Workshop Solutions to Sections 3.1 and 3.2

21)
$$\lim_{x \to 2} \frac{x+2}{x^3+8} = \lim_{x \to 2} \frac{x+2}{(x+2)(x^2-2x+4)} = \lim_{x \to 2} \frac{x+2}{(x+2)(x^2-2x+4)}$$

32) If
$$2x \le f(x) \le 3x^2 - 8$$
, then $\lim_{x \to 2} f(x) =$

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \to 2} 2x = 2(2) = 4$$

and

$$\lim_{x \to 2} (3x^2 - 8) = 3(2)^2 - 8 = 12 - 8 = 4$$

It follows from the Sandwich Theorem that

$$\lim_{x \to 2} f(x) = 4$$

33)
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \left[x \cos \left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right) \right] =$$

We know that the cosine of any angle is between -1 and 1. So,

$$-1 \le \cos\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) \le 1$$

Now, multiply throughout by x, we get

$$-x \le x \cos\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) \le x$$

But $\lim_{x\to 0} x = 0$ and $\lim_{x\to 0} (-x) = 0$. It follows from the Sandwich Theorem that

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \left[x \cos \left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right) \right] = 0$$
35) If $\frac{x^2 + 1}{x - 1} \le f(x) \le x - 1$, then
$$\lim_{x \to 0} f(x) = 0$$

34)
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \left[x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right] =$$

We know that the sine of any angle is between —1 and 1. So,

$$-1 \le \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \le 1$$

Now, multiply throughout by x, we get

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36) If $4(x-1) \le f(x) \le x^3 + x - 2$, then
$$\lim_{x \to 1} f(x) = 0$$

Solution:

$$\lim_{\substack{x \to 1 \\ x \to 1}} (4(x-1)) = 4((1)-1) = 4 \times 0 = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{x \to 1} (x^3 + x - 2) = (1)^3 + (1) - 2 = 1 + 1 - 2 = 0$$

It follows from the Sandwich Theorem that

$$\lim_{x \to 1} f(x) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \to 0} f(x) =$$

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x - 1} = \frac{(0)^2 + 1}{(0) - 1} = \frac{1}{-1} = -1$$

and

$$\lim_{x \to 0} (x - 1) = (0) - 1 = -1$$

It follows from the Sandwich Theorem that

$$\lim_{x \to 0} f(x) = -1$$

37) If

$$\lim_{x \to 3} \frac{f(x) + 4}{x - 1} = 3,$$

then

$$\lim_{x \to 3} f(x) =$$

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \to 3} \frac{f(x) + 4}{x - 1} = \frac{\lim_{x \to 3} (f(x) + 4)}{\lim_{x \to 3} (x - 1)} = \frac{\lim_{x \to 3} f(x) + \lim_{x \to 3} (4)}{\lim_{x \to 3} (x) - \lim_{x \to 3} (1)}$$

$$= \frac{\lim_{x \to 3} f(x) + 4}{3 - 1} = \frac{\lim_{x \to 3} f(x) + \lim_{x \to 3} (4)}{2}$$

Now

$$\frac{\lim_{x\to 3} f(x) + 4}{2} = 3$$

$$\lim_{x \to 3} f(x) + 4 = 6 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \lim_{x \to 3} f(x) = 2$$

38)
$$\lim_{x \to 2} \frac{2^{-1} - (3x - 4)^{-1}}{2 - x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 2} \frac{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3x - 4}}{\frac{2 - x}{3x - 4 - 2}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 2} \frac{\frac{2(3x - 4)}{2 - x}}{\frac{3x - 6}{2(3x - 4)}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 2} \frac{\frac{2(3x - 4)}{2 - x}}{\frac{3(x - 2)}{2(3x - 4)}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 2} \frac{\frac{3(x - 2)}{2(3x - 4)}}{\frac{2 - x}{3(x - 2)}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 2} \frac{3(x - 2)}{2(3x - 4)(2 - x)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 2} \frac{-3}{2(3(2) - 4)} = \lim_{x \to 2} \frac{-3}{2 \times 2} = -\frac{3}{4}$$
40) If

