

Quiz 1

1. Evaluate the following limits. If a limit does not exist, write DNE, ∞ or $-\infty$ based on your best estimate. You do NOT need to explain your answers.

(a)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^3 - x^2 + 2)$$

(b)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{x + 1}$$

(c)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x(x + 1)}$$

2. Evaluate the following limit (and show your work!)

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+h} - 1}{h}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \quad (a) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^3 - x^2 + 2) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x^3 - \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x^2 + \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 2 \\ (2pt) \quad &= 1^3 - 1^2 + 2 \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x + 1} = \frac{1}{1+1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(c) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x(x+1)} = -\infty$$

because $x(x+1) < 0$ as x approaches 0 from the left and $x(x+1)$ is close to $0(0+1) = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \quad \frac{\sqrt{1+h} - 1}{h} &= \frac{(\sqrt{1+h} - 1)(\sqrt{1+h} + 1)}{h(\sqrt{1+h} + 1)} = \frac{(1+h) - 1}{h(\sqrt{1+h} + 1)} \\ (3pt) \quad &= \frac{h}{h(\sqrt{1+h} + 1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+h} + 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+h} - 1}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+h} + 1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+0} + 1} = \frac{1}{2}$$