

LIMITS AT INFINITY

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Evaluate the following limits at infinity.

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x - 2}{2x + 1} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x \left(\frac{3 - 2/x}{2 + 1/x} \right)}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 - 2/x}{2 + 1/x} \\ &= \frac{3 - 0}{2 + 0} = \boxed{\frac{3}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4x^3 + 6x^2 - 2}{2x^3 - 4x + 5} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 \left(4 + 6/x - 2/x^3 \right)}{x^3 \left(2 - 4/x^2 + 5/x^3 \right)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4 + 6/x - 2/x^3}{2 - 4/x^2 + 5/x^3} \\ &= \frac{4 + 0 - 0}{2 - 0 + 0} = \frac{4}{2} = \boxed{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2x^2 + 1}}{3x - 5} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2(2 + 1/x)}}{x(3 - 5/x)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x \sqrt{2 + 1/x}}{x(3 - 5/x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2 + 1/x}}{(3 - 5/x)} = \frac{\sqrt{2 + 0}}{3 - 0} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 4. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + 3x^2}{4x - 1} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{x} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{x} + 3}{4 - \frac{1}{x}} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \left(\frac{\frac{1}{x} + 3}{4 - \frac{1}{x}} \right) = \boxed{\infty}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 5. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 - x}{x^2 - 6x + 5} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3(1 - \frac{1}{x^2})}{x^2(1 - \frac{6}{x} + \frac{5}{x^2})} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \left(\frac{1 - \frac{1}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{6}{x} + \frac{5}{x^2}} \right) \\
 &= \boxed{\infty}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 6. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^4 - 3x^2 + x}{x^3 - x + 2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^4(1 - \frac{3}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^3})}{x^3(1 - \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x^3})} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \left(\frac{1 - \frac{3}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^3}}{1 - \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x^3}} \right) \\
 &= \boxed{\infty}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1-x^2}{x^3-x+1} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 \left(\frac{1}{x^2} - 1 \right)}{x^3 \left(1 - \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^3} \right)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{x^2} - 1}{1 - \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^3}} \right) \\ &= 0 \left(\frac{0-1}{1-0+0} \right) = \boxed{0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 8. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1+x^4}{x^6+1} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^4 \left(\frac{1}{x^4} + 1 \right)}{x^6 \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^6} \right)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^2} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{x^4} + 1}{1 + \frac{1}{x^6}} \right) \\ &= 0 \left(\frac{0+1}{1+0} \right) = \boxed{0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 9. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x-2}{x^2+1} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x \left(1 - \frac{2}{x} \right)}{x^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2} \right)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} \left(\frac{1 - \frac{2}{x}}{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}} \right) \\ &= 0 \left(\frac{1-0}{1+0} \right) = \boxed{0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 10. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{9x^2 + x} - 3x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{9x^2 + x} - 3x) \left(\frac{\sqrt{9x^2 + x} + 3x}{\sqrt{9x^2 + x} + 3x} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{9x^2 + x - 9x^2}{\sqrt{9x^2 + x} + 3x} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2(9 + \frac{1}{x})} + 3x} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{x(\sqrt{9 + \frac{1}{x}} + 3)} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{9 + \frac{1}{x}} + 3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{9 + 3}} = \boxed{\frac{1}{6}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$11. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x - \sqrt{x}) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right) = \boxed{\infty}$$