

Lab Quiz 2.2

20 minutes

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Always justify your answers!

Q1)... [4 points] Calculate the following limits.

(a)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x^3 + x^2 - 1}{-x^3 + 2x - 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x^3}(3x^3 + x^2 - 1)}{\frac{1}{x^3}(-x^3 + 2x - 4)}$$

1 pt for knowing this trick

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3 + \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x^3}}{-1 + \frac{2}{x} - \frac{4}{x^3}}$$

1 pt for getting the answer.

$$= \frac{3}{-1} = -3.$$

(b)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-e^x - 6}{3e^x + 3e^{-x}} - 5 = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{e^x}(-e^x - 6)}{\frac{1}{e^x}(3e^x + 3e^{-x})} + \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (-5)$$

1 pt for trick

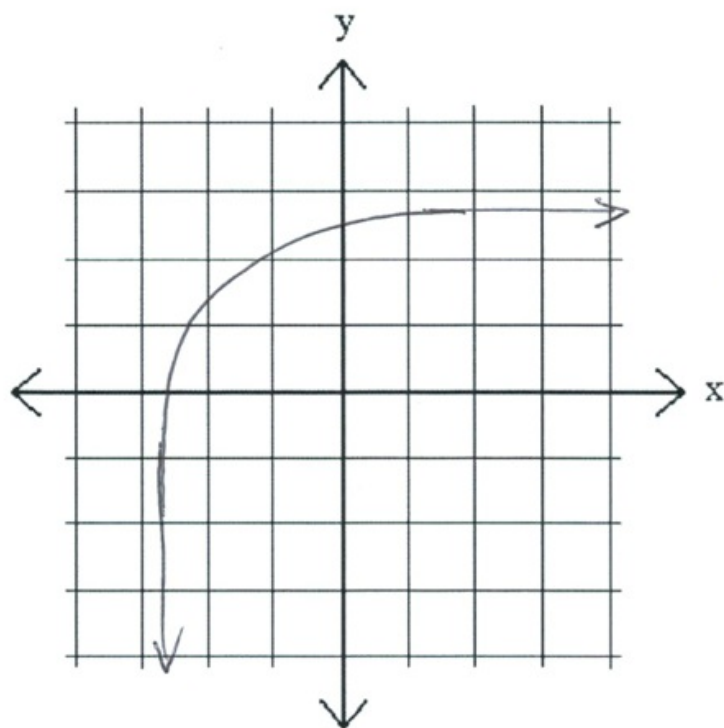
$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1 - \frac{6}{e^x}}{3 + 3e^{-2x}} + (-5)$$

1 pt for correct answer

$$= -\frac{1}{3} - 5 = -\frac{16}{3}$$

Q2]... [2 points] Sketch the graph of a function $f(x)$ satisfying

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 3 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} f(x) = -\infty.$$



1 pt for each limit correct.

Q3]... [4 points] Use derivative rules to calculate the equation of the line tangent to $f(x) = \sqrt{x} - x^2$ at $x = 1$.

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} - 2x$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} - 2x.$$

So the slope is $\frac{1}{2(1)} - 2 = -\frac{3}{2}$.

2 pts for slope. 1 pt for derivative, 1 pt for plugging in $x=1$.

The point on the line is $(1, f(1)) = (1, 0)$ since $f(1) = \sqrt{1} - 1^2 = 0$.

So $y = -\frac{3}{2}x + b$, passing through $(1, 0)$ so

$$0 = -\frac{3}{2}(1) + b, \text{ so } b = \frac{3}{2}.$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{2}x + \frac{3}{2}$$

2 pts for correct value of b in $y = mx + b$.