

Evaluating Limits Algebraically ... and without a calculator

Evaluate each limit algebraically. No calculator.

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (3x + 5)$

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} (2 - 3x)$

3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} (8 - x)$

4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x+2}{x}$

5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x+2}{x}$

6. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 - 16}{x - 4}$

7. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 8}{2 - x}$

8. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 8}{x - 2}$

9. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{2x^2 - 5x - 12}{x - 4}$

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$$10. \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{x+5}{x^3+125}$$

$$11. \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x + 12}{x - 3}$$

$$12. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x - 6}{x^2 - 4}$$

$$13. \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x-3}{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{3}}$$

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$$14. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{x+4} - \frac{1}{4}}{x}$$

$$15. \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 3}{x - 9}$$

$$16. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x+4} - 2}$$

$$17. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - \sqrt{x}}{x^4 - 1}$$

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Evaluate each limit and then identify any horizontal asymptotes.

$$18. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 + 8x - 4}{2x^3 + 3}$$

$$19. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 1}{2x^3 - 8x^2 + 3}$$

$$20. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^5 - x - 1}{6x^3}$$

$$21. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + 1}{x^2 - 1}$$

$$22. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 1}$$

Evaluate each limit and then identify any vertical asymptotes.

$$23. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{5x^2 + x}{x - 2}$$

$$24. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x}{(x - 1)^3}$$

$$25. \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 15}{x^2 - 9}$$

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Answers

1) 5

6) 8

11) 5

16) 4

21) 0, $y = 0$

2) -13

7) -12

12) $7/4$

17) $3/8$

21) und, no HA

3) 0

8) 6

13) -9

18) $1/2$, $y = 1/2$

23) und, $x = 2$

4) $5/3$

9) 11

14) $-1/16$

19) 0, $y = 0$

24) und, $x = 1$

5) undefined

10) $1/75$

15) $1/6$

20) und, no HA

25) und, $x = 3$