Math 1210: Worksheet #2 Fall 2017

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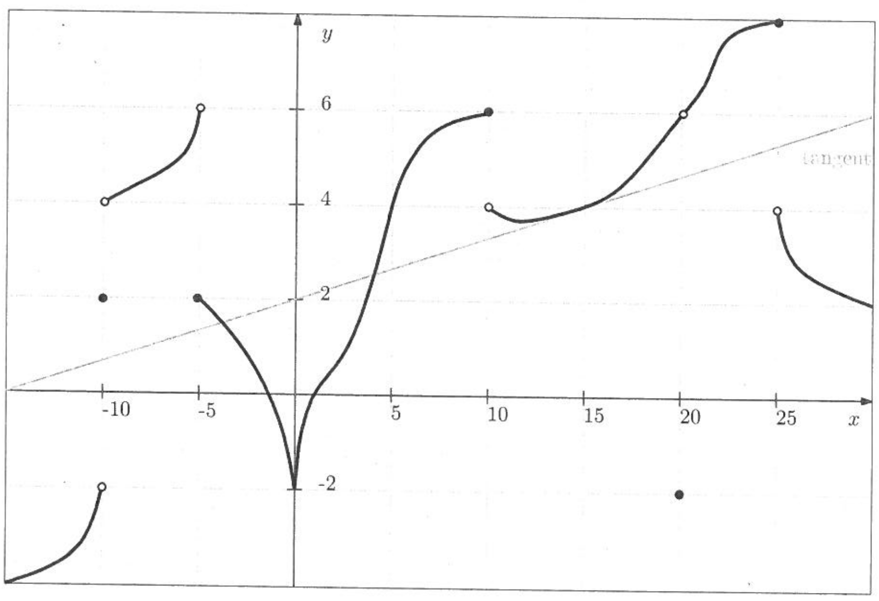
[2] 1. State the formal (ε, δ) definition of $\lim_{x\to a} f(x) = L$. Part marks will be given for an informal definition.

Assuming that $f(x)$ exists for all x in some open interval containing a except possibly at a. $\lim_{x\to a} f(x) = L$ if for any number $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a corresponding number $\delta > 0$ such that

$|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ whenever $0 < |x - a| < \delta$

[5] 2. Let f be a function whose graph of $y = f(x)$ is given below.



(a) $\lim_{x\to 15} \frac{f(x)}{x^2+x-1} = \frac{\lim_{x\to 15} f(x)}{\lim_{x\to 15}(x^2+x-1)} = \frac{4}{225+15-1} = \frac{4}{239}$

(b) $\lim_{x\to 10^+} (2\ln(x-1) - 5f(x)) = 2\ln(9) - 5\lim_{x\to 10^+} f(x) = 2\ln(9) - 5\times 4$

(c) List all values of a in the interval $(-15, 30)$ for which limit $\lim_{x\to a} f(x)$ does not exist:

$-10, -5, 10, 25$

(d) The average rate of change of $f(x)$ over the interval $[-5, 10]$ is $\frac{f(10)-f(-5)}{10-(-5)} = \frac{6-2}{15} = \frac{4}{15}$

(e) The instantaneous rate of change of $f(x)$ when $x = 15$ is $1/3$

[3] 3. Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ and let $a \neq 0$. Find the instantaneous rate of change of $f(x)$ when $x = a$, as a function (call it g) of a (you are not allowed to use any theory of derivatives).

$g(a) = \lim_{x\to a} \frac{f(x)-f(a)}{x-a} = \lim_{x\to a} \frac{1/x - 1/a}{x-a} = \lim_{x\to a} \frac{\frac{a-x}{ax}}{x-a} = \lim_{x\to a} \frac{a-x}{ax(x-a)}$

$= \lim_{x\to a} \frac{-1}{ax} = \frac{-1}{a^2}$

$g(a) = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{f(a+h)-f(a)}{h} = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{\frac{1}{a+h} - \frac{1}{a}}{h} = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{\frac{a-(a+h)}{a(a+h)}}{h} = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{\frac{h}{a(a+h)}}{h}$

$= \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{-h}{h\,a(a+h)} = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{-1}{a(a+h)} = \frac{-1}{a^2}$

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$x^2 - x - 6$

4. Compute the limit or show that it does not exist.

[3] (a) $\lim_{x\to 3} \frac{\sqrt{x^2-4}-\sqrt{x+2}}{x^2+x-12}$ $\times \frac{\sqrt{x^2-4}+\sqrt{x+2}}{\sqrt{x^2-4}+\sqrt{x+2}} = \lim_{x\to 3} \frac{(x^2-4)-(x+2)}{(x^2+x-12)(\sqrt{x^2-4}+\sqrt{x+2})}$

$\lim_{x\to 3} \frac{(\cancel{x-3})(x+2)}{(x+4)(\cancel{x-3})(\sqrt{x^2-4}+\sqrt{x+2})} = \frac{5}{7(\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{5})} = \frac{5}{14\sqrt{5}} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{14}$

[3] (b) $\lim_{x\to 1^-} \left(\ln(1-x) - \ln(3-2x-x^2)\right)$ $= \lim_{x\to 1^-} \left(\ln\left(\frac{1-x}{3-2x-x^2}\right)\right) =$

$\lim_{x\to 1^-} \left(\ln\left(\frac{(\cancel{1-x})}{(\cancel{1-x})(x+3)}\right)\right) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = -\ln(4)$

[4] (c) $\lim_{x\to 2} \frac{|4-x^2|}{x^2-x-2}$

$\lim_{x\to 2^+} \frac{x^2-4}{(x-2)(x+1)} = \lim_{x\to 2^+} \frac{(\cancel{x-2})(x+2)}{(\cancel{x-2})(x+1)} = \frac{4}{3}$

$\lim_{x\to 2^-} \frac{4-x^2}{(x-2)(x+1)} = \lim_{x\to 2^-} \frac{-(\cancel{x-2})(x+2)}{(\cancel{x-2})(x+1)} = \frac{-4}{3}$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{x\to 2^+} f(x) \neq \lim_{x\to 2^-} f(x)$ $\Rightarrow$ Does not exist