

Exercise 26

Evaluate the limit, if it exists.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{t} - \frac{1}{t^2 + t} \right)$$

Solution

Rewrite the function, cancel the common factors, and then evaluate the limit.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{t} - \frac{1}{t^2 + t} \right) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(t^2 + t) - t}{t(t^2 + t)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t^2}{t^2(t + 1)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t + 1} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$