

## QUIZ #4 @ 25 points

Write neatly. Show all work. Use only information covered up to this point.

**Write all responses on separate paper. Clearly label the exercises.**

1) Find the following limits. If a limit doesn't exist, clearly show why. Do not just an answer. No work, no credit given.

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

b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x - 3}{x^2 - 4}$

c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-1}{2x}$

d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + \csc x)$

2) Find an equation for the tangent to the curve  $f(x) = 3 - x^2$  at the point  $(2, -1)$ .

Quiz 4 - SOLUTIONS

$$\begin{aligned} (1a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x^3 - 4x} &= \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{(x-2)(x-1)}{x(x^2-4)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{(x-2)(x-1)}{x(x-2)(x+2)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x-1}{x(x+2)} = \frac{2-1}{2(2+2)} = \boxed{\frac{1}{8}} \end{aligned}$$

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

Note that if  $x > 2$ ,  $x-2 > 0$   
if  $x < 2$ ,  $x-2 < 0$

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

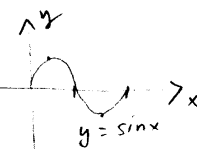
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x-3}{(x-2)(x+2)} = \frac{2-3}{0^+(4)} = \frac{-1}{0^+} = -\infty$$

Therefore  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-3}{x^2-4}$  doesn't exist

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

$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + \csc x) =$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sin x} \right)$$

(when  $x \rightarrow 0^+$ ,  $\sin x > 0$ ) 

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{0^+} = \boxed{\infty}$$

$$(2) f(x) = 3 - x^2 \quad (2, -1)$$

For the equation of the tangent we need  
a point  $(2, -1)$  - given  
slope  $m$

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

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 - 4 - 4h - h^2 + 1}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h(4+h)}{h}$$

$$= -\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (4+h) = -4$$

so  $m = -4$

Therefore,

$$y - (-1) = -4(x - 2)$$

$$y + 1 = -4x + 8$$

$$y = -4x + 7$$

The equation of the tangent line at  $(2, -1)$