

Math 251 Fall 2017

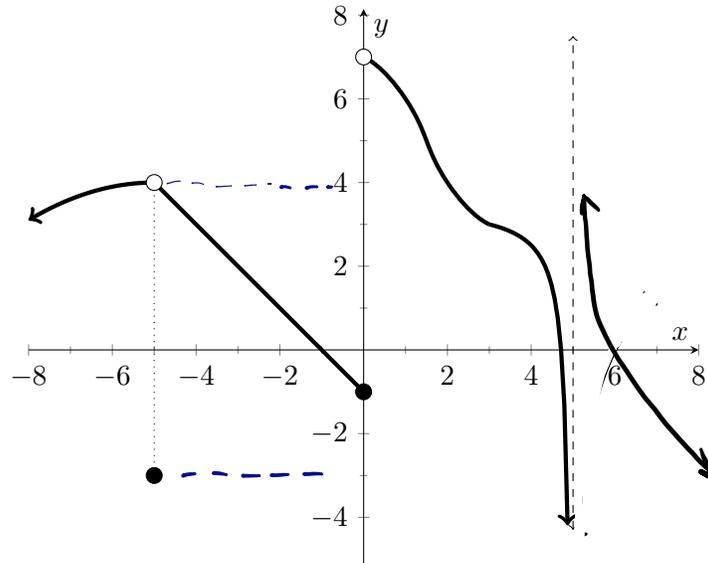
Quiz #2, September 6

Solutions

Name: _____

There are 25 points possible on this quiz. This is a closed book quiz. Calculators and notes are not allowed. **Please show all of your work!** If you have any questions, please raise your hand.

Exercise 1. (9 pts.) Use the graph of the function of $f(x)$ to answer the following questions.



1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5} f(x) = \underline{4}$

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \underline{DNE}$

3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 6} f(x) = \underline{0}$

4. $f(-5) = \underline{-3}$

5. $f(0) = \underline{-1}$

6. $f(6) = \underline{0}$

7. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \underline{-1}$

8. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \underline{7}$

9. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) = \underline{-\infty}$

Exercise 2. (5 pts.) Evaluate the limit below and justify your answer. **Note:** The 5 points for this problem are distributed as: 1 point for the correct answer, 4 points for a clearly written justification using complete sentences.

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

As x approaches 1 from below, $x-1$ approaches zero but is negative. The numerator approaches $3+1^2 = 4$, a positive nonzero number. So the quotient is unbounded. Its sign is negative.

Exercise 3. (6 pts.) The position of a car is given by values in the table below. Include units in your answers.

t (seconds)	0	1	2	3	4	5
s (feet)	0	11	32	70	119	179

(a.) Find the average velocity of the car over the time interval [2, 3].

$$\text{average velocity} = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t} = \frac{70 - 32}{3 - 2} = \frac{38}{1} = 38 \text{ ft/sec}$$

(b.) Find the average velocity of the car over the time interval [3, 4].

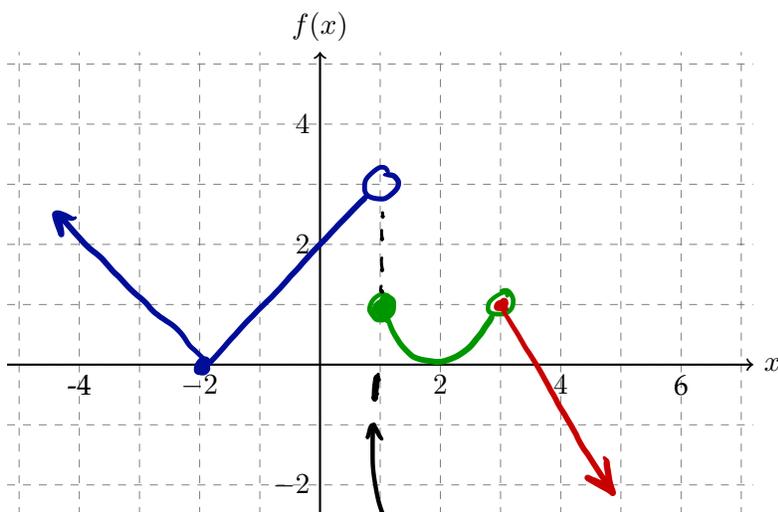
$$\text{average velocity} = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t} = \frac{119 - 70}{4 - 3} = \frac{49}{1} = 49 \text{ ft/sec}$$

(c.) Give a rough estimate of the instantaneous velocity at $t = 3$.

$$\text{average the velocity on either side} : \text{instantaneous velocity at } t=3 \approx \frac{49 + 38}{2} = \frac{87}{2} = 43.5 \text{ ft/sec}$$

Exercise 4. (5 pts.) On the axes below, sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} |x + 2| & \text{if } x < 1 \\ (x - 2)^2 & \text{if } 1 \leq x < 3 \\ 7 - 2x & \text{if } 3 \leq x. \end{cases}$

Use the graph to determine the values of a for which $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ does not exist and, for each a -value, justify your answer.



a-value	justification
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$a = 1$

The left- and right-handed limits have different values.

only place where limit fails to exist.