Answer on Question #53838 - Math - Calculus

limit of f of x as x approaches 1 where f of x equals 1 minus x when x is less than 1, 8 when x equals 1, and x plus 7 when x is greater than 1

Find $\lim_{x \to 1} f(x)$, where

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - x, x < 1 \\ 8, x = 1 \\ x + 7, x > 1 \end{cases}$$

Solution

 $\lim_{x \to 1^{-}} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 1^{-}} (1 - x) = 1 - 1 = 0$ $\lim_{x \to 1^{+}} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 1^{+}} (x + 7) = 1 + 7 = 8$ Because $\lim_{x \to 1^{-}} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \to 1^{+}} f(x)$, by definition of the limit, $\lim_{x \to 1} f(x)$ does not exist.

Answer: $\lim_{x \to 1} f(x)$ does not exist.