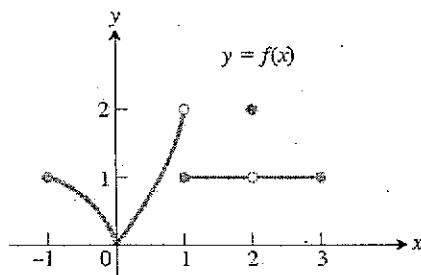


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1. Use the graph below to answer the following questions.



a) (3 points-no partial credit)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 1$

b) (3 points-no partial credit)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 1$

c) (3 points-no partial credit)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 1$

d) (3 points-no partial credit)  $f(2) = 2$

e) (3 points) Is  $f$  continuous at  $x = 2$ ? Justify your answer precisely.

No because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) \neq f(2)$

f) (3 points-no partial credit)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$

g) (3 points) Is  $f$  continuous at  $x = 0$ ? Justify your answer precisely.

Yes, because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0)$  (both 0)

2. (4 points) Given that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 5$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} g(x) = -2$ , find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (2g(x) - f(x)g(x))$ .

$2(-2) - 5(-2) = -4 + 10 = \boxed{6}$

3. (7 points)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & x \leq 2 \\ -2x + C & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

For which value of  $C$  is  $f$  continuous at  $x = 2$ ?

$$4 = -2(2) + C$$

$$C = 8$$

4. (4 points each) Evaluate the following limits algebraically. Show your work. If the limit is not a number write "does not exist".

a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^3 - 3x$

$$8 - 6 = 2$$

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

c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x-2}{x^2-4} = 0$  (degree of denominator > degree of numerator)

d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{x^2-4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\cancel{x-2}}{(x/\cancel{1})(x+2)} = \frac{1}{4}$

e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x-2}{x^2-4} = \frac{-4}{0} = \text{does not exist}$

f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x-3}{x+3} = \frac{0}{6} = 0$

g)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5} 11 = 11$

5. (20 points) a) Find the derivative of  $f(x) = 4x^2 - 3x + 8$  using the definition (the formula with limit).

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4(x+h)^2 - 3(x+h) + 8 - (4x^2 - 3x + 8)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4x^2 + 8xh + 4h^2 - 3x - 3h + 8 - 4x^2 + 3x - 8}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{4x^2} + 8xh + 4h^2 - \cancel{3x} - 3h + \cancel{8} - \cancel{4x^2} + \cancel{3x} - \cancel{8}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 8x + 4h - 3 = 8x - 3$$

$$\boxed{f'(x) = 8x - 3}$$

- b) Find the equation of the tangent line to  $f(x) = 4x^2 - 3x + 8$  at the point  $(1, 9)$ .

$$\text{slope} = f'(1) = 8(1) - 3 = 5$$

$$y = 5x + b$$

$$9 = 5 + b \quad b = 4$$

$$\boxed{y = 5x + 4}$$

6. (20 points) Given the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 36}{x^2 - 5x - 6}$ .

- a) Find the intervals where  $f$  is continuous. Write the answer in interval notation.
- b) Identify the horizontal and vertical asymptotes of the function by calculating the appropriate limits.
- c) Sketch the graph of the function. Graph and label the asymptotes. Use the graphing paper.

