

# Exercise 1.2

Evaluate the indicated limits. (1-30)

$$1. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{\sqrt{2+x}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{\sqrt{2+x}}$$

$$= \frac{2-2}{\sqrt{2+2}} = \frac{0}{\sqrt{4}}$$

$$= 0$$

$$3. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{1}{1-x} - \frac{3}{1-x^3} \right)$$

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

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{x^2+x-2}{(1-x)(x^2+x+1)} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{x^2+2x-x-2}{(1-x)(x^2+x+1)} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{x(x+2)-1(x-2)}{(1-x)(x^2+x+1)} \right)$$

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

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

$$= \frac{-(1+2)}{1+1+1}$$

$$= -3/3$$

$$= -1$$

$$6. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{\sin bx}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ax \cdot \frac{\sin ax}{ax}}{bx \cdot \frac{\sin bx}{bx}}$$

$$= \frac{a}{b} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\sin ax}{ax}}{\frac{\sin bx}{bx}} = \frac{a}{b} \frac{1}{1}$$

$$= a/b$$

$$2. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3-1}{x-1}$$

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

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

$$= 1+1+1$$

$$= 3$$

$$4. \text{ if } P_n(x) = a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1}x + a_n$$

prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} P_n(x) = P_n(a)$

Sol.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} P(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1}x + a_n]$$

$$= a_0a^n + a_1a^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1}a + a_n$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} P_n(x) = P_n(a)$$

$$5. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\csc x - \cot x}{x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{\sin x} - \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x \sin x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x \sin x} \times \frac{1 + \cos x}{1 + \cos x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{x \sin x (1 + \cos x)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 x}{x \sin x (1 + \cos x)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x(1 + \cos x)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin x}{x} \right) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1 + \cos x}$$

$$= 1 \cdot \frac{1}{1+1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7. \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2} \cdot \frac{1 + \cos x}{1 + \cos x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{x^2 (1 + \cos x)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2 (1 + \cos x)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)^2 \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1 + \cos x} \\ &= 1 \cdot \frac{1}{1 + 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 9. \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\tan(\sin x)}{\sin x} \\ \text{Let } \sin x = \theta \\ \text{When } x \rightarrow \pi \\ \theta \rightarrow 0 \\ = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan \theta}{\theta} \\ = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta \cdot \theta} \\ = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \cdot \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \\ = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{1} \\ = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 12. \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}{x + 1} \\ = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2(1 + 1/x^2)}}{x(1 + 1/x)} \\ = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x \sqrt{1 + 1/x^2}}{x(1 + 1/x)} \\ = \frac{\sqrt{1 + 1/\infty}}{1 + 1/\infty} \\ = \frac{\sqrt{1 + 0}}{1 + 0} \\ = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 8. \quad \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{y^{2/3} - x^{2/3}}{y - x} \\ = \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{(y^{1/3})^2 - (x^{1/3})^2}{(y^{1/3})^3 - (x^{1/3})^3} \\ = \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{(y^{1/3} - x^{1/3})(y^{1/3} + x^{1/3})}{(y^{1/3} - x^{1/3})(y^{2/3} + x^{1/3}y^{1/3} + x^{2/3})} \\ = \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{y^{1/3} + x^{1/3}}{y^{2/3} + x^{1/3}y^{1/3} + x^{2/3}} \\ = \frac{x^{1/3} + x^{1/3}}{x^{2/3} + x^{1/3}x^{1/3} + x^{2/3}} = \frac{2x^{1/3}}{x^{2/3} + x^{2/3} + x^{2/3}} \\ = \frac{2x^{1/3}}{3x^{2/3}} \\ = \frac{2}{3} x^{1/3} \quad \text{or} \quad = \frac{2}{3x^{1/3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 10. \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin(1/x) \\ = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(1/x)}{1/x} \\ = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x [-1, 1] \rightarrow \text{any no.} \\ = 0 [-1, 1] \\ = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 11. \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin(1/x) \\ = \text{Some no in } [-1, 1] \\ \text{Limit does not exist.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 13. \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4x^3 - 2x^2 + 1}{3x^3 - 5} \\ = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3(4 - \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{x^3})}{x^3(3 - \frac{5}{x^3})} \\ = \frac{4 - \frac{2}{\infty} + \frac{1}{\infty}}{3 - \frac{5}{\infty}} \\ = \frac{4 - 0 + 0}{3 - 0} \\ = 4/3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = e$$

