

Lesson 8.1.1 Limits at Infinity

1. Identify the dominant term in each of the following expressions.

a. $5^x - 4x^6 + 2x^2 - 6^x$

b. $45x^2 - 27x + \log x + \sqrt{x}$

c. $\sqrt{x^6} - 5x^2$

2. Evaluate the following limits.

a. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 12x^3 - 1.2^x$
 $\boxed{-\infty}$

b. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 3500(4^x) - 5^x$
 $\boxed{-\infty}$

c. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 15\sqrt{x} - x$
 $\boxed{-\infty}$

d. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (-3x^2) + 42 \log x$
 $\boxed{-\infty}$

Lesson 8.1.2 Limits of Rational Functions (at infinity)

1. Evaluate the given limits.

a. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x^2-1)(x^2+1)}{(2x^2-3)(2x^2+5)}$
 $\frac{x^4}{4x^4} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}$
 $\boxed{\frac{1}{4}}$

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

c. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^4 + x^2}{(x+1)^3}$
 $\frac{3x^4}{x^3} \rightarrow 3x \rightarrow \boxed{-\infty}$

d. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7x^3 + x}{(2x-1)(3x^2+1)}$
 $\frac{7x^3}{6x^3} \rightarrow \frac{7}{6}$
 $\boxed{\frac{7}{6}}$

e. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 4}{x^3 + x - 1}$
 $\frac{x^2}{x^3} \rightarrow \frac{1}{x} \rightarrow 0$
 $\boxed{0}$

f. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{4x^4 - 3x + 1}}{(2+3x)^2}$
 $\frac{2x^2}{9x^2} \rightarrow \frac{2}{9}$
 $\boxed{\frac{2}{9}}$

Lesson 8.1.3 Rational Functions

1. Evaluate the given limits.

a. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x^2 - 25}{x - 5}$
 $\frac{(x-5)(x+5)}{(x-5)} = 10$
 $\boxed{10}$

b. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-1}{x^2-1}$
 $\frac{x-1}{(x+1)(x-1)} = \frac{1}{2}$
 $\boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$

c. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{2x^2 + 7x + 3}$
 $\frac{(x+3)(x-3)}{(2x+1)(x+3)} = \frac{-6}{-5} = \frac{6}{5}$
 $\boxed{\frac{6}{5}}$

2. Write a possible rational function with the following characteristics.

a. Hole at $x = 2$, Vertical Asymptote at $x = -3$

$f(x) = \frac{x-2}{(x+3)}$

b. Horizontal Asymptote at $y = 0$, Vertical Asymptote at $x = 0$

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

c. Vertical Asymptote at $x = 4$, Zero (x -int) at $x = -2$

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

d. Hole at $x = -1$, Horizontal Asymptote at $y = 2$

$f(x) = \frac{2(x+1)}{(x+1)}$

Lesson 8.2.1 The Number e

1. Evaluate each expression without using a calculator.

a. $\ln e^4 = 4$

b. $\ln\left(\frac{1}{e}\right) = -1$

c. $e^{\ln \sqrt{7}} = \sqrt{7}$

d. $\ln e^x - \ln e^x = 0$

2. Solve each expression for x. Leave exact answers.

a. $\ln(2x+3) = 29$
 $e^{29} = 2x+3$
 $\frac{e^{29}-3}{2} = x$

b. $\ln(4) + \ln(3x) = 1$
 $\ln(12x) = 1$
 $e^1 = 12x$
 $\frac{e}{12} = x$

c. $\log_2(\log_3 x) = 4$
 $2^4 = \log_3 x$
 $3^{16} = x$

d. $3e^{4x} - 1 = 35$
 $3e^{4x} = 36$
 $e^{4x} = 12$
 $4x \ln e = \ln 12$
 $x = \frac{\ln 12}{4}$

e. $\frac{2e^{x-6}}{2} = 100$
 $e^{x-6} = 50$
 $\ln e^{x-6} = \ln 50$
 $x - 6 = \ln 50$
 $x = \ln 50 + 6$

f. $4^{(-3x+4)} = 128$
 $(2)^{2(-3x+4)} = 2^7$
 $-6x + 8 = 7$
 $x = \frac{1}{6}$

Lesson 8.2.2 Applications of e

$$A = 500000(1 + \frac{.04}{12})^{12 \cdot 20} = \$111291.04$$

$$A = 500000e^{.04(20)} = \$1112770.46$$

1. Suppose \$500,000 was invested with a 4% annual interest rate for a period of 20 years. What difference would there be in the final value of the investment if the interest was invested continuously instead of monthly?

