

Finding Limits Graphically and Numerically

1. Complete the table and use the result to estimate the limit. Use a graphing utility to graph the function to confirm your result (similar to p.74 #1-9)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2 - 3x - 2)$$

x	1.9	1.99	1.999	2	2.001	2.01	2.1
f(x)				?			

2. Complete the table and use the result to estimate the limit. Use a graphing utility to graph the function to confirm your result (similar to p.74 #1-9)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \left(\frac{x^2 - 25}{x - 5} \right)$$

x	4.9	4.99	4.999	5	5.001	5.01	5.1
f(x)				?			

3. Create a table of values for the function and use the result to estimate the limit. Use a graphing utility to graph the function to confirm your result (similar to p.75 #11-15)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\tan(x)}{x} \right)$$

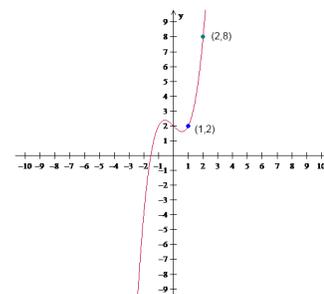
4. Create a table of values for the function and use the result to estimate the limit. Use a graphing utility to graph the function to confirm your result (similar to p.75 #11-15)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x - 2} \right)$$

5. Use the graph of f(x) to find the limit (if it exists) (similar to p.75 #17-27)

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

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$

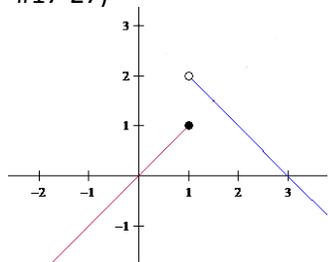


6. Use the graph of $f(x)$ to find the limit where $c = 1$ (if it exists) (similar to p.75 #17-27)

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$



7. Find the limit L . Then find $\delta > 0$ (delta) such that $|f(x) - L| < 0.01$ whenever $0 < |x - c| < \delta$ (similar to p.77 #41-43)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (5x - 1)$$

Find the limit L . Then find $\delta > 0$ (delta) such that $|f(x) - L| < 0.01$ whenever $0 < |x - c| < \delta$

1. Identify c , $f(x)$, and L
2. Plug in c into $|x - c|$
3. Plug $f(x)$ and L into $|f(x) - L| < 0.01$ and get the absolute value by itself such that it looks like $|x - c|$, then the other side is δ

On some problems the 0.01 gets replaced by epsilon: ϵ

8. Find the limit L . Then use the ϵ - δ definition to prove that the limit is L . (similar to p.77 #45-55)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} (2x + 1)$$

Plug in $f(x)$, c , and L into $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ when $0 < |x - c| < \delta$ and get the absolute values by themselves and find δ