

East Los Angeles College
Department of Mathematics
Math 261
Test 1 Study Guide

Show your work for credit.

Evaluate the following limits by using algebra.

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

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3 - 1}{x^2 - 1}$

3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - 1}{x}$

4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{|x-5|}{x-5}$

5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{|x|} \right)$

6. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{x}}{4+x} \right)$

7. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/4} \tan(x)$

8. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\pi^+} \csc(x)$

9. If $1 \leq f(x) \leq x^2 + 2x + 2$ for all x , then determine $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x)$

10. Determine whether the function is discontinuous or continuous at $x = 0, x = 1, x = 2$.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 1 & \text{for } x \leq 0 \\ x^2 - 1 & \text{for } 0 < x \leq 2 \\ 5 - x & \text{for } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

11. Determine the intervals of continuity for the following functions.

$$f(x) = \cos(x) + \sqrt{x^2 - 4}$$

12. Determine the intervals of continuity for the following functions.

$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^2 - 9}$$

13. Show there is a root in the following interval $(0,1)$ for $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} + x - 1$