39)
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{(x+1)^3 - 1}{x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{(x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1) - 1}{x}$$
$$= \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x}{x}$$
$$= \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x(x^2 + 3x + 3)}{x} = \lim_{x \to 0} (x^2 + 3x + 3)$$
$$= (0)^2 + 3(0) + 3 = 3$$

$$\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{f(x) + 3x}{x^2 - 5f(x)} = 1,$$

then

$$\lim_{x \to 1} f(x) =$$

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{f(x) + 3x}{x^2 - 5f(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \to 1} (f(x) + 3x)}{\lim_{x \to 1} (x^2 - 5f(x))}$$

$$= \frac{\lim_{x \to 1} f(x) + \lim_{x \to 1} (3x)}{\lim_{x \to 1} (x^2) - \lim_{x \to 1} (5f(x))}$$

$$= \frac{\lim_{x \to 1} f(x) + 3(1)}{(1)^2 - 5\lim_{x \to 1} f(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \to 1} f(x) + 3}{1 - 5\lim_{x \to 1} f(x)}$$

Now

$$\frac{\lim_{x \to 1} f(x) + 3}{1 - 5 \lim_{x \to 1} f(x)} = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \to 1} f(x) + 3 = (1) \left(1 - 5 \lim_{x \to 1} f(x) \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \to 1} f(x) + 3 = 1 - 5 \lim_{x \to 1} f(x)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \to 1} f(x) + 5 \lim_{x \to 1} f(x) = 1 - 3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 6 \lim_{x \to 1} f(x) = -2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \to 1} f(x) = \frac{-2}{6} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

41)
$$\lim_{x \to 4} \frac{x^2 - 6x + 8}{x^2 + x - 20}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 4} \frac{(x - 2)(x - 4)}{(x - 4)(x + 5)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 4} \frac{x - 2}{x + 5} = \frac{(4) - 2}{(4) + 5} = \frac{2}{9}$$

42)
$$\lim_{x \to -2} \frac{x^3 + 8}{x^2 - x - 6}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to -2} \frac{(x + 2)(x^2 - 2x + 4)}{(x - 3)(x + 2)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to -2} \frac{x^2 - 2x + 4}{x - 3} = \frac{(-2)^2 - 2(-2) + 4}{(-2) - 3}$$

$$= \frac{4 + 4 + 4}{-5} = \frac{12}{-5} = -\frac{12}{5}$$

43)
$$\lim_{x \to 1} \left[\frac{x^2 - 2}{x + 4} + x^2 - 2x \right] = \frac{(1)^2 - 2}{(1) + 4} + (1)^2 - 2(1)$$
$$= \frac{1 - 2}{1 + 4} + 1 - 2 = \frac{-1}{5} - 1 = \frac{-1 - 5}{5} = -\frac{6}{5}$$

$$44) \lim_{x \to -2} \frac{4x^2 + 6x - 4}{2x^2 - 8}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to -2} \frac{2(2x^2 + 3x - 2)}{2(x^2 - 4)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to -2} \frac{2x^2 + 3x - 2}{x^2 - 4}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to -2} \frac{(2x - 1)(x + 2)}{(x - 2)(x + 2)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to -2} \frac{2x - 1}{(x - 2)(x + 2)} = \frac{-4 - 1}{-2 - 2}$$

$$= \frac{-5}{-4} = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$46) \lim_{x \to -2} \frac{\sqrt{2x + 1}(x^2 - 9)}{\sqrt{2x + 1}(x^2 - 9)}$$

