- **9**. [8 points]
  - a. [5 points] Find the values of the following limits. Your answer may be a numerical value,
    ∞, or -∞. You do not need to show work, but limited partial credit may be earned from work shown.

(i) 
$$\lim_{x \to 2} \frac{3(x-1)(x-2)}{(x-2)(x+3)} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

(ii) 
$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{3(x-1)(x-2)}{(x-2)(x+3)} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

(iii) 
$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{x^8 - 7^x}{6^x + x^9} =$$
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(iv) 
$$\lim_{x\to\infty} \ln(x) =$$
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**b.** [3 points] The weight w of a round melon is proportional to the cube of its radius r. That is,

$$w = kr^3$$
,

where k is a constant. Currently, the melon's radius is 8 cm, and it weighs 5 pounds. How much would it weigh if its radius were to grow to 12 cm? Give your answer in exact form or rounded to at least two decimals.