14. 
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{2}{x}\right)^x$$

$$= \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x/2}\right)^{x/2} \right]^2$$

$$= \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x/2}\right)^{x/2} \right]^2$$

$$= (e)^2$$

$$= e^2$$

17. 
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} \quad (a > 1)$$

Let  $a^x - 1 = z$   
 $\Rightarrow a^x = z + 1$   
 $x = \log_a(z + 1)$

if  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $z \rightarrow \infty$   
 Therefore,  

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} = \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{z}{\log_a(1+z)}$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{z} \log_a(1+z)}$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\log_a(1+z)^{1/z}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(\infty)^0}$$

assume  $(\infty)^0 = 1$

$$= 1$$

19. 
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} \left[ \frac{x^2}{x+1} - \frac{x^2}{x+3} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} \left[ \frac{x^2(x+3) - x^2(x+1)}{(x+1)(x+3)} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} \left[ \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 - x^3 - x^2}{x^2 + 3x + x + 3} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} \left[ \frac{2x^2}{x^2 + 4x + 3} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} \left[ \frac{2x^2}{x^2 \left(1 + \frac{4}{x} + \frac{3}{x^2}\right)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{1+0+0}$$

$$= 2$$

15. 
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$$

$$= \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{(-x)}\right)^{-1x} \right]^{-1}$$

$$= e^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{e}$$

16. 
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x}{1+x}\right)^x$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1+x}{x}\right)^{-x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{x} + 1\right)^{-x}$$

$$= \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x \right]^{-1}$$

$$= (e)^{-1}$$

$$= 1/e$$

18. 
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^4 - 2x^2 + 6}{x^2 + 7}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^4 \left(1 - \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{6}{x^4}\right)}{x^2 \left(1 + \frac{7}{x^2}\right)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 \left(1 - \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{6}{x^4}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{7}{x^2}\right)}$$

$$= \infty$$

20. 
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x - \sqrt{x^2 - a^2})$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x - \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}) + (x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2})}{(x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2})}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - x^2 + a^2}{x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^2}{x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{\infty}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 21. \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^{3/2}} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)}{x^{3/2}} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}}{x^{3/2-2}} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}}{x^{-1/2}} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{1/2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) \\
 &= \infty \left(1 + \frac{1}{\infty}\right) \\
 &= \infty (1+0) \\
 &= \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 22. \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^3 + 2x^2 - 1}{x - 4x^4} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 \left(5 + \frac{2}{x} - \frac{1}{x^3}\right)}{x^4 \left(\frac{1}{x^3} - 4\right)} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 + \frac{2}{x} - \frac{1}{x^3}}{x \left(\frac{1}{x^3} - 4\right)} \\
 &= \frac{5 + \frac{2}{\infty} - \frac{1}{\infty}}{\infty \left(\frac{1}{\infty} - 4\right)} \\
 &= \frac{5 + 0 - 0}{\infty (0 - 4)} \\
 &= \frac{5}{\infty} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 23. \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 - 2x^4}{1 + x} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^4 \left(\frac{3}{x^4} - 2\right)}{x \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 \left(\frac{3}{x^4} - 2\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)} \\
 &= \frac{\infty (3/\infty - 2)}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{\infty}\right)} \\
 &= \frac{\infty (0 - 2)}{1 - 0} \\
 &= \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 24. \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^{1/3} + 1}{x + 1} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^{1/3} + 1}{(x^{1/3})^3 + (1)^3} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^{1/3} + 1}{(x^{1/3} + 1)(x^{2/3} + 1 - x^{1/3})} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{1}{x^{2/3} - x^{1/3} + 1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(-1)^{2/3} - (-1)^{1/3} + 1} = \frac{1}{+1 - (-1) + 1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{+1 + 1 + 1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 25. \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \left( \frac{1}{x-3} - \frac{1}{|x-3|} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \left( \frac{1}{x-3} - \frac{1}{-(x-3)} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \left( \frac{1}{x-3} + \frac{1}{x-3} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \left( \frac{2}{x-3} \right) \\
 &= \frac{2}{3-3} \\
 &= -\infty
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 26. \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 8}{x^2 - 4} \\
 &= \frac{(-2)^2 + 2(-2) - 8}{(-2)^2 - 4} \\
 &= \frac{4 - 4 - 8}{4 - 4} \\
 &= \frac{-8}{0} \\
 &= -\infty
 \end{aligned}$$

$$27. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{1-x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{\sqrt{(1+x)(1-x)}}{(1-x)}$$

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

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

$$= \frac{\sqrt{1+1}}{1-1} = \frac{1}{0}$$

$$= \infty$$

$$28. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x-1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x-1}{\sqrt{(x+1)(x-1)}}$$

