

1. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^3 - 1}$
2. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^3 + 1}{x^2 - 1}$
3. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^4 - 16}{x^3 + 8}$
4. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x^4 - 81}$
5. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^4 - 81}{x^3 + 27}$
6. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x^3 + 27}$
7. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x - 1}{x^2 - 1}$
8. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^4 - 1}$
9. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^4 - 81}{x^2 - 9}$
10. Compute the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3 - 1}{x^4 - 1}$

Answers: 1.  $\frac{2}{3}$  2.  $\frac{2}{3}$  3.  $\frac{3}{8}$  4.  $\frac{18}{1}$  5.  $-4$  6.  $\frac{9}{-2}$  7.  $\frac{2}{1}$  8.  $\frac{2}{1}$  9. 18 10.  $\frac{4}{3}$

Solutions:

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(x+1)}{(x-1)(x^2+x+1)} \quad \text{► Simplify the common factor:}$$
$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x+1}{x^2+x+1} \quad \text{► Use substitution to compute the limit:}$$
$$= \frac{1+1}{(1)^2+(1)(1)+1} \quad \text{► Simplify:}$$
$$= \frac{2}{3}$$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^3 + 1}{x^2 - 1}$     ► Factorize:

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(x+1)(x^2-x+1)}{(x+1)(x-1)} \quad \text{► Simplify the common factor:}$$
$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2-x+1}{x-1} \quad \text{► Use substitution to compute the limit:}$$
$$= \frac{(-1)^2+(-1)(-1)+1}{-1-1} \quad \text{► Simplify:}$$
$$= \frac{-3}{2}$$

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^4 - 16}{x^3 + 8}$     ► Factorize:

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{(x+2)(x-2)(x^2+4)}{(x+2)(x^2-2x+4)} \quad \text{► Simplify the common factor:}$$
$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{(x-2)(x^2+4)}{x^2-2x+4} \quad \text{► Use substitution to compute the limit:}$$
$$= \frac{(-2-2)((-2)^2+4)}{(-2)^2+(-2)(-2)+4} \quad \text{► Simplify:}$$
$$= \frac{-8}{3}$$

4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x^4 - 81}$     ► Factorize:

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x-3)(x+3)}{(x-3)(x+3)(x^2+9)} \quad \text{► Simplify the common factor:}$$
$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x+3}{(x+3)(x^2+9)} \quad \text{► Use substitution to compute the limit:}$$
$$= \frac{3+3}{(3+3)((3)^2+9)} \quad \text{► Simplify:}$$
$$= \frac{1}{18}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
5. \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^4 - 81}{x^3 + 27} && \blacktriangleright \text{Factorize:} \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{(x+3)(x-3)(x^2+9)}{(x+3)(x^2-3x+9)} && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify the common factor:} \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{(x-3)(x^2+9)}{x^2-3x+9} && \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution to compute the limit:} \\
&= \frac{(-3-3)((-3)^2+9)}{(-3)^2+(-3)(-3)+9} && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:} \\
&= -4
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
6. \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x^3 + 27} && \blacktriangleright \text{Factorize:} \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{(x+3)(x-3)}{(x+3)(x^2-3x+9)} && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify the common factor:} \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x-3}{x^2-3x+9} && \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution to compute the limit:} \\
&= \frac{-3-3}{(-3)^2+(-3)(-3)+9} && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:} \\
&= \frac{-2}{9}
\end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
9. \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^4 - 81}{x^2 - 9} && \blacktriangleright \text{Factorize:} \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{(x+3)(x-3)(x^2+9)}{(x+3)(x-3)} && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify the common factor:}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{(x-3)(x^2+9)}{x-3} && \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution to compute the limit:} \\ &= \frac{(-3-3)((-3)^2+9)}{-3-3} && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:} \\ &= 18 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 10. \quad &\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3-1}{x^4-1} && \blacktriangleright \text{Factorize:} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(x^2+x+1)}{(x-1)(x+1)(x^2+1)} && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify the common factor:} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2+x+1}{(x+1)(x^2+1)} && \blacktriangleright \text{Use substitution to compute the limit:} \\ &= \frac{(1)^2+(1)(1)+1}{(1+1)((1)^2+1)} && \blacktriangleright \text{Simplify:} \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$$