

AP Calculus BC
Lesson 2.3 Openers

1. Evaluate each of the following limits *analytically*.

a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{3x^2 - 8x - 16}{2x^2 - 9x + 4}$

b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\sqrt{x+5} - 2}{x+1}$

c) $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h}$

d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{3}}{x-3}$

2. Find the limits: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1+x)^{1/x}$ and $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[3]{h+1} - 1}{h}$

3. Which of the following limit “rules” are true?

a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$

b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) \cdot g(x)] = \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right) \cdot \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \right)$

c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)}$ if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \neq 0$

d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \sqrt{f(x)} = \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}$

4. Find the following limits.

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x}$

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x+1}{5x-2}$

3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{7x^2 - 5x + 4}{3x^2 + 4x - 12}$

4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x}$

5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left(3x + \frac{1}{x^3} \right)$

6. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

7. $\lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{w^2 + 4}}{w + 4}$

8. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(3 - \frac{5}{\sqrt[3]{x}} \right) \left(\tan \frac{1}{x} \right)$

5. For each of the following equations, find all vertical and horizontal asymptotes. Support your answers graphically.

1. $f(x) = \frac{2x+3}{x+7}$

2. $g(x) = \frac{4x^2}{x^2-4}$

3. $3xy - 2x - 4y - 3 = 0$

4. $x^2y + 4xy - x^2 + x + 4y - 6 = 0$

6. Consider the function defined by $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 5x + 3}{x - 2}$.

1. Draw a complete graph of $y = f(x)$. Describe the end behavior of the function.
2. Let $g(x) = x^2 - 5x + 3$ and $h(x) = x - 2$. Rewrite $f(x)$ as $q(x) + \frac{r(x)}{h(x)}$, where $\deg r < \deg h$.
3. Graph $y = f(x)$ and $y = q(x)$ on the window $[-6,12]$ by $[-15,15]$. Predict what happens if you zoom out.
4. Find an equation of the function which describes the end behavior of $f(x)$.

7. Consider the function defined by $f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{h(x)}$, where $g(x) = x^3 + 8x^2 + 7x - 16$ and $h(x) = x + 3$.

1. Draw a complete graph of $y = f(x)$. Describe the end behavior of the function.
2. Rewrite $f(x)$ as $f(x) = q(x) + \frac{r(x)}{h(x)}$, where $\deg r < \deg h$.
3. Graph $y = f(x)$ and $y = q(x)$ on the window $[-16,10]$ by $[-25,25]$. Predict what happens if you zoom out.
4. Find an equation which describes the end behavior of $f(x)$.

8. Find the end behavior asymptote and all vertical asymptotes for each of the following functions.

1. $f(x) = \frac{5x - 6}{3x + 9}$

2. $g(x) = \frac{2x^3 - 5x^2 - 3x + 5}{x - 4}$

3. $h(x) = \frac{2x^3 - 5x^2 - 3x + 5}{x^2 - 2x - 8}$

9. Evaluate each limit.

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + 1} - x)$

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + x} - x)$