

6. $r_+(a) = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1+a}}{a}, r_-(a) = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{1+a}}{a}.$

a) $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} r_-(a)$ does not exist. Observe that the right limit is $-\infty$ and the left limit is ∞ .

b) From the following table it appears that $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} r_+(a) = 1/2$, the solution of the linear equation $2x - 1 = 0$ which results from setting $a = 0$ in the quadratic equation $ax^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$.

a	$r_+(a)$
1	0.41421
0.1	0.48810
-0.1	0.51317
0.01	0.49876
-0.01	0.50126
0.001	0.49988
-0.001	0.50013

c)
$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} r_+(a) &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+a} - 1}{a} \\ &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+a) - 1}{a(\sqrt{1+a} + 1)} \\ &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+a} + 1} = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$