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

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

$$= \frac{\sqrt{1-1}}{\sqrt{1+1}}$$

$$= \frac{0}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= 0$$

$$29. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{\sqrt{4-x^2}}{\sqrt{6-5x+x^2}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{\sqrt{(2-x)(2+x)}}{\sqrt{6-3x-2x+x^2}}$$

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

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{\sqrt{2-x} \sqrt{2+x}}{\sqrt{2-x} \sqrt{3-x}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{\sqrt{2+x}}{\sqrt{3-x}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{4}}{1}$$

$$= 2$$

$$10. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + \sin x}{x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x}{x} + \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1) + \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

$$= 1 + 0$$

$$= 1$$

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$$31. \text{ Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2+3 & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ x+1 & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

(i) find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$  and (ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x)$

$$(i) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (x+1) = 1+1 = 2$$

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

$$32. f(x) = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } x \leq -2 \\ -\frac{1}{2}x^2 & \text{if } -2 < x < 2 \\ \frac{3}{2} & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}2^+} f(x)$  &  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}2^-} f(x)$ .

Sol.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} (3) = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \left(-\frac{1}{2}x^2\right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(-2)^2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(4) \\ &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow +2} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow +2} \left(\frac{3}{2}x^2\right) \\ &= \frac{3}{2}(2)^2 \\ &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$35. \text{ Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ x^3 & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

Sol.

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

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

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

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

37. Evaluate.

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

$$33. f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2-1 & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ \sqrt{x+7} & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Sol. find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} (x^2-1) \\ &= 4-1 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \sqrt{x+7} \\ &= \sqrt{2+7} = \sqrt{9} \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$$

$$34. f(x) = \begin{cases} \cos x & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ 1-x & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ .

Sol.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \cos x$   
 $= \cos 0^\circ$   
 $= 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1-x) \\ &= 1-0 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$36. f(x) = \begin{cases} x+2 & \text{if } x \leq -1 \\ ax^2 & \text{if } x > -1 \end{cases}$$

if limit exists. Find a.

Sol.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} (x+2) = (-1+2)$   
 $= 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} ax^2 = (-1)^2 a \\ &= a \end{aligned}$$

Limit exist so

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) \\ &\Rightarrow a = 1 \end{aligned}$$

38. Evaluate.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x}{x - |x|}$$

$$\text{Sol.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x}{x - (-x)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x}{x+x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x}{2x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

39. Find  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|-1+h|-1}{h}$ 
 $\nearrow -1+0 = -1$   
negative value.

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-(-1+h)-1}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1-h-1}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (-1)$$

$$= -1$$

40. Evaluate, [...] being the bracket function.

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} [2x](x-1)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} [2x](x-1)$$

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

$$= (1)(0)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} [2x](x-1) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} [2x](x-1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} [2x] \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (x-1)$$

$$= 2(0)$$

$$= 0$$

(i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [x][x+1]$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} [x][x+1] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} [x] \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} [x+1]$$

$$= (-1)(0)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} [x][x+1] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [x][x+1] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [x][x+1]$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [x][x+1] = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [x][x+1] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [x] \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [x+1]$$

$$= (0)(1)$$

$$= 0$$

(iii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right]$

By def. of bracket function.

$$\frac{1}{x} - 1 \leq \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] \leq \frac{1}{x}$$

When  $x < 0$

$$x \left( \frac{1}{x} - 1 \right) \geq x \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] \geq \frac{1}{x} x$$

$$1 \leq x \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] \leq 1 - x$$

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

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

By Sandwich Theorem

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} x \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] = 1$$

So

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] = 1$$

When  $x > 0$

$$x \left( \frac{1}{x} - 1 \right) \leq x \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] \leq x \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$1-x \leq x \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] \leq 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1-x) = 1-0 = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1) = 1$$

By Sandwich Theorem.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] = 1$$

$$(iv) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^3 \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right]$$

By definition of Bracket function.

$$\frac{1}{x} - 1 \leq \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] \leq \frac{1}{x}$$

When  $x < 0$

$$x^3 \left( \frac{1}{x} - 1 \right) \geq x^3 \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] \geq x^3 \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$x^2 - x^3 \geq x^3 \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] \geq x^2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x^2 - x^3) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (x^2) = 0$$

⇒ By Sandwich Theorem

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} x^3 \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] = 0$$

So

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^3 \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] = 0$$

When  $x > 0$

$$x^3 \left( \frac{1}{x} - 1 \right) \leq x^3 \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] \leq x^3 \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$x^2 - x^3 \leq x^3 \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] \leq x^2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (x^2 - x^3) = 0$$

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

By Sandwich Theorem

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^3 \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] = 0$$