

Limits Practice

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1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (8 - 3x + 12x^2) = 8 - 3(2) + 12(2)^2 = \boxed{50}$

2.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -3} \frac{6 + 4t}{t^2 + 1} = \frac{6 + 4(-3)}{(-3)^2 + 1} = \frac{-6}{10} = \boxed{-\frac{3}{5}}$

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{x^2 - 25}{x^2 + 2x - 15} = \frac{(x+5)(x-5)}{(x+5)(x-3)} = \frac{x-5}{x-3} = \frac{-5-5}{-5-3} = \frac{-10}{-8} = \boxed{\frac{5}{4}}$

4.  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 8} \frac{2z^2 - 17z + 8}{8 - z} = \frac{(2z-1)(z-8)}{-(z-8)} = -(2z-1) = \boxed{-15}$

5.  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 7} \frac{y^2 - 4y - 21}{3y^2 - 17y - 28} = \frac{(y-7)(y+3)}{(y-7)(3y+4)} = \frac{y+3}{3y+4} = \frac{10}{25} = \boxed{\frac{2}{5}}$

6.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(6+h)^2 - 36}{h} = \frac{36 + 12h + h^2 - 36}{h} = \frac{h(12+h)}{h} = \boxed{12}$

7.  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 4} \frac{(\sqrt{z}-2)(\sqrt{z}+2)}{(z-4)(\sqrt{z}+2)} = \frac{(z-4)}{(z-4)(\sqrt{z}+2)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}+2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{4}}$

8.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{(\sqrt{2x+22}-4)(\sqrt{2x+22}+4)}{(x+3)(\sqrt{2x+22}+4)} = \frac{2x+22-16}{(x+3)(\sqrt{2x+22}+4)} = \frac{2(x+3)}{(x+3)(\sqrt{2x+22}+4)} = \frac{2}{8} = \boxed{\frac{1}{4}}$

9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(3+\sqrt{x+9})}{(3-\sqrt{x+9})(3+\sqrt{x+9})} = \frac{x(3+\sqrt{x+9})}{9-(x+9)} = \frac{x(3+\sqrt{x+9})}{-x} = \boxed{-6}$

10. Given the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 7-4x & x < 1 \\ x^2+2 & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Evaluate the following limits, if they exist.

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -6} f(x) = 7 - 4(-6) = \boxed{31}$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 7 - 4(1) = 3$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (1)^2 + 2 = 3$   
 $\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 3$

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos x} = 1 \cdot 1 = \boxed{1}$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 4x}{x} \cdot 4 = \frac{4 \sin 4x}{4x} = 4 \cdot 1 = \boxed{4}$

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 4x}{5x} \cdot \frac{4}{5} = \frac{\frac{4}{5} \sin 4x}{4x} = \frac{4}{5} \cdot 1 = \boxed{\frac{4}{5}}$

4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{3x} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{\frac{1}{3} \sin x}{x} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 1 = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$

5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2x}{3x} = \frac{\sin 2x}{3x \cos 2x} = \frac{\frac{2}{3} \sin 2x}{2x \cos 2x} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 1 = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$

6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 5x}{\tan 6x} = \frac{\sin 5x}{\cos 5x} \cdot \frac{\cos 6x}{\sin 6x} = \text{see back}$

7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\cos 4x + 1}{x} = \text{see back}$

8.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sec x - 1}{x \sec x} = \text{see back}$

9.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 t}{t^2} = \text{see back}$

10. Use the Squeeze Theorem to determine the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{x}\right) = 0$

$\downarrow$   
 $-1 \leq \sin \frac{\pi}{x} \leq 1$   
 $-x^4 \leq x^4 \sin \frac{\pi}{x} \leq x^4$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -x^4 = 0 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^4 = 0$

$$\#6 \frac{5x \cdot \sin 5x \cdot \cos 6x}{5x \cdot \cos 5x \cdot \sin 6x} \cdot \frac{6x}{6x}$$

$$5x \frac{\sin 5x}{5x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos 5x} \cdot \frac{6x}{6x \sin 6x} \cdot \frac{\cos 6x}{1}$$

$$\frac{5x}{\cos 5x} \cdot \frac{\cos 6x}{6x} = \frac{5}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\#7 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(-\cos 4x + 1)(-\cos 4x - 1)}{x(-\cos 4x - 1)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\cos^2 4x - 1}{x(-\cos 4x - 1)} = \frac{-(\sin^2 4x) - 1}{x(-\cos 4x - 1)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\sin^2 4x}{x(-\cos 4x - 1)} = \frac{-4\sin^2 4x}{4x(-\cos 4x - 1)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-4\sin 4x}{-\cos 4x - 1} = \frac{-4(0)}{-1 - 1} = \frac{0}{-2} = 0$$

$$\#8 \frac{\frac{1}{\cos x} - 1}{\frac{x}{\cos x}} = \frac{\frac{1 - \cos x}{\cos x}}{\frac{x}{\cos x}} = \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = 0$$

$$\#9 \frac{\sin^2 t}{t^2} = \frac{\sin t}{t} \cdot \frac{\sin t}{t} = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

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