

Limits — problems only

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Summary: This document contains some of the most common limits problems for you to review! Feel free to jump around or start from the beginning! Visit <https://sciency.tech> for the solutions and other problem-and-solution guides!

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1 How to read limits out loud

1. How do you read $f(x)$?
2. How do you read $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$?
3. How do you read $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$?
4. How do you read $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$?

2 Basic limit problems

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x = ?$
2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (x^2 + 7) = ?$
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = ?$
4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} = ?$
5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x - 3}{x^2 + 7} = ?$
6. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} x \cos x = ?$

3 One-sided limits

1. Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 2, & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 3x - 7, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases},$$

then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = ?$$

2. Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 2, & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 3x - 7, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = ?$$

3. Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 2, & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 3x - 7, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases},$$

then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = ?$$

4 Limit laws

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) + g(x)) = ?$
2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) g(x) = ?$
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = ?$
4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(g(x)) = ?$
5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} 17 = ?$
6. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x))^2 = ?$
7. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x))^n = ?$
8. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (7x - 2)^3 = ?$
9. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{x + 4} = ?$
10. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -7} \sqrt{x + 4} = ?$

5 Harder limit problems

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x^2 - 25}{x - 5} = ?$

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = ?$

3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^2} = ?$

4. Let $a_n = 2 + 1/n$. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = ?$

5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 49} - 7}{x^2} = ?$

6. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 24} - 7}{x^2 - 25} = ?$

7. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{4x^4 + 24x} - 7}{x^2 - 25} = ?$

(Try calculating this limit **without** using l'Hôpital's rule.)

8. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{5x^3 + 4x + 7}{25 - 2x^3} = ?$

(Try calculating this limit **without** using l'Hôpital's rule.)

6 l'Hôpital's rule

1. What is l'Hôpital's rule?

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = ?$

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

4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{x^2+4} = ?$