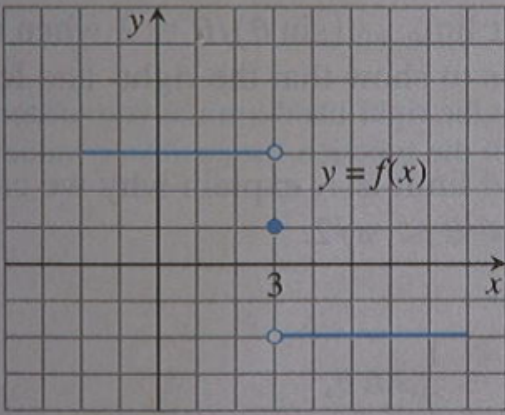
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(h) $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ exists at every c in $(-1, 1)$. True

(i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ exists at every c in $(1, 3)$. True

In Exercises 45–50, use the graph to estimate the limits and value of the function, or explain why the limits do not exist.

45.  (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = 3$
 (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = -2$
 (c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$ No limit
 (d) $f(3) = 1$

46.  (a) $\lim_{t \rightarrow -4^-} g(t) = 5$

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(33) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 x}{x} \rightarrow f(0) = \frac{\sin^2(0)}{0} = \frac{0}{0}$

graphically $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[(\sin x) \left(\frac{\sin x}{x} \right) \right] = \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin x \right) \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \right) =$

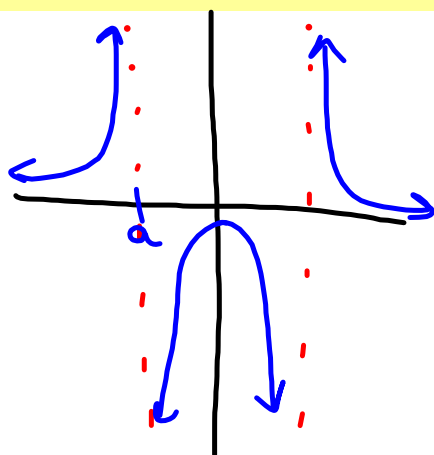
$0 \cdot 1 = \underline{\underline{0}}$

Vertical Asymptote

If the values of a function $f(x)$ outgrow all positive bounds as x approaches a finite number a , we say that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \infty$. If the values of f become large and negative, exceeding all negative bounds as x approaches a finite number a , we say that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = -\infty$.

The line $x = a$ is a **vertical asymptote** of the graph of a function $y = f(x)$ if either

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



You try...

Find the vertical asymptotes of the graph of $f(x)$ and describe the behavior of $f(x)$ to the right and left of each vertical asymptote.

$$f(x) = \frac{8}{4-x^2} = \frac{8}{(2-x)(2+x)}$$

The values of the function approach $-\infty$ to the left of $x = -2$.

The values of the function approach $+\infty$ to the right of $x = -2$.

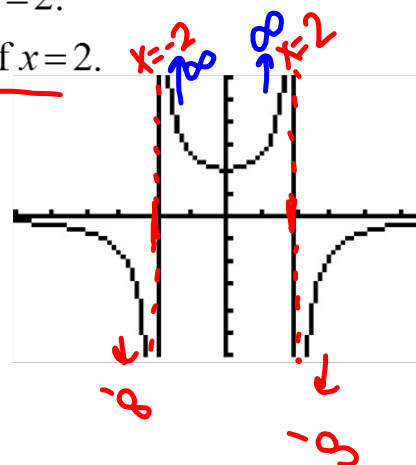
The values of the function approach $+\infty$ to the left of $x = 2$.

The values of the function approach $-\infty$ to the right of $x = 2$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} \frac{8}{4-x^2} = -\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \frac{8}{4-x^2} = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{8}{4-x^2} = +\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{8}{4-x^2} = -\infty$$

So, the vertical asymptotes are $x = -2$ and $x = 2$



Limits as $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$

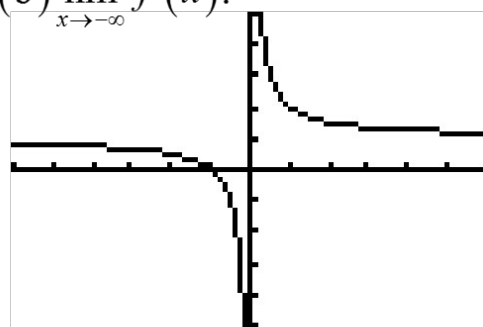
The line $y=b$ is a **horizontal asymptote** of the graph of a function $y=f(x)$ if either

You try... $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = b$ or $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = b$

Use a graph and tables to find (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$ and (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$.

