

Evaluating Limits

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

5) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} -\sqrt{x + 3}$

6) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3}{2}} -\sqrt{2x + 4}$

7) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x - 4}{x^2 - 6x + 8}$

8) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3}{2}} \frac{-x - 3}{x^2 + x + 1}$

9) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \sin(x)$

10) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3\pi}{4}} 2\cos(x)$

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 $\frac{9}{2}$

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0

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 $\frac{11}{2}$

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 $-\sqrt{6}$

6) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3}{2}} -\sqrt{2x+4}$

 $-\sqrt{7}$

7) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} -\frac{x-4}{x^2-6x+8}$

1

8) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3}{2}} \frac{-x-3}{x^2+x+1}$

 $-\frac{18}{19}$

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0

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 $-\sqrt{2}$

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Many answers. Ex: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} x$

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