

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

Solution. $x \rightarrow 3 \Rightarrow \text{Limit} : \frac{9-15+6}{9-12+3} = \frac{0}{0}$; So factor the numerator and the denominator

$$\text{Limit} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x-3)(x-2)}{(x-3)(x-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x-2)}{(x-1)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Evaluate the following limit:

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

Solution. $h \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \text{Limit} : \frac{\sqrt{9}-3}{0} = \frac{0}{0}$; So

multiply the numerator and the denominator by the conjugate of the numerator :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Limit} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{9+h} - 3)(\sqrt{9+h} + 3)}{h(\sqrt{9+h} + 3)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{9+h}^2 - 9)}{h(\sqrt{9+h} + 3)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{h}}{h(\sqrt{9+h} + 3)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{9+h} + 3)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{9} + 3} = \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Suppose

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 5x & \text{if } x \leq -1, \\ ax^3 - 7 & \text{if } x > -1. \end{cases}$$

Determine all values of the constant a for which $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x)$ exists, and state the value of the limit, if possible.

Solution. $\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow -1^+ \\ x > -1}} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} (ax^3 - 7) = a(-1)^3 - 7 = -a - 7;$

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow -1^- \\ x < -1}} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} (x^2 - 5x) = (-1)^2 - 5(-1) = 6;$$

SO we must have: $-a - 7 = 6 \Rightarrow a = -13$ and Limit = Left Limit = 6

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 8$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) = 3$, then find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sqrt[3]{f(x)g(x) + 3}$.

Solution. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) \cdot g(x) + 3 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 3 = 8 \times 3 + 3 = 27$

So *Limit* = $\sqrt[3]{27} = 3$.

Determine the value of the constant a for which the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x + 1} & \text{if } x \neq -1, \\ a & \text{if } x = -1 \end{cases}$$

is continuous at $x = -1$.

Solution. For the values $x \neq -1$, the function is the rational function $y = \frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x + 1}$

and the denominator is not zero, so the function is **continuous** at any $x \neq -1$.

Now for $x = -1$: $f(-1) = a$, $\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow -1 \\ x \neq -1}} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(x + 1)(x + 2)}{\cancel{(x + 1)}}$

$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(x + 2)}{1} = -1 + 2 = 1$; and $f(-1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) \Rightarrow a = 1$.

Question. Find the tangent line to the curve $y = \sin x$ at the point $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$.

$$m = \text{Slope} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6}} \frac{f(x) - f\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)}{x - \frac{\pi}{6}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6}} \frac{\sin x - \sin \frac{\pi}{6}}{x - \frac{\pi}{6}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6}} \frac{\sin x - \frac{1}{2}}{x - \frac{\pi}{6}}$$

$$x - \frac{\pi}{6} = t \Rightarrow x = t + \frac{\pi}{6}, \quad x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6} \Rightarrow t \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin\left(t + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) - \frac{1}{2}}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin t \cdot \cos \frac{\pi}{6} + \cos t \cdot \sin \frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{1}{2}}{t}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin t + \frac{1}{2} \cos t - \frac{1}{2}}{t} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin t}{t} + \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos t - 1}{t} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Tangent Line: $y - f(a) = m(x - a)$

$$y - \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6} \right)$$