

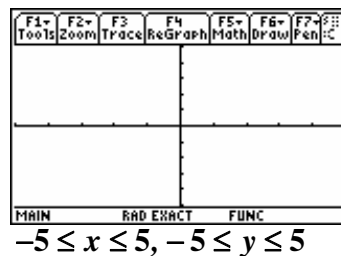
**Assignment 6: Limits, Part II (1.5)**

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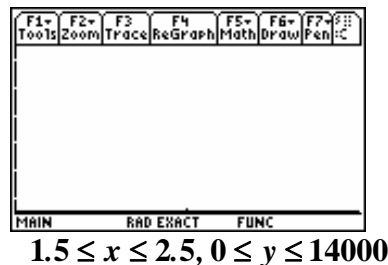
Please provide a handwritten response.

1. We can use the calculators to conjecture limits even when the answer is  $\pm\infty$ . Even though  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x}$  does not exist, it is nonetheless true that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} = \infty$  and that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x} = -\infty$ .

Graph  $y = \frac{1}{x}$  below. Evaluate  $\mathit{limit} (1/x, x, 0, -1)$  and  $\mathit{limit} (1/x, x, 0, 1)$  on your calculator. Does this graph support your result?



2a. Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{4-x}{(x-2)^2}$  by hand. Graph the function on the axes provided to see the graph near  $x = 2$ .



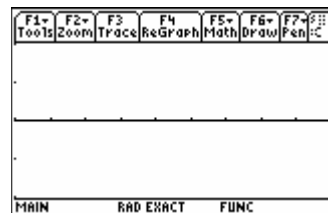
2b. Based on this graph, what do you think  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{4-x}{(x-2)^2}$  is?

2c. Based on this graph, do you think that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{4-x}{(x-2)^2}$  exists? If so, then what is its value?

2d. Evaluate  $\mathit{limit} ((4-x)/(x-2)^2, x, 2)$ . Is this result supported by the graph?

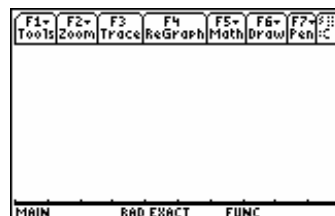
3. You can also use the calculator to conjecture limits when  $x \rightarrow \infty$  or  $x \rightarrow -\infty$  by examining the end behavior of the graph of the function. For example, conjecture

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x-7}{4x+3}$  and record the graph below. Trace to the right and hold the arrow key down to form your conjecture. Is this answer correct?



$$1000000 \leq x \leq 10000000, -2 \leq y \leq 2$$

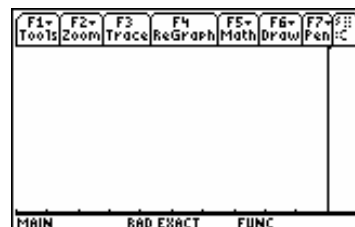
4a. Find the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x + \cos x}{3x + 2}$ . Sketch the graph of  $y = \frac{x + \cos x}{3x + 2}$  below.



$$-10 \leq x \leq 0, 0 \leq y \leq 1$$

4b. Based on this graph, how accurately can you tell the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x + \cos x}{3x + 2}$ ? What do you think it is?

4c. Now sketch the graph on the axes below. Can you now be more specific about the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x + \cos x}{3x + 2}$ ? Why was the graph in part a so much smoother than this one?



$$-100 \leq x \leq 10, 0 \leq y \leq 1$$

4d. Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left( \frac{x + \cos x}{3x + 2} \right)$ . On the TI-89 the symbol for  $\infty$  is located at **◆ CATALOG** and is located at **2nd J** on the Voyage 200. Record your result below. Is this result surprising?