

Limits, Continuity, Differentiation

1969  
AB3

If  $\begin{cases} f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2x+5} - \sqrt{x+7}}{x-2}, & \text{for } x \neq 2, \\ f(2) = k \end{cases}$ , and if  $f$  is continuous at  $x=2$ , then  $k =$

- (A) 0      (B)  $\frac{1}{6}$       (C)  $\frac{1}{3}$       (D) 1      (E)  $\frac{7}{5}$

1969 AB6

What is  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{8\left(\frac{1}{2} + h\right)^8 - 8\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8}{h}$ ?

- (A) 0      (B)  $\frac{1}{2}$       (C) 1      (D) The limit does not exist.  
 (E) It cannot be determined from the information given.

1985  
AB5

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n^2}{n^2 + 10,000n}$  is

- (A) 0      (B)  $\frac{1}{2,500}$       (C) 1      (D) 4      (E) nonexistent

1985  
AB25

If  $f(x) = e^x$ , which of the following is equal to  $f'(e)$ ?

- (A)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{x+h} - e^x}{h}$       (B)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{x+h} - e^e}{h}$       (C)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{e+h} - e^e}{h}$   
 (D)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{x+h} - 1}{h}$       (E)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{e+h} - e^e}{h}$

1985  
AB 37

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x \csc x)$  is

- (A)  $-\infty$       (B)  $-1$       (C)  $0$       (D)  $1$       (E)  $\infty$

1988  
AB 27

At  $x = 3$ , the function given by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & , \quad x < 3 \\ 6x - 9, & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$  is

- (A) undefined.  
(B) continuous but not differentiable.  
(C) differentiable but not continuous.  
(D) neither continuous nor differentiable.  
(E) both continuous and differentiable.

1988  
AB 29

The  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 3(x+h) - \tan 3x}{h}$  is

- (A)  $0$       (B)  $3\sec^2(3x)$       (C)  $\sec^2(3x)$       (D)  $3\cot(3x)$       (E) nonexistent

1988  
AB 41

If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 7$ , which of the following must be true?

- I.  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 3$ .  
II.  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = 3$ .  
III.  $f(3) = 7$

- (A) None      (B) II only      (C) III only  
(D) I and III only      (E) I, II, and III

1993  
AB3

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n^3 - 5n}{n^3 - 2n^2 + 1}$$

- (A) -5      (B) -2      (C) 1      (D) 3      (E) nonexistent

If the function  $f$  is continuous for all real numbers and if  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x + 2}$  when  $x \neq -2$ ,  
then  $f(-2) =$

- (A) -4      (B) -2      (C) -1      (D) 0      (E) 2

1993  
AB29

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2 \sin^2 \theta}$$

- (A) 0      (B)  $\frac{1}{8}$       (C)  $\frac{1}{4}$       (D) 1      (E) nonexistent

If  $f$  is a differentiable function, then  $f'(a)$  is given by which of the following?

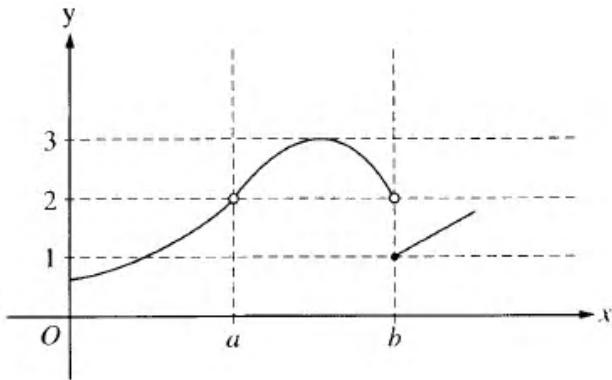
I.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$

II.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$

III.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$

- (A) I only      (B) II only      (C) I and II only      (D) I and III only      (E) I, II, and III

1991  
AB15



The graph of the function  $f$  is shown in the figure above. Which of the following statements about  $f$  is true?

- (A)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow b} f(x)$
- (B)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 2$
- (C)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow b} f(x) = 2$
- (D)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow b} f(x) = 1$
- (E)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  does not exist.

1991  
AB21

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x}{\ln x}$$
 is

- (A) 0      (B)  $\frac{1}{e}$       (C) 1      (D)  $e$       (E) nonexistent

**1997**  
**AB 79**

Let  $f$  be a function such that  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(2+h) - f(2)}{h} = 5$ . Which of the following must be true?

- I.  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 2$ .
  - II.  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = 2$ .
  - III. The derivative of  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 2$ .
- (A) I only    (B) II only    **(C)** I and II only    (D) I and III only    (E) II and III only

**1998**  
**AB 12**

If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \ln x & \text{for } 0 < x \leq 2 \\ x^2 \ln 2 & \text{for } 2 < x \leq 4, \end{cases}$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  is

- (A)  $\ln 2$     (B)  $\ln 8$     (C)  $\ln 16$     (D) 4    **(E)** nonexistent

**1998**  
**AB 83**

If  $a \neq 0$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^2 - a^2}{x^4 - a^4}$  is

- (A)  $\frac{1}{a^2}$     **(B)**  $\frac{1}{2a^2}$     (C)  $\frac{1}{6a^2}$     (D) 0    (E) nonexistent