

Math 165 (Chris Kurth)
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Quiz 1 Solutions

Show all work. Answers without work will not receive credit.

1. Evaluate:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x - 2}.$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x - 2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x - 2)(x - 3)}{(x - 2)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x - 3) \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

2. Evaluate:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{\sqrt{1+x}}{4+4x}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{\sqrt{1+x}}{4+4x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{\sqrt{1+x}}{4+4x} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{1+1}}{4+4 \cdot 1} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} \end{aligned}$$

3. Evaluate using the limit theorems, showing each step (i.e., not just by substitution):

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (2x^2 - 3x + 1)$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (2x^2 - 3x + 1) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (2x^2) - \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (3x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (1) \\ &= 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x)^2 - 3 \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (1) \\ &= 2 \cdot 2^2 - 3 \cdot 2 + 1 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$