$\$1479.42$ more if continuously

2. \$3,000 was invested for 8 years with the interest compounded continuously. If the investment is worth \$7,700 at the end of 8 years, what was the interest rate?

$$\frac{7700}{3000} = \frac{3000e^{8r}}{3000} \quad \ln 2.567 = \ln e^{8r} \quad 11.78\%$$

$$2.567 = e^{8r} \quad \ln 2.567 = \frac{8r}{e} \quad r \approx .1179$$

3. How long will it take any investment to quadruple if it earns 5.6% interest, compounded continuously?

$$\frac{4P}{P} = \frac{Pe^{.056t}}{P} \quad 4 = e^{.056t} \quad \ln 4 = \ln e^{.056t} \quad \frac{\ln 4}{.056} = \frac{.056t}{.056} \quad t \approx 24.76 \text{ yrs.}$$

4. A 32 gram sample of radioactive iodine decays in such a way that the mass m (grams) remaining after t days is given by the function $m(t) = 32e^{-0.089t}$. After how many days are there only 16 grams remaining?

$$\frac{16}{32} = \frac{32e^{-0.089t}}{32} \quad \frac{1}{2} = e^{-0.089t} \quad \ln \frac{1}{2} = \ln e^{-0.089t} \quad \frac{\ln \frac{1}{2}}{-0.089} = \frac{-0.089t}{-0.089} \quad t \approx 7.79 \text{ days}$$

5. Tommy deposits \$250 into an account for 6 years. How much interest is earned if the account offers 4.2% annual interest compounded quarterly?

$$A = 250(1 + \frac{.042}{4})^{4 \cdot 6} = \$321.23 \quad \text{Interest} = \$71.23$$

Lesson 8.2.3 Infinite Geometric Series

1. Find the given sum, or explain why it does not exist.

$$r = \frac{-2/3}{1} = -2/3$$

a. $1 - \frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{9} - \frac{8}{27} + \dots$

$$r = -\frac{2}{3} \quad \frac{1}{1 - (-2/3)} = \frac{1}{5/3} = \frac{3}{5}$$

b. $\sum_{p=0}^{\infty} 3(-.4)^p$

$$r = \frac{-1.2}{3} = -.4$$

$$r = -.4 \quad \frac{3}{1 - (-.4)} = \frac{3}{1.4} = 2.14$$

c. $\frac{3}{5} + \frac{2}{5} + \frac{4}{15} + \frac{8}{45} + \dots$

$$r = \frac{2/5}{3/5} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{3/5}{1 - 2/3} = \frac{3/5}{1/3} = \frac{9}{5}$$

d. $4^7 - 4^5 + 4^3 - 4 + \dots$

$$r = \frac{-4^5}{4^7} = -0.0625$$

$$\frac{4^7}{1 - (-0.0625)} = 15420.23529$$

e. $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 6\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^i = 4 + \frac{8}{3} + \frac{16}{9} + \dots$

$$r = \frac{8/3}{4} = \frac{2}{3} \quad \frac{4}{1 - 2/3} = \frac{4}{1/3} = 12$$

f. $2.5 + 1.75 + 1.225 + 0.8575 + \dots$

$$r = \frac{1.75}{2.5} = .7$$

$$r = .7 \quad \frac{2.5}{1 - .7} = \frac{2.5}{.3} = 8\frac{1}{3}$$

Review Topic: Evaluating functions.

Evaluate each given the functions: $f(x) = 3x^2 - x$ and $g(x) = (x-3)^2 + 4$

a. $f(-2)$
 $3(-2)^2 - (-2) = 3(4) + 2 = 14$

b. $g(7)$
 $(7-3)^2 + 4 = 16 + 4 = 20$

c. $f(x-2)$
 $3(x^2 - 4x + 4) - x + 2 = 3x^2 - 12x + 12 - x + 2$

d. find x if $g(x) = 20 \pm 4 = x - 3$
 $20 = (x-3)^2 + 4$
 $16 = (x-3)^2$
 $4 = x - 3 \quad -4 = x - 3$
 $\checkmark \quad 7 = x \text{ or } x = -1$

Review Topic: Writing equations of lines in point slope form.

a. Through $(1, -20)$ and $(-14, 32)$
 $m = \frac{-20 - 32}{1 - (-14)} = \frac{-52}{15}$
 $y - (-20) = \frac{-52}{15}(x - 1) - 20$

b. Parallel to $y = \frac{3}{2}x - 4$ through $(-2, -7)$
 $y - (-7) = \frac{3}{2}(x + 2) - 7$

c. Passes through $(-31, 12)$ and is perpendicular to the line that goes through $(2, 7)$ and $(-1, 5)$.
 $m = \frac{7 - 5}{2 - (-1)} = \frac{2}{3} \quad \perp m = -\frac{3}{2}$
 $y - 12 = -\frac{3}{2}(x + 31) + 12$