

**MAT 137Y: Calculus!**  
**Problem Set 2**

**Due on Thursday, October 11 by 11:59pm via crowdmark**

**Instructions:**

- You will need to submit your solutions electronically. For instructions, see <http://uoft.me/CM137> . Make sure you understand how to submit and that you try the system ahead of time. If you leave it for the last minute and you run into technical problems, you will be late. There are no extensions for any reason.
- You will need to submit your answer to each question separately.
- This problem set is about the definition of limit and basic properties of limits (Playlist 2 up to Video 2.13)

0. Read “Notes on collaboration” on the course website: <http://uoft.me/colaboration>

Copy out the following sentence and sign below it, to certify that you have read the “Notes on Collaboration”.

“I have read and understood the notes on collaboration for this course, as explained in the course website.”

1. (*Note:* Before you attempt this problem, solve Problem 2.1-7 in the textbook. Otherwise you will find this question too difficult.)

Sketch the graph of a function  $f$  that satisfies all 12 conditions below simultaneously. For this question only, you do not need to prove or explain your answer, as long as the graph is correct and very clear. If you cannot satisfy all the properties at once, get as many as you can.

- (a) The domain of  $f$  is, at least,  $(-5, 5)$
- (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists for every  $a$  in the domain of  $f$ , except  $a = 0$ .

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  DNE

(h)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(f(x)) = 0$

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 0$

(i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(f(x)) = 1$

(e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = 0$

(j)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(f(x)) = -1$

(f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 0$

(k)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(f(x))$  DNE

(g)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x) = 0$

(l)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(f(x)) = 2$

2. Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions defined at least on an interval centered at  $a$ , except possibly at  $a$ . Is each of the following claims true or false? If it is false, show it with a counterexample. If it is true, prove it. (The proof should be a short, “one-line” proof using the properties of limits you already know. Do not use the formal definition of limit. No epsilons allowed in this question.)

(a) IF  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)]$  exists and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists, THEN  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$  exists.

(b) IF  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) \cdot g(x)]$  exists and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists, THEN  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$  exists.

3. Prove, directly from the formal definition of limit, that

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

Write a proof directly from the definition. Do not use any of the limit laws.

4. Let  $f$  be a function with domain  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$ . Prove that

IF  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \infty$   
THEN  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  does not exist

*Notes:* Before you write this proof, make sure you understand the precise definition of “the limit is  $\infty$ ” and the definition of “the limit does not exist”. Notice that the definition of “the limit does not exist” is *not* the negation of “the limit is  $L$ ”. If your definitions are not correct, then your proof cannot possibly be correct, and you won’t get any credit. Make sure to write a formal proof directly from the formal definitions, without using any limit laws or similar properties.