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MAC 2311 Section U08 Test 1  
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Question 2. Evaluate the limit.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{4x + 7}{x - 2}$$

$$\frac{4 \cdot 5 + 7}{5 - 2} = \frac{20 + 7}{3} = \frac{27}{3} = 9$$

Question 2. Evaluate the limit.

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x(x^2 + 1)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

Question 3. Evaluate the limit.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 + 6x + 5}{x^2 - 3x - 4}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(x+1)(x+5)}{(x+1)(x-4)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x+5}{x-4}$$

$$= \frac{-1+5}{-1-4} = \frac{4}{-5} = -\frac{4}{5}$$

Question 4. Evaluate the one-sided limits. Specify whether each limit is  $+\infty$  or  $-\infty$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \frac{x}{x^2 - 9} \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} \frac{x}{x^2 - 9}$$

When  $x \rightarrow -3^-$ ,  $x$  is slightly less than  $-3$

$$x < -3$$

$$x + 3 < 0$$

$$\frac{x}{x^2 - 9} = \frac{x}{(x+3)(x-3)} = \frac{\text{near } -3}{(\text{near } 0 \text{ and negative})(\text{near } -6)} \quad \frac{\text{NEG}}{\text{NEG} \cdot \text{NEG}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \frac{x}{x^2 - 9} = -\infty$$

When  $x \rightarrow -3^+$ ,  $x$  is slightly greater than  $-3$

$$x > -3$$

$$x + 3 > 0$$

$$\frac{x}{x^2 - 9} = \frac{x}{(x+3)(x-3)} = \frac{\text{near } -3}{(\text{near } 0 \text{ and positive})(\text{near } -6)} \quad \frac{\text{NEG}}{\text{POS} \cdot \text{NEG}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} \frac{x}{x^2 - 9} = +\infty$$

Question 5. Evaluate the limit.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+9} - 3}{x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{x+9} - 3)(\sqrt{x+9} + 3)}{x(\sqrt{x+9} + 3)}$$

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{x(\sqrt{x+9} + 3)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+9} + 3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{0+9} + 3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{9} + 3} = \frac{1}{3+3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Question 6. Evaluate the limit.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{3x^4 + x}}{x^2 - 8}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{3x^4 + x}}{x^2 - 8} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{x^2}}{\frac{1}{x^2}} \quad \text{Note: } x^2 = \sqrt{x^4}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3x^4 + x}}{\sqrt{x^4}}}{\frac{x^2 - 8}{x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{3x^4 + x}{x^4}}}{\frac{x^2 - 8}{x^2}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{3 + \frac{1}{x^3}}}{1 - \frac{8}{x^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{3 + 0}}{1 - 0}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1} = \sqrt{3}$$

**Question 7.** Find all values of  $x$  (if any) at which  $f(x)$  is not continuous, and determine whether each discontinuity is a removable discontinuity.

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

$$f(x) = \frac{5}{x} + \frac{x+2}{(x+2)(x-2)}$$

Discontinuous at  $x=0$ ,  $x=-2$ ,  $x=2$

The discontinuity at  $x=-2$  is removable  
(because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x)$  exists)

The other discontinuities are not removable.

Question 8. Find the discontinuities, if any.

$$f(x) = \frac{3 - 5 \cos x}{\sin x}$$

Discontinuous when  $\sin x = 0$

which happens when  $x = 0, \pm\pi, \pm 2\pi, \pm 3\pi, \dots$



Question 9. Find the limit.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 2017}\right)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 2017} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{x^2}}{\frac{1}{x^2}}\right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \cos\left(\frac{\pi + \frac{1}{x^2}}{1 + \frac{2017}{x^2}}\right)$$

$$= \cos\left(\frac{\pi + 0}{1 + 0}\right)$$

$$= \cos \pi$$

$$= -1$$

Question 10a. Write down the definition of the derivative.

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

Question 10b. Use the definition of the derivative to find the derivative of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{x+h})^2 - (\sqrt{x})^2}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x+h - x}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+0} + \sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \end{aligned}$$