

Exploring more limits

In a previous exercise, you built evidence to support the following conjecture:

$$\text{at } x = 0, \text{ the limit of } f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x} \text{ is } 1.$$

We arrived at this conjecture by choosing infinite lists of input values x that “end” at 0 and finding that the corresponding lists of output values $f(x)$ all “end” at 1.

Use this same approach to make conjectures about each of the following. Each conjecture should be either a specific value or the statement “a limit does not exist”.

1. the limit of $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x+4} - 3}{x-5}$ at $x = 5$
2. the limit of $f(x) = \frac{x+3}{x^2-9}$ at $x = -3$
3. the limit of $f(x) = \frac{x+4}{x^2-9}$ at $x = -3$
4. the limit of $f(x) = \frac{\cos x}{x}$ at $x = 0$
5. the limit of $f(x) = \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2}$ at $x = 0$
6. the limit of $f(x) = \tan x$ at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$
7. the limit of $f(x) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ at $x = 0$
8. the limit of $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ at $x = 2$
9. the limit of $f(x) = x$ at $x = 3$
10. the limit of $f(x) = 5$ at $x = 3$
11. the limit of $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x < 4 \\ x + 3 & \text{if } x > 4 \end{cases}$
12. the limit of $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x < 4 \\ x + 12 & \text{if } x > 4 \end{cases}$
13. the limit of $f(x) = \frac{3x}{x+10}$ at “ $x = \infty$ ”
14. the limit of $f(x) = \frac{3x^2}{x+10}$ at “ $x = \infty$ ”
15. the limit of $f(x) = \frac{3x}{x^2+10}$ at “ $x = \infty$ ”
16. the limit of $f(x) = \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ at “ $x = \infty$ ”