

1. If  $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2x+5} - \sqrt{x+7}}{x-2}$ , for  $x \neq 2$  and  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 2$ , then  $k = f(2) = k$
- (A) 0      (B)  $\frac{1}{6}$       (C)  $\frac{1}{3}$       (D) 1      (E)  $\frac{7}{5}$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{2x+5} - \sqrt{x+7}}{x-2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7}}{\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(2x+5) - (x+7)}{(x-2)(\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7})}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\cancel{x-2}}{\cancel{(x-2)}(\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7})} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(2)+5} + \sqrt{2+7}} = \boxed{\frac{1}{6}}$$

**Formal Definition of a Limit**  
 Let  $f$  be a function defined on an open interval containing  $c$  (except possibly at  $c$ ) and let  $L$  be a real number. The statement  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$  means that for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $0 < |x - c| < \delta$ , then  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ .

2. Of the following choices of  $\delta$ , which is the *largest* that could be used successfully with an arbitrary  $\epsilon$  in an epsilon-delta proof of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (1 - 3x) = -5$ ?
- (A)  $\delta = 3\epsilon$       (B)  $\delta = \epsilon$       (C)  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{2}$       (D)  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{4}$       (E)  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{5}$

$$|f(x) - L| = |1 - 3x - (-5)| = |-3x + 6|$$

$$= |-3(x-2)| = \frac{3|x-2|}{3} < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$$

$$|x-2| < \boxed{\frac{\epsilon}{3}} \leftarrow \text{largest } \delta \text{ that works}$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Take  $\delta = \epsilon/4$ .  
 whenever  $|x-2| < \delta$ , we have the following:  
 $|f(x) - L| = |1 - 3x - (-5)| = 3|x-2| < 3 \cdot \delta = 3 \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{4} < \epsilon$ ,  
 i.e.  $|x-c| < \delta$  implies that  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ , and  
 hence  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (1 - 3x)$  is indeed  $-5$ .

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{-2|5-x|}{x-5} =$

- (A) 0      (B) 1      (C) -1      (D) 2      (E) -2      (F) does not exist

**Absolute Value:**

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x, & x \geq 0 \\ -x, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$|5-x| = \begin{cases} 5-x, & 5-x \geq 0 \\ -(5-x), & 5-x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$5 \geq x \rightarrow x \leq 5$        $5 < x \rightarrow x > 5$

$$\frac{-2|5-x|}{x-5} = \begin{cases} \frac{-2(5-x)}{x-5}, & x < 5 \\ \frac{-2(-1)(5-x)}{x-5}, & x > 5 \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 2, & x < 5 \\ -2, & x > 5 \end{cases}$$

4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x} - \frac{\cos x}{x} =$

- (A) 0      (B) 1      (C) -1      (D)  $\infty$       (E)  $-\infty$       (F) does not exist

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$       and       $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = 0$

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5. The function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2x - 24}{x^2 + 4x - 12}$  has a removable discontinuity at

- (A) 2      (B) -2      (C) 4      (D) -4      (E) 6      (F) -6
- (G) none of  $f$ 's discontinuities are removable

$$f(x) = \frac{\cancel{(x+6)}(x-4)}{\cancel{(x+6)}(x-2)}$$

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6. For the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x^2 + 3x, & x \leq -3 \\ -5x - 6, & -3 < x \leq 2 \\ x^4, & x > 2 \end{cases}$ , the discontinuity at  $x = -3$  is

- (A) removable (hole)      ~~(B) non-removable (hole)~~  
~~(C) removable (jump)~~      (D) non-removable (jump)  
~~(E) removable (vertical asymptote)~~      (F) non-removable (vertical asymptote)

$$\begin{aligned} & -2(-3)^2 + 3(-3) \\ & -2(9) - 9 \\ & = -27 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -5(-3) - 6 \\ & 15 - 6 \\ & = 9 \end{aligned}$$

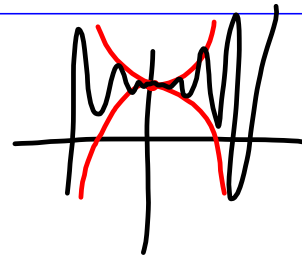


**Squeeze Theorem**

If  $g(x) \leq f(x) \leq h(x)$ , that is, a function is bounded above and below by two other functions, and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x) = L$ , that is, the two upper and lower functions have the same limit, then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ , that is, the limit of the function that is "squeezed" between the two functions with equal limits must have the same limit.

9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (-x^2 \cos \frac{2}{x} + 3) =$

- (A) 0 (B) -1 (C) 1 (D) 3 (E) -3 (F) does not exist



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$$-1 \leq \cos \frac{2}{x} \leq 1$$

$$x^2 \geq -x^2 \cos \frac{2}{x} \geq -x^2$$

$$x^2 + 3 \geq -x^2 \cos \frac{2}{x} + 3 \geq -x^2 + 3$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 + 3 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -x^2 \cos \frac{2}{x} + 3 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -x^2 + 3 \rightarrow 3$$

10.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin 2x}{3x} =$

- (A) 0 (B)  $\frac{2}{3}$  (C)  $\frac{3}{2}$  (D)  $\frac{4}{3}$  (E)  $\frac{3}{4}$  (F) does not exist

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = 0$

$\sin 2x \neq 2 \sin x$

$\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin 2x}{3x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2(2 \sin x \cos x)}{3x}$

$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \cos x$

$\frac{4}{3} \cdot 1 \cdot \cos(0) = \frac{4}{3}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin 2x}{3x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{2x} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{1}$

$\frac{1}{1} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot 2 = \frac{4}{3}$

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Determine the values of  $b$  and  $c$  such that the function is continuous on the entire real number line.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 10, & -8 < x < 2 \\ x^2 + bx + c, & |x + 3| \geq 5 \end{cases} \longrightarrow \begin{matrix} x + 3 \geq 5 & x + 3 \leq -5 \\ x \geq 2 & x \leq -8 \end{matrix}$$

$$\textcircled{a} x = 2$$

$$2 + 10 = 2^2 + b(2) + c$$

$$12 = 4 + 2b + c$$

$$8 = 2b + c$$

$$c = 8 - 2b$$

$$8 - 2b = 8b - 62$$

$$-10b = -70$$

$$\boxed{b = 7}$$

$$\textcircled{a} x = -8$$

$$-8 + 10 = (-8)^2 + b(-8) + c$$

$$2 = 64 - 8b + c$$

$$8b - c = 62$$

$$c = 8b - 62$$

$$c = 8 - 2(7)$$

$$= 8 - 14 = \boxed{-6 = c}$$