

Limit of a Continuous Function

If $f(x)$ is a continuous function for all real numbers, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$

Limits of Rational Functions

A. If $f(x)$ is a rational function given by $f(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$, such that $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ have no common factors, and c is a real number such that $q(c) = 0$, then

I. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ does not exist

II. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \pm\infty \longrightarrow x = c$ is a vertical asymptote

B. If $f(x)$ is a rational function given by $f(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$, such that reducing a common factor between $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ results in the agreeable function $k(x)$, then

$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} k(x) = k(c) \longrightarrow$ Hole at the point $(c, k(c))$

Limits of a Function as x Approaches Infinity

If $f(x)$ is a rational function given by $f(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$, such that $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are both polynomial functions, then

A. If the degree of $p(x) > q(x)$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$

B. If the degree of $p(x) < q(x)$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$ \longrightarrow $y = 0$ is a horizontal asymptote

C. If the degree of $p(x) = q(x)$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = c$, where c is the ratio of the leading coefficients.
 \longrightarrow $y = c$ is a horizontal asymptote

Special Trig Limits

A. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{ax} = 1$

B. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ax}{\sin ax} = 1$

C. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos ax}{ax} = 0$