

1. (4 points) Determine a value of  $k$  such that the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} kx^2 & \text{if } x \leq 3 \\ k - 5x & \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases}$  is continuous everywhere.

The two pieces of this function are each continuous over their entire domain, so the sole concern is to make sure that  $f(x)$  is continuous at the transition point; namely, at  $x = 3$ . Thus we want  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x)$ , and  $f(3)$  to all have the same value. These can be evaluated to be  $k \cdot 3^2$ ,  $k - 5 \cdot 3$ , and  $k \cdot 3^2$  respectively, so what we require is simply that  $k \cdot 3^2 = k - 5 \cdot 3$ ; this algebraic equation is easily solved to find that  $k = \frac{-15}{8}$ .

2. (5 points) Prove, using the epsilon-delta definition of a limit, that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} -3x + 4 = 7$ .

The statement  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} -3x + 4 = 7$  is an assertion that, for every value  $\epsilon > 0$ , a value  $\delta$  can be furnished such that, if  $0 < |x - (-1)| < \delta$ , then  $|-3x + 4 - 7| < \epsilon$ . We may justify this assertion by explicitly determining how  $\delta$  is calculated from  $\epsilon$  to make this inference true.

$$\begin{aligned} |-3x + 4 - 7| &< \epsilon \\ |-3x - 3| &< \epsilon \\ |-3(x + 1)| &< \epsilon \\ |-3| \cdot |x + 1| &< \epsilon \\ 3|x - (-1)| &< \epsilon \\ |x - (-1)| &< \frac{\epsilon}{3} \end{aligned}$$

so we may declare that the choice of  $\delta$  equal to  $\frac{\epsilon}{3}$  is sufficient to meet whatever challenge we are given.

3. (6 points) Evaluate each of the following infinite limits or demonstrate that the limit does not exist.

(a)  $\lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{3r - 5r^3}{100r^2 - 2r + 1}$

Dividing both numerator and denominator by  $r^2$  to make the denominator finite, we find that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{3r - 5r^3}{100r^2 - 2r + 1} = \lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\frac{3r - 5r^3}{r^2}}{\frac{100r^2 - 2r + 1}{r^2}} = \lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\frac{3}{r} - 5r}{100 - \frac{2}{r} + \frac{1}{r^2}}$$

and in this expression, the denominator will tend towards  $100 - 0 + 0$ , while the numerator tends towards  $0 - 5r$ , so as  $r$  gets very large, this expression is approximately  $\frac{-r}{20}$ , whose limit does not exist — specifically, it decreases without bound, although it is not necessary to describe it in such detail.

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2}{2 - 18x^5}$

Dividing both numerator and denominator by  $x^5$  to make the denominator finite, we find that

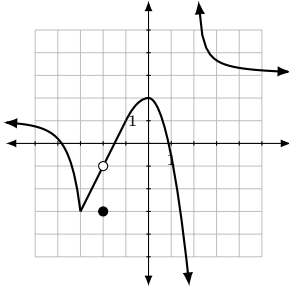
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2}{2 - 18x^5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\frac{x^2}{x^5}}{\frac{2 - 18x^5}{x^5}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x^3}}{\frac{2}{x^5} - 18} = \frac{0}{0 - 18} = 0.$$

(c)  $\lim_{u \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{u^4 - 7u^2 + 3u}{6u^4 + 2u - 1}$

Dividing both numerator and denominator by  $u^4$  to make the denominator finite, we find that

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{u^4 - 7u^2 + 3u}{6u^4 + 2u - 1} = \lim_{u \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\frac{u^4 - 7u^2 + 3u}{u^4}}{\frac{6u^4 + 2u - 1}{u^4}} = \lim_{u \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1 - \frac{7}{u^2} + \frac{3}{u^3}}{6 + \frac{2}{u^3} - \frac{1}{u^4}} = \frac{1 - 0 + 0}{6 + 0 - 0} = \frac{1}{6}.$$

4. (5 points) Below is the graph of a function  $f(x)$ . Answer the questions asked.



What is  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$ ?

What is  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x)$ ?

At what values of  $x$  is the function  $f(x)$  discontinuous?

Because the graph of the function trails off on the left towards the height  $y = 1$ , we would say that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 1$ ; likewise on the right, the trailing off towards a height of 3 is denoted by the statement that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = 3$ .

The graph of  $f(x)$  possesses discontinuities at places where either the limit does not exist, the function value does not exist, or the two do not agree. At  $x = -2$ , there is a discontinuity because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x) = -1$  while  $f(-2) = -3$ . There is also a discontinuity at  $x = 2$  because neither the limit nor the function value exists there.

5. (2 point bonus) Prove (formally) that the equation  $x = \tan x$  has infinitely many solutions.