45)
$$\lim_{x \to -1} \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x^5 - x^3}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to -1} \frac{(x - 3)(x + 1)}{x^3(x^2 - 1)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to -1} \frac{(x - 3)(x + 1)}{x^3(x - 1)(x + 1)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to -1} \frac{x - 3}{x^3(x - 1)} = \frac{(-1) - 3}{(-1)^3((-1) - 1)}$$

$$= \frac{-1 - 3}{(-1)(-2)} = \frac{-4}{2} = -2$$

46)
$$\lim_{x \to 3} \frac{\sqrt{2x+1}(x^2-9)}{(2x+3)(x-3)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 3} \frac{\sqrt{2x+1}(x-3)(x+3)}{(2x+3)(x-3)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 3} \frac{\sqrt{2x+1}(x+3)}{2x+3} = \frac{\sqrt{2(3)+1}((3)+3)}{2(3)+3}$$

$$= \frac{6\sqrt{7}}{9} = \frac{2\sqrt{7}}{3}$$

47)
$$\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{\sqrt{3 - 2x} - 1}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \to 1} \left[\frac{\sqrt{3 - 2x} - 1}{x - 1} \times \frac{\sqrt{3 - 2x} + 1}{\sqrt{3 - 2x} + 1} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{(3 - 2x) - 1}{(x - 1)(\sqrt{3 - 2x} + 1)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{2 - 2x}{(x - 1)(\sqrt{3 - 2x} + 1)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{2(1 - x)}{(x - 1)(\sqrt{3 - 2x} + 1)} =$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{-2(x - 1)}{(x - 1)(\sqrt{3 - 2x} + 1)} =$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{-2}{\sqrt{3 - 2x} + 1} = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{3 - 2(1)} + 1}$$

$$= \frac{-2}{\sqrt{3 - 2} + 1} = \frac{-2}{2} = -1$$

48)
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{(x+1)^2 - 1}{x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{(x^2 + 2x + 1) - 1}{x}$$
$$= \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x^2 + 2x}{x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x(x+2)}{x}$$
$$= \lim_{x \to 0} (x+2) = (0) + 2 = 2$$

$$\frac{x - 1\sqrt{3} - 2x + 1}{2} = \frac{-2}{2} = -1$$

$$= \frac{-2}{\sqrt{3 - 2} + 1} = \frac{-2}{2} = -1$$

$$49) \lim_{x \to 1} \frac{\sqrt{2x + 2} - 2}{\sqrt{3x - 2} - 1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 1} \left[\frac{\sqrt{2x + 2} - 2}{\sqrt{3x - 2} - 1} \times \frac{\sqrt{2x + 2} + 2}{\sqrt{2x + 2} + 2} \times \frac{\sqrt{3x - 2} + 1}{\sqrt{3x - 2} + 1} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 1} \left[\frac{(2x + 2) - 4}{(3x - 2) - 1} \times \frac{\sqrt{3x - 2} + 1}{\sqrt{2x + 2} + 2} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 1} \left[\frac{2x - 2}{3x - 3} \times \frac{\sqrt{3x - 2} + 1}{\sqrt{2x + 2} + 2} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 1} \left[\frac{2(x - 1)}{3(x - 1)} \times \frac{\sqrt{3x - 2} + 1}{\sqrt{2x + 2} + 2} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 1} \left[\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{\sqrt{3x - 2} + 1}{\sqrt{2x + 2} + 2} \right] = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{\sqrt{3(1) - 2} + 1}{\sqrt{2(1) + 2} + 2}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{\sqrt{1} + 1}{\sqrt{4} + 2} = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{3}$$