a)  $x^2 - 5x - 6 = 0$   
 $(x-6)(x+1) = 0$   
 $x = 6 \quad x = -1$

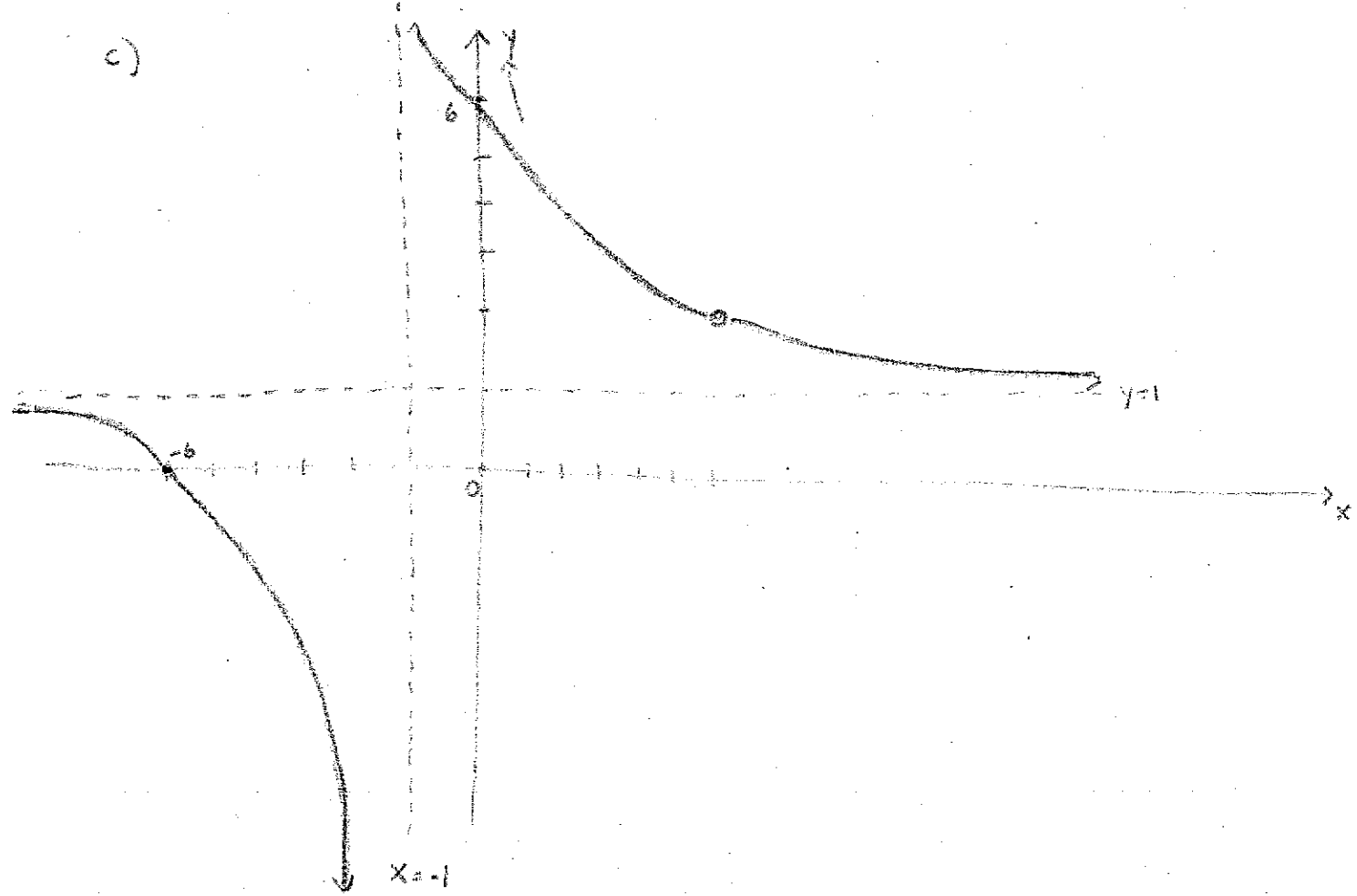
$(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 6) \cup (6, \infty)$

b) H.A.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 36}{x^2 - 5x - 6} = 1$   $y = 1$  is H.A.

(numerator and denominator have the same degree)  
 SAME for  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 1$   
 V.A. at  $x = 6$   $\frac{0}{0}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 6} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 6} \frac{(x-6)(x+6)}{(x-6)(x+1)} = \frac{12}{7}$  There is no V.A. at  $x=6$  (hole)

at  $x = -1$   $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = \frac{-37}{0}$  infinite limit  $x = -1$  is V.A.



