

Intuitive Calculus (Mathematics 11012) Quiz 1
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1. Let $f(x) = x^2 + 3x$.

(a). Find $f(2)$. 10

(b). Find $f'(x)$, by using the definition of derivative.

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \frac{[(x+h)^2 + 3(x+h)] - [x^2 + 3x]}{h}$$

$$= \frac{[x^2 + 2xh + h^2 + 3x + 3h - x^2 - 3x]}{h}$$

$$= \frac{2xh + h^2 + 3h}{h} = 2x + 3 + h \rightarrow 2x + 3 \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0.$$

So, $f'(x) = 2x + 3$

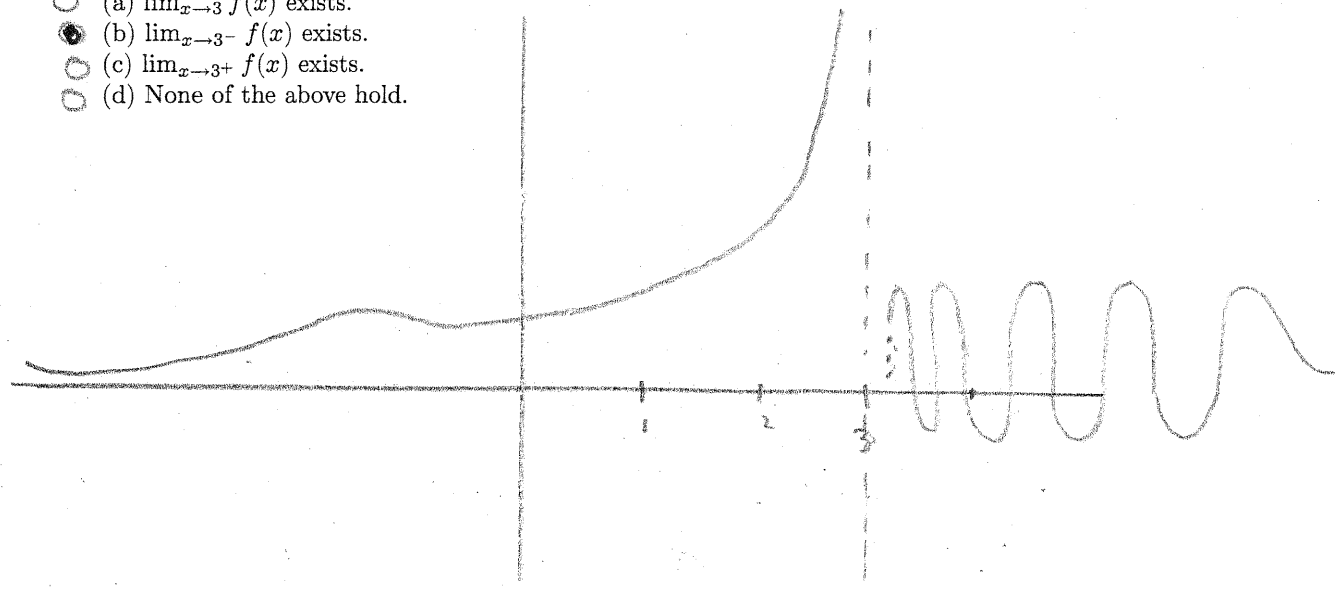
(c). Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve $y = x^2 + 2x$ at the point $(2, f(2))$.

$$\frac{y - f(2)}{x - 2} = f'(2). \text{ So, } \frac{y - 10}{x - 2} = f'(2) = 7$$

So, $y - 10 = 7(x - 2)$, or $y = 7x - 4$

2. Look at the graph of f , below. Fill in the appropriate blank:

- (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$ exists.
- (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x)$ exists.
- (c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x)$ exists.
- (d) None of the above hold.



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- 1. Let $f(x) = x^2 - x$.
- (a). Find $f(2)$.

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- (b). Find $f'(x)$, by using the definition of derivative.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} &= \frac{[(x+h)^2 - (x+h)] - [x^2 - x]}{h} \\ &= \frac{[x^2 + 2xh + h^2 - x - h] - [x^2 - x]}{h} \\ &= \frac{2xh + h^2 - h}{h} = 2x - 1 + h \rightarrow 2x - 1 \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0 \\ f'(x) &= 2x - 1 \end{aligned}$$

- (c). Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve $y = x^2 + 2x$ at the point $(2, f(2))$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{y-2}{x-2} &= f'(2) = 3, \\ y-2 &= 3(x-2), \quad y-2 = 3x-6, \quad y = 3x-4 \end{aligned}$$

- 2. Look at the graph of f , below. Fill in the appropriate blank:

- (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ exists.
- (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$ exists.
- (c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$ exists.
- (d) None of the above hold.