50)
$$\lim_{x \to 2} \frac{3 - \sqrt{2x + 5}}{x - 2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 2} \left[\frac{3 - \sqrt{2x + 5}}{x - 2} \times \frac{3 + \sqrt{2x + 5}}{3 + \sqrt{2x + 5}} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 2} \frac{9 - (2x + 5)}{(x - 2)(3 + \sqrt{2x + 5})}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 2} \frac{4 - 2x}{(x - 2)(3 + \sqrt{2x + 5})}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 2} \frac{2(2 - x)}{(x - 2)(3 + \sqrt{2x + 5})}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 2} \frac{-2(x - 2)}{(x - 2)(3 + \sqrt{2x + 5})}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to 2} \frac{-2}{3 + \sqrt{2x + 5}} = \frac{-2}{3 + \sqrt{2(2) + 5}}$$

$$= \frac{-2}{3 + \sqrt{9}} = \frac{-2}{6} = -\frac{1}{3}$$
53)
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sqrt{x + 4} - 2}{x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \left[\frac{\sqrt{x + 4} - 2}{x} \times \frac{\sqrt{x + 4} + 2}{\sqrt{x + 4} + 2} \right]$$

51)
$$\lim_{x \to -1} \frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^2 + 1} = \frac{(-1)^2 + 3(-1) + 2}{(-1)^2 + 1} = \frac{1 - 3 + 2}{1 + 1}$$
$$= \frac{0}{2} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \to k} f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

and

$$\lim_{x \to k} g(x) = \frac{2}{3}$$

Then

$$\lim_{x \to k} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{2}{3}} = -\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{2} = -\frac{3}{4}$$

53)
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+4} - 2}{x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \left[\frac{\sqrt{x+4} - 2}{x} \times \frac{\sqrt{x+4} + 2}{\sqrt{x+4} + 2} \right]$$
$$= \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{(x+4) - 4}{x(\sqrt{x+4} + 2)}$$
$$= \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x}{x(\sqrt{x+4} + 2)}$$
$$= \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+4} + 2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(0)+4} + 2}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4} + 2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

54)
$$\lim_{x \to -1} \frac{x^2 - 5x - 6}{x + 1} = \lim_{x \to -1} \frac{(x - 6)(x + 1)}{x + 1} = \lim_{x \to -1} (x - 6)$$
$$= (-1) - 6 = -7$$

55)
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{(x+3)^{-1} - 3^{-1}}{x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\frac{1}{x+3} - \frac{1}{3}}{x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\frac{3 - (x+3)}{3(x+3)}}{x}$$
$$= \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{-x}{3x(x+3)} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{-1}{3(x+3)}$$
$$= \frac{-1}{3(0)+3} = \frac{-1}{9} = -\frac{1}{9}$$

56) If

$$\lim_{x \to 1} f(x) = 3$$

$$\lim_{x \to 1} g(x) = -4$$

and

$$\lim_{x \to 1} h(x) = -1$$

then

$$\lim_{x \to 1} \left[\frac{5f(x)}{2g(x)} + h(x) \right] = \frac{\lim_{x \to 1} 5f(x)}{\lim_{x \to 1} 2g(x)} + \lim_{x \to 1} h(x)$$

$$= \frac{5\lim_{x \to 1} f(x)}{2\lim_{x \to 1} g(x)} + \lim_{x \to 1} h(x)$$

$$= \frac{5(3)}{2(-4)} + (-1) = \frac{15}{-8} - 1 = -\frac{15}{8} - 1$$

$$= \frac{-15 - 8}{8} = -\frac{23}{8}$$

$$\lim_{x \to 1} g(x) = -4$$

and

$$\lim_{x \to 1} h(x) = -1$$

then

$$\lim_{x \to 1} \sqrt{g(x)h(x)} = \sqrt{\left[\lim_{x \to 1} g(x)\right] \left[\lim_{x \to 1} h(x)\right]} = \sqrt{(-4)(-1)}$$
$$= \sqrt{4} = 2$$

58) If

$$\lim_{x \to 1} f(x) = 3$$
$$\lim_{x \to 1} g(x) = -4$$

and

$$\lim_{x \to 1} h(x) = -1$$

then

$$\lim_{x \to 1} [2f(x)g(x)h(x)] = 2 \left[\lim_{x \to 1} f(x) \right] \left[\lim_{x \to 1} g(x) \right] \left[\lim_{x \to 1} h(x) \right]$$
$$= 2(3)(-4)(-1) = 24$$