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1. (4 points each) Evaluate the following limits algebraically. Show your work. If the limit is not a number write "does not exist".

$$a) \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} x^3 - 4x = (-2)^3 - 4(-2) = -8 + 8 = \boxed{0}$$

$$b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x+3}{x^2-9} = \frac{3}{-9} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$c) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x+3}{x^2-9} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{9}{x^2}} = \frac{0}{1} = \boxed{0}$$

(or, it is 0 because the degree of the numerator is less than the degree of the denominator)

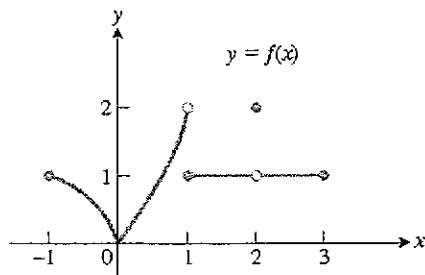
$$d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x+3}{x^2-9} = \frac{6}{0} = \text{DNE}$$

$$e) \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x+3}{x^2-9} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{\cancel{(x+3)}}{\cancel{(x+3)}(x-3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{1}{x-3} = \frac{1}{-3-3} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{6}}$$

$$f) \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x-5}{x+5} = \frac{0}{10} = \boxed{0}$$

$$g) \lim_{x \rightarrow 6} -7 = \boxed{-7}$$

2. Use the graph below to answer the following questions.



a) (3 points-no partial credit)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 2$

b) (3 points-no partial credit)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = 1$

c) (3 points-no partial credit)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = \text{DNE}$

d) (3 points-no partial credit)  $f(1) = 1$

e) (3 points) Is  $f$  continuous at  $x = 1$ ? Justify your answer precisely.

No, because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) \text{ DNE}$

f) (3 points-no partial credit)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$

g) (3 points) Is  $f$  continuous at  $x = 0$ ? Justify your answer precisely.

Yes, because  $f(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  (they are both 0)

3. (4 points) Given that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = -3$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} g(x) = 5$ , find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} (f(x)g(x) + 2f(x))$ .

$$(-3)(5) + 2(-3) = -15 - 6 = \boxed{-21}$$

4. (7 points)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 4x + C & x < 3 \\ x^3 - 6x & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

For which value of  $C$  is  $f$  continuous at  $x = 3$ ?

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = 4(3) + C = 12 + C$$

$$12 + C = 9$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = 3^3 - 18 = 27 - 18 = 9$$

$$\boxed{C = -3}$$

5. (20 points) a) Find the derivative of  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2x + 1$  using the definition (the formula with limit).

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3(x+h)^2 - 2(x+h) + 1 - (3x^2 - 2x + 1)}{h} =$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3(x^2 + 2xh + h^2) - 2x - 2h + 1 - 3x^2 + 2x - 1}{h} =$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^2 + 6xh + 3h^2 - 2h - 3x^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(6x + 3h - 2)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (6x + 3h - 2) = 6x - 2$$

$$\boxed{f'(x) = 6x - 2}$$

- b) Find the equation of the tangent line to  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2x + 1$  at the point  $(2, 9)$ .

$$\text{slope} = f'(2) = 6(2) - 2 = 10$$

$$y = 10x + b$$

$$9 = 10(2) + b$$

$$9 = 20 + b$$

$$b = -11$$

$$\boxed{y = 10x - 11}$$

6. (20 points) Given the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 25}{x^2 + 4x - 5}$ :

- Find the intervals where  $f$  is continuous. Write the answer in interval notation.
- Identify the horizontal and vertical asymptotes of the function by calculating the appropriate limits.
- Sketch the graph of the function. Graph and label the asymptotes. Use the graphing paper.

a)  $f$  is continuous when the denominator is not zero

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 4x - 5 &= 0 \\ (x+5)(x-1) &= 0 \\ x &= -5 \quad x = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$(-\infty, -5) \cup (-5, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$$

b) H.A (limits at infinity)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 25}{x^2 + 4x - 5} = 1 \quad \left( \frac{1x^2}{1x^2} \text{ since numerator and denominator have the same degree} \right)$$

$$\text{Similarly } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2 - 25}{x^2 + 4x - 5} = 1 \quad \text{so } \boxed{y=1 \text{ is H.A.}}$$

V.A (infinite limits)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{x^2 - 25}{x^2 + 4x - 5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{\cancel{(x+5)}(x-5)}{\cancel{(x+5)}(x-1)} = \frac{-10}{-6} = \frac{5}{3}$$

This is not an infinite limit, so  $x = -5$  is NOT a V.A. (there is a hole at  $x = -5$ )

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 25}{x^2 + 4x - 5} = \frac{-24}{0} \text{ is an infinite limit so } \boxed{x=1 \text{ is V.A.}}$$

