Homework Assignment 2

(1) A stone, released from a state of rest, falls to earth. Compute the stone's average velocity over the time intervals [0.8, 0.81], [0.8, 0.805], [0.8, 0.8001], [0.8, 0.80005], [0.8, 0.800001], and then estimate the instantaneous velocity at t = 0.8 s.

Hint: Galileo's formula

- (2) The formula $v = 20\sqrt{T}$ provides a good approximation to the speed of sound v in dry air (in m/s) as a function of air temperature T (in kelvins). Estimate the instantaneous rate of change of v with respect to T when T = 273 K by computing average rates of change of v over 8 intervals. What are the units of this rate?
- (3) Determine the infinite limit.
 - (a) $\lim_{x \to 3^+} \frac{x+1}{x-3}$ (b) $\lim_{x \to 4} \frac{3-x}{(x-4)^2}$ (c) $\lim_{x \to 2^+} \ln(x^2-4)$ (d) $\lim_{x \to \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \ln(\cos x)$ (e) $\lim_{x \to 3^+} \frac{x^2-3x}{x^2-6x+9}$
- (4) (a) Find the vertical asymptotes of the function $y = \frac{x^2 + 1}{3x 2x^2}$.
 - (b) In the theory of relativity, the mass of a particle with velocity v is

$$m=\frac{m_0}{1-v^2/c^2}$$

where m_0 is the mass of the particle at rest and c is the speed of light. What happens as $v \to c^-$?

(5) Let

$$\operatorname{sgn} x = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } x < 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 0. \end{cases}$$

(a) Sketch the graph of the function.

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(b) Find each of the following limits or explain why it does not exist.

(i)
$$\lim_{\substack{x \to 0^+ \\ \text{(ii)}}} \operatorname{sgn} x$$
(ii)
$$\lim_{\substack{x \to 0^- \\ x \to 0^-}} \operatorname{sgn} x$$
(iv)
$$\lim_{\substack{x \to 0}} |\operatorname{sgn} x|$$

(6) Let
$$g(x) = \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{|x - 2|}$$
.
(a) Find $\lim_{x \to 2^+} g(x)$ (c) Does $\lim_{x \to 2} g(x)$ exist?
(b) Find $\lim_{x \to 2^-} g(x)$ (d) Sketch the graph of g .

(7) Evaluate the limits.

(a)
$$\lim_{x \to 2} \frac{\sqrt{6-x}-2}{\sqrt{3-x}-1}$$
 (b) $\lim_{x \to 3} (2x+|x-3|)$

(8) Let

$$B(t) = \begin{cases} 4 - \frac{1}{2}t & \text{if } t < 2, \\ \sqrt{t+c} & \text{if } t \ge 2. \end{cases}$$

Find the value of c so that $\lim_{t\to 2}\,B(t)$ exists.

(9) Evaluate the limits.

(a)
$$\lim_{t \to -3} \frac{t^2 - 9}{2t^2 + 7t + 3}$$
 (b) $\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{(2+h)^3 - 8}{h}$

(10) Is there a number a such that

$$\lim_{x \to -2} \frac{3x^2 + ax + a + 3}{x^2 + x - 2}$$

exists? If so, find the value of a and the value of the limit.