(c) Identify all horizontal asymptotes.

$$f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x}$$



(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 1$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 1$

(c) Identify all horizontal asymptotes. $y=1$

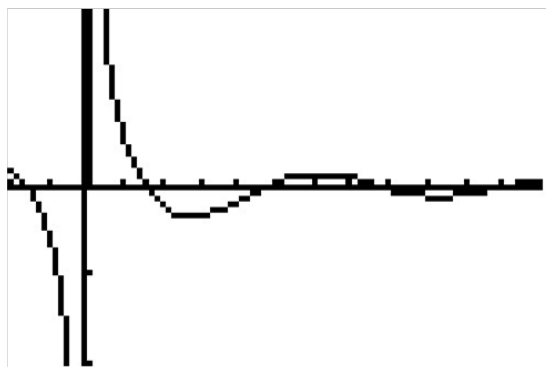
X	Y1	
-150	.99333	↑ $f(x) \rightarrow 1$
-100	.99	
-50	.98	
0	ERROR	
50	1.02	↓ $f(x) \rightarrow 1$
100	1.01	
150	1.0067	

Y1 = (X+1)/X

Sandwich Thm Revisited...

The sandwich theorem also holds for limits as $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$.

Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos x}{x}$ graphically and using a table of values.



X	Y1
-100	-.0086
100	.00862
300	-7E-5
500	-.0018
700	-.0012
900	7.4E-5
1100	8.2E-4

Y1 = (cos(X))/X

The graph and table suggest that the function oscillates about the x -axis

Thus $y = 0$ is the horizontal asymptote and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos x}{x} = 0$

Properties of Limits as $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$

If L, M and k are real numbers and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x) = L \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} g(x) = M, \text{ then}$$

1. *Sum Rule:*
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} (f(x) + g(x)) = L + M$$

The limit of the sum of two functions is the sum of their limits.

2. *Difference Rule:*
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} (f(x) - g(x)) = L - M$$

The limit of the difference of two functions is the difference of their limits

3. *Product Rule:*
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} (f(x) \cdot g(x)) = L \cdot M$$

The limit of the product of two functions is the product of their limits.

4. *Constant Multiple Rule:*
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} (k \cdot f(x)) = k \cdot L$$

The limit of a constant times a function is the constant times the limit of the function.

5. *Quotient Rule:*
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{L}{M}, \quad M \neq 0$$

The limit of the quotient of two functions is the quotient of their limits, provided the limit of the denominator is not zero.

6. *Power Rule:* If r and s are integers, $s \neq 0$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} (f(x))^{\frac{r}{s}} = L^{\frac{r}{s}}$$

provided that $L^{\frac{r}{s}}$ is a real number.

The limit of a rational power of a function is that power of the limit of the function, provided the latter is a real number.

End Behavior Models

The function g is

(a) a **right end behavior model** for f if and only if $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 1$.

(b) a **left end behavior model** for f if and only if $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 1$.

You try...

Find an end behavior model for

$$f(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 2x + 5}{4x^2 + 7}$$

$$g(x) = \frac{3x^2}{4x^2}$$

Notice that $3x^2$ is an end behavior model for the numerator of f , and $4x^2$ is one for the denominator. This makes

$$\frac{3x^2}{4x^2} = \frac{3}{4} \text{ an end behavior model for } f.$$

In this example, the end behavior model for f , $y = \frac{3}{4}$ is also a horizontal asymptote of the graph of f . We can use the end behavior model of a rational function to identify any horizontal asymptote.

A rational function always has a simple power function as an end behavior model.

End Behavior Models

If one function provides both a left and right end behavior model, it is simply called an **end behavior model**.

In general, $g(x) = a_n x^n$ is an end behavior model for the polynomial function

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0, \quad a_n \neq 0$$

Overall, all polynomials behave like monomials.

Homework

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