

# Group Work 1, Section 2.5

## Infinite Limits

1. Describe the horizontal asymptotes, if any, of the following functions.

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

HA  $y = \frac{1}{3}$

show  $\frac{x^4}{x^4} - \frac{x^2}{x^4} + \frac{2}{x^4} = \frac{1 + 0 + 0}{3 + 0 + 0} = \frac{1}{3}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x^4}}{3 + \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{5}{x^4}}$

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{3x^4 + x^2 + 5}{2x^5 - 2x^3 + 18}$

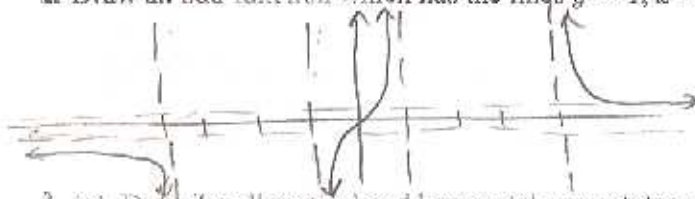
HA: None

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^4 + x^2 + 5}{2x^5 - 2x^3 + 18} = \frac{0}{\infty} = 0$

(c)  $f(x) = \frac{2x^5 - 2x^3 + 18}{x^4 + 3x^3 - x + 2} - \frac{2x}{1}$

$\frac{2x^5 - 2x^3 + 18 - 2x(x^4 + 3x^3 - x + 2)}{x^4 + 3x^3 - x + 2} = \frac{-6x^4 - 2x^3 + 2x^2 - 4x + 18}{x^4 + 3x^3 - x + 2} \Rightarrow y = -6$   
HA

2. Draw an odd function which has the lines  $y = 1$ ,  $x = -4$ , and  $x = -1$  among its asymptotes.



3. (a) Describe all vertical and horizontal asymptotes of  $f(x) = \frac{3x^2 + 4x + 5}{\sqrt{16x^4 - 81}}$

$\sqrt{16x^4 - 81} = 0$

$(4x^2 - 9)(4x^2 + 9) = 0$

$(2x + 3)(2x - 3) = 0$

V.A.  $x = -\frac{3}{2}$   $x = \frac{3}{2}$

H.A.  $y = \frac{3}{4}$

(b) Let  $h(x) = \frac{g(x)}{2x^2 + 4x - 30}$ . Find  $g(x)$  such that the following conditions hold:

(i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} h(x)$  exists.

$2x - 6 = g(x) \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{1}{7}$

(ii)  $y = 2$  is a horizontal asymptote for  $h(x)$ .

$g(x) = 4x^2$

(iii)  $x = -5$  is a vertical asymptote for  $h(x)$ .

$g(x) = 2x - 6$

(iv)  $h(4) = 0$ .

$\frac{g(x)}{(2x-6)(x+5)}$

(iv) let  $g(x) = x - 4$

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4. Find formulas for two functions,  $f$  and  $g$ , such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x)$  and

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

let  $f(x) = e^x$  and  $g(x) = 2^x$

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

let  $f(x) = 2^x$  and  $g(x) = e^x$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (f(x) - g(x)) = 0$

let  $f(x) = e^x + \frac{1}{x}$  and  $g(x) = e^x$

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (f(x) - g(x)) = 42$

let  $f(x) = e^x + 42$  and  $g(x) = e^x$

5. Let  $P(x) = a_m x^m + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ , and  $Q(x) = b_n x^n + \dots + b_1 x + b_0$  be polynomials of degree  $m$  and  $n$ , respectively.

(a) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$  if  $m = n$ .

$y = \frac{a_m}{b_n}$ ; H.A.

(b) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$  if  $m < n$ .

$y = 0$ ; H.A.

(c) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$  if  $m > n$ .

H.A.; None

## Group Work 2, Section 2.5

### I Am the Greatest

1. Show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\lceil x \rceil}{x} = 0$

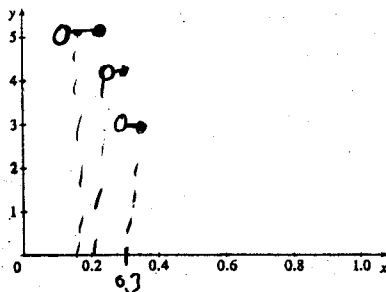
Graph  $\psi_1 = \frac{\lceil x \rceil}{x}$

and Evaluate  $\psi_1$  at  $x = 0.0000001$

and values close to 0.

2. (a) Sketch a graph of  $\left\lceil \frac{1}{x} \right\rceil$  on the axes below.

$x$	$y$
$\frac{1}{6}$	5
$\frac{1}{5}$	5
$\frac{1}{4}$	4
$\frac{1}{3}$	3
$\frac{1}{2}$	2
0.6	1
0.7	1
0.9	1



(b) If  $\frac{1}{n+1} < x < \frac{1}{n}$  find upper and lower bounds for the expression  $x \left\lceil \frac{1}{x} \right\rceil$ .

lower bound  $\frac{n}{n+1}$

upper bound 1

(c) Use the estimates above to show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \left\lceil \frac{1}{x} \right\rceil = 1$ .

Just Graph

3. Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^2 \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] = 0$

4. Show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] = 0$ .

As  $x$  increases the  $x \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] = 0$

5. Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} [x]$  Justify your reasoning.