

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)]^n = [\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)]^n$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (3x - 5)^4 = [\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (3x - 5)]^4 = (-2)^4 = 16$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{5x^2 + 8} = \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (5x^2 + 8)} = \sqrt{8}$$

**LIMIT OF A QUOTIENT**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{5x^3 - x + 2}{3x + 4} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (5x^3 - x + 2)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (3x + 4)} = \frac{6}{7}$$

$$\frac{5(1)^3 - 1 + 2}{3(1) + 4} = \frac{6}{7}$$

**PRACTICE: Factor and simplify if possible, before "plugging in".**

$$1. \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(5x^3 - x + 3)^{4/3}}{\sqrt[3]{(-1)^4}} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x^2 - 9}$   
 Notice:  $(2)^2 - 9 = 0$   
 Need to factor.  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-3)(x+2)}{(x-3)(x+3)} = \frac{2+2}{2+3} = \frac{4}{5}$   
 x ≠ 2 HOU at x=2  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x^3 - 2x^2)(4x - 8)}{(x^4 - 2x^2)(x - 2)} = \frac{x^2(x-2)+2(x-2)}{x^3(x-2)+1(x-2)} = \frac{(x-2)(x^2+2)}{(x-2)(x^3+1)} = \frac{x^2+2}{x^3+1} = \frac{2^2+2}{2^3+1} = \frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3}$

**HW14.2: Find limits algebraically. Factor and simplify, if possible, before "Plugging in". Show work on separate paper.**

- 1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 5 = 5$
- 2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (-3) = -3$
- 3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} x = 4$
- 4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} x = -3$
- 5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (3x + 2) = 8$
- 6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (2 - 5x) = -13$
- 7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (3x^2 - 5x) = 8$
- 8.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (8x^2 - 4) = 28$
- 9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (5x^4 - 3x^2 + 6x - 9) = 5 - 3 + 6 - 9 = -1$
- 10.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (8x^5 - 7x^3 + 8x^2 + x - 4) = -8 + 7 + 8 - 1 - 4 = 2$
- 11.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^2 + 1)^3 = 2^3 = 8$
- 12.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (3x - 4)^2 = 2^2 = 4$
- 13.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{5x + 4} = \sqrt{9} = 3$
- 14.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{1 - 2x} = 1$
- 15.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 + 4} = \frac{-4}{4} = -1$
- 16.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3x + 4}{x^2 + x} = \frac{10}{6} = \frac{5}{3}$
- 17.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (3x - 2)^{5/2} = (\sqrt{4})^5 = 2^5 = 32$
- 18.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (2x + 1)^{5/3} = (-1)^{5/3} = -1$
- 19.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 - 2x} = \frac{(x-2)(x+2)}{x(x-2)} = \frac{x+2}{x} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$
- 20.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 + x}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{0}{0}$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x(x+1)}{(x-1)(x+1)} = \frac{x}{x-1} = \frac{-1}{-2} = \frac{1}{2}$
- 21.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - x - 12}{x^2 - 9} = \frac{(x-4)(x+3)}{(x-3)(x+3)} = \frac{x-4}{x-3} = \frac{-1}{0}$  (undefined)
- 22.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 + 2x - 3} = \frac{(x+3)(x-2)}{(x+3)(x-1)} = \frac{x-2}{x-1} = \frac{1}{2}$
- 23.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3 - 1}{x - 1} = \frac{0}{0}$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(x^2+x+1)}{x-1} = x^2+x+1 = 3$
- 24.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^4 - 1}{x - 1} = \frac{0}{0}$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(x^3+x^2+x+1)}{x-1} = x^3+x^2+x+1 = 4$
- 25.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(x+1)^2}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{0}{0}$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(x+1)(x+1)}{(x-1)(x+1)} = \frac{x+1}{x-1} = \frac{0}{-2} = 0$
- 26.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 8}{x^2 - 4} = \frac{0}{0}$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x^2+2x+4)}{(x-2)(x+2)} = \frac{x^2+2x+4}{x+2} = \frac{12}{4} = 3$
- 27.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(3-x^2)(x-1)}{(x^4-x^3)(x-2)} = \frac{0}{0}$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2(x-1)+1}{x^3(x-1)+1} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$
- 28.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^3 + x^2 + 3x + 3}{x^4 + x^3 + 2x + 2} = \frac{0}{0}$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(x+1)(x^2+x+3)}{(x+1)(x^3+2x+2)} = \frac{x^2+x+3}{x^3+2x+2} = \frac{3}{1} = 3$
- 29.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x^3 - 2x^2)(4x - 8)}{x^2 + x - 6} = \frac{0}{0}$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2(x-2)+4(x-2)}{(x+3)(x-2)} = \frac{x^2+4}{x+3} = \frac{8}{5}$