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 Quiz # 2R

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1. For $g(x) = \sqrt{4-x}$ and $f(x) = \frac{1}{2-x}$ find $f \circ g$ and its domain. [3]

2. For $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+3} \left(1 - \frac{4}{1-x}\right)$ find $\lim f(x)$ as

(a) $x \rightarrow -3$
 (b) $x \rightarrow -\infty$
 (c) $x \rightarrow 1^+$ [4]

3. For $g(x) = \frac{x^2-9}{\sqrt{3-x}}$ find $\lim g(x)$ as

(a) $x \rightarrow 3^+$
 (b) $x \rightarrow 3^-$ [3]

SOLUTION

For 1)

domains $D_g = \{x \leq 4\}$ $D_f = \{x \neq 2\}$
 $f \circ g(x) = f(g(x)) = \frac{1}{2 - (g(x))} = \frac{1}{2 - \sqrt{4-x}}$ we cannot have 0 in the denom
 so $2 - \sqrt{4-x} \neq 0$ $2 \neq \sqrt{4-x}$ $4 \neq x - 4$ $x \neq 0$ and $x \leq 4$
 together $D_{f \circ g} = (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 4]$

we can also simplify $f \circ g(x) = \frac{1}{2 - \sqrt{4-x}} \cdot \frac{2 + \sqrt{4-x}}{2 + \sqrt{4-x}} = \frac{2 + \sqrt{4-x}}{x}$

For 2a)

for $x \neq -3$ and $x \neq 1$
 $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+3} \left(1 - \frac{4}{1-x}\right) = \frac{1}{x+3} \left(\frac{1-x-4}{1-x}\right) = \frac{-(x+3)}{(x+3)(x-1)} = \frac{-1}{x-1} = \frac{1}{x-1}$

so for a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} f(x) = \frac{-1}{4}$

for b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x+3} \left(1 - \frac{4}{1-x}\right) = \frac{1}{-\infty} \left(1 - \frac{4}{+\infty}\right) = 0 \cdot 1 = 0$

or from the simplified form $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-1}{1-x} = \frac{-1}{\infty} = 0$

for c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^{+-}} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^{+-}} \frac{1}{x-1} = \frac{1}{0^+} = +\infty$

For 3)

the function $g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{\sqrt{3-x}}$ is defined only for $x < 3$

in **a)** **limit** is *DNE*. does not exist since no values for $x > 3$

in **b)** the limit is " $\frac{0}{0}$ " so simplify: $g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{\sqrt{3-x}} = \frac{(x-3)(x+3)}{\sqrt{3-x}} = \frac{-(3-x)(x+3)}{\sqrt{3-x}} =$
 $-\sqrt{3-x}(x+3)$

and the limit is 0.