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Key

1. A manufacturer sells quality pens at a price of \$14 per pen, and at this price consumers have been buying 12,000 pens a month. The manufacturer estimates that for each \$1 increase in the price, 1,000 fewer pens will be sold. Similarly, for each \$1 decrease in price, 1,000 more pens will be sold. The manufacturer can produce the pens at a cost of ~~\$8~~ ^{\$10} per pen.

(a) [3 points] Express the monthly profit P as a function of the sale price x .

$$P(x) = x \cdot (\# \text{ of pens sold}) - 10 \cdot (\# \text{ pens sold})$$

$$= (x - 10) \cdot (\# \text{ pens sold})$$

- Let y be the # pens sold at price x .
- Know: y is a linear function with slope -1000 .
- Know: $(14, 12000)$ is a point on the line.

$$\Rightarrow y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - 12000 = -1000(x - 14)$$

$$y = -1000x + 14000 + 12000$$

$$= -1000x + 26000$$

$$P(x) = (x - 10)(-1000x + 26000) = -1000x^2 + 36000x - 260000$$

(b) [1 point] Find the sale price that maximizes the manufacturer's profit.

• $P(x)$ is a parabola that opens down, so $P(x)$ is maximized when

$$x = \frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-36000}{-2000}$$

$$= 18$$

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• So sale price that maximizes profit is $\boxed{\$18}$.

2. [6 parts, 1 point each] Find the indicated limit if it exists. If the limiting value is infinite, indicate whether it is $+\infty$ or $-\infty$. Show your work.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow -1/3} (2 - 3x^2) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{plug in}) &= 2 - 3\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \\ &= 2 - 3 \cdot \frac{1}{9} \\ &= 2 - \frac{1}{3} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{5}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x + 3} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{\cancel{(x+3)}(x-2)}{\cancel{x+3}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} x - 2 \\ &= \boxed{-5} \end{aligned}$$

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^2 - x - 6} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\cancel{(x+2)}(x+1)}{(x-3)\cancel{(x+2)}} \\ &= \frac{-2+1}{-2-3} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{5}} \end{aligned}$$

$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 3}{x - 9} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{(\sqrt{x} - 3) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x} + 3}{\sqrt{x} + 3}}{x - 9} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{\cancel{x-9}}{(\cancel{x-9})(\sqrt{x} + 3)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + 3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{9} + 3} = \boxed{\frac{1}{6}} \end{aligned}$$

$$(e) \lim_{x \rightarrow 14} \frac{\sqrt{x+2} - 4}{x - 14} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{x \rightarrow 14} \frac{\sqrt{x+2} - 4}{x - 14} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x+2} + 4}{\sqrt{x+2} + 4} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 14} \frac{(x+2) - 16}{(x-14)(\sqrt{x+2} + 4)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 14} \frac{\cancel{x-14}}{(\cancel{x-14})(\sqrt{x+2} + 4)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14+2} + 4} = \boxed{\frac{1}{8}} \end{aligned}$$

$$(f) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{5x^2 + 30x + 18}{4x + 17} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{5x^2 + 30x + 18}{4x + 17} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{x}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{5x + 30 + \frac{18}{x}}{4 + \frac{17}{x}} \rightarrow \frac{-\infty}{4} = \boxed{-\infty} \end{aligned}$$