

1. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x^2 + 7x + 12}{x^2 - 16}$
2. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 + 4x + 3}{x^2 + 3x}$
3. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{x^2 + 7x + 12}$
4. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 6x + 8}{x^2 - 7x + 10}$
5. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 - 6x + 8}{x^2 - 2x - 8}$
6. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2 + x - 2}{x^2 - 3x - 10}$
7. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{x^2 - 25}{x^2 + x - 20}$
8. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x^2 + 6x + 9}$
9. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 8}{x^2 - 4x + 4}$
10. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 2x + 1}{x^2 - 1}$

Answers: 1.  $\frac{8}{1}$  2.  $\frac{3}{2}$  3. -1 4.  $\frac{3}{2}$  5.  $\frac{3}{1}$  6.  $\frac{7}{3}$  7.  $\frac{6}{10}$  8. *DNE* 9. *DNE* 10. 0

Solutions:

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x^2 + 7x + 12}{x^2 - 16} && \blacktriangleright \text{Factorize:} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{(x+4)(x+3)}{(x+4)(x-4)} && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify the common factor:} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x+3}{x-4} && \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution to compute the limit:} \\ &= \frac{-4+3}{-4-4} && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 + 4x + 3}{x^2 + 3x} && \blacktriangleright \text{Factorize:} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{(x+3)(x+1)}{(x+3)(x)} && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify the common factor:} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x+1}{x} && \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution to compute the limit:} \\ &= \frac{-3+1}{-3} && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:} \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3. \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{x^2 + 7x + 12} && \blacktriangleright \text{Factorize:} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{(x+3)(x+2)}{(x+3)(x+4)} && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify the common factor:} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x+2}{x+4} && \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution to compute the limit:} \\ &= \frac{-3+2}{-3+4} && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:} \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4. \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 6x + 8}{x^2 - 7x + 10} && \blacktriangleright \text{Factorize:} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x-4)}{(x-2)(x-5)} && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify the common factor:} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-4}{x-5} && \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution to compute the limit:} \\ &= \frac{2-4}{2-5} && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:} \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$5. \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 - 6x + 8}{x^2 - 2x - 8} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Factorize:}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{(x-4)(x-2)}{(x-4)(x+2)} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify the common factor:}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x-2}{x+2} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution to compute the limit:}$$

$$= \frac{4-2}{4+2} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:}$$

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

$$6. \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2 + x - 2}{x^2 - 3x - 10} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Factorize:}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{(x+2)(x-1)}{(x+2)(x-5)} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify the common factor:}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x-1}{x-5} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution to compute the limit:}$$

$$= \frac{-2-1}{-2-5} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:}$$

$$= \frac{3}{7}$$

$$7. \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{x^2 - 25}{x^2 + x - 20} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Factorize:}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{(x+5)(x-5)}{(x+5)(x-4)} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify the common factor:}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{x-5}{x-4} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution to compute the limit:}$$

$$= \frac{-5-5}{-5-4} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:}$$

$$= \frac{10}{9}$$

$$8. \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x^2 + 6x + 9} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Factorize:}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{(x+3)(x-3)}{(x+3)(x+3)} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify the common factor:}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x-3}{x+3} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution to compute the limit:}$$

$$= \frac{-3-3}{-3+3} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:}$$

$$= DNE$$

$$9. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 8}{x^2 - 4x + 4} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Factorize:}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x+4)}{(x-2)(x-2)} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify the common factor:}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x+4}{x-2} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution to compute the limit:}$$

$$= \frac{2+4}{2-2} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:}$$
$$= DNE$$

$$10. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 2x + 1}{x^2 - 1} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Factorize:}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(x-1)}{(x-1)(x+1)} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify the common factor:}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-1}{x+1} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution to compute the limit:}$$

$$= \frac{1-1}{1+1} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:}$$

$$= 0$$