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 Quiz # 2R

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1. For  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+3}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{3}{x+3}$  find  $f \circ g, g \circ g$  and thier domains. [4]

2. For  $f(x) = \frac{|x-2| - x + 2}{x^2 - x - 2}$  find  $\lim f(x)$  as  
 (a)  $x \rightarrow 2^-$  (b)  $x \rightarrow +\infty$  (c)  $x \rightarrow -1^+$  [3]

3. For  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x-2} \left( x - \frac{4}{x} \right)$  find  $\lim g(x)$  as  
 (a)  $x \rightarrow 2$  (b)  $x \rightarrow 0^-$  (c)  $x \rightarrow +\infty$  [3]

**SOLUTION**

**For 1)**

domains  $D_f = \{x \geq -3\} = [-3, +\infty)$   $D_g = \{x \neq -3\}$

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = \sqrt{(\dots) + 3} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{x+3} + 3} =$$

we can simplify  $\sqrt{\frac{3+3x+9}{x+3}} = \sqrt{\frac{3x+12}{x+3}}$

for the domain solve  $\frac{3(x+4)}{x+3} \geq 0$

split points  $x = -4, -3$  are switch points

testing-  $-^{pos} - -_{-4} -^{neg} - -_{-3} -^{pos} - -$

therefore  $D_{f \circ g} = (-\infty, -4] \cup (-3, \infty)$

for  $x \neq -3$

$$(g \circ g)(x) = g(\dots) = \frac{3}{\left(\frac{3}{x+3}\right) + 3} = \frac{3}{\frac{3+3x+9}{x+3}} = \frac{3(x+3)}{3(x+4)} = \frac{x+3}{x+4}, x \neq -4$$

$D_{g \circ g} = \{x \neq -4, -3\}$

**For 2a)**

since  $x < 2$   $x - 2 < 0$   $|x - 2| = -(x - 2) = 2 - x$

$$f(x) = \frac{|x-2| - x + 2}{x^2 - x - 2} = \frac{2-x-x+2}{(x-2)(x+1)} = \frac{2(2-x)}{(x-2)(x+1)} = \frac{-2}{x+1}$$

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

**For 2b)**

as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$        $x > 2$  and  $x - 2 > 0$        $|x - 2| = x - 2$

$$f(x) = \frac{|x - 2| - x + 2}{x^2 - x - 2} = \frac{x - 2 - x + 2}{x^2 - x - 2} = 0 \text{ so } \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = 0$$

**For 2c)**

since  $x > -1$        $x + 1 > 0$

and  $x$  is close to 1       $x - 2 < 0$        $|x - 2| = -(x - 2) = 2 - x$

$$f(x) = \frac{|x - 2| - x + 2}{x^2 - x - 2} = \frac{2 - x - x + 2}{(x - 2)(x + 1)} = \frac{2(2 - x)}{(x - 2)(x + 1)} = \frac{-2}{x + 1}$$

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

**For 3)**

simplify first for  $x \neq 2, 0$

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{x - 2} \left( x - \frac{4}{x} \right) = \frac{1}{x - 2} \left( \frac{x^2 - 4}{x} \right) = \frac{1}{x - 2} \cdot \frac{(x - 2)(x + 2)}{x} = \frac{x + 2}{x}$$

in **a)** as  $x \rightarrow 2$  **limit** is 2; .

in **b)** as  $x \rightarrow 0^-$  **limit** is " $\frac{2}{0^-}$ " =  $-\infty$ ;

in **b)** as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$        $\frac{x + 2}{x} = 1 + \frac{2}{x} \rightarrow 1$

or from the original

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{x - 2} \left( x - \frac{4}{x} \right) = \frac{1}{x - 2} \left( \frac{x^2 - 4}{x} \right) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 - 2x} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x^2}} = \frac{1 - \frac{4}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{2}{x}} \rightarrow 1$$