

### 0.5 Limits

**Def:** if  $f(x)$  approaches to  $L$  when  $x$  approaches to  $x_0$  from left and right then we say that the limit exist at  $x = x_0$ .

or  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L$

If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^-} f(x) = L$

**Theorem:** if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L_1$  &  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L_2$  and  $k$  is constant then:

1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) \pm g(x)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L_1 \pm L_2$

2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} k f(x) = k \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = k L_1$

3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)} = \frac{L_1}{L_2}$  Provided  $L_2 \neq 0$

4)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \sqrt[n]{f(x)} = \sqrt[n]{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)} = \sqrt[n]{L_1}$  Provided  $L_1 \geq 0$

**Ex:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} (x^2 - 4x + 3)$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} x^2 - 4 \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} x + \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} 3$   
 $= (5)^2 - 4(5) + (3) = 8$

**Ex:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 8}{x - 2}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)}{(x-2)} = 12$

**Ex:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 1}{x - 1}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 1}{x - 1} * \frac{\sqrt{x} + 1}{\sqrt{x} + 1}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)}{(x-1)(\sqrt{x}+1)} = \frac{1}{2}$

**Ex:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{|x|}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{|x|} = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{x} & x \geq 0 \\ \frac{x}{-x} & x < 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1 & x \geq 0 \\ -1 & x < 0 \end{cases}$

and the limit does not exist

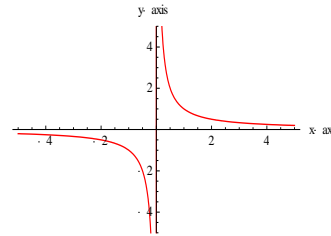
**Note :**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x} = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$$



**Ex: find**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x-2}{x^2+2x+1}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{2}{x^2}}{1 + \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$$

**Ex: find**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^2-2}{3x^2+2x+1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 - \frac{2}{x^2}}{3 + \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}} = \frac{5}{3}$

**Ex: find**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3-2}{x^2+2x+1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - \frac{2}{x^3}}{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^3}} = \frac{1}{0} = \infty$  and the limit does not exist

**Ex: find**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2-x}{\sqrt{7+6x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{2}{x} - 1}{\sqrt{\frac{7}{x^2} + 6}} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}}$

**Ex: find**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3+x^2-5x+3}{x^3-3x+2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(x^2+2x-3)}{(x-1)(x^2+x-2)}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(x+3)}{(x-1)(x+2)} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 2x - 3 \\ (x-1) \overline{) x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 3} \\ \underline{\mp x^3 \pm x^2} \phantom{+ 3} \\ 2x^2 - 5x + 3 \\ \underline{\mp 2x^2 \pm 2x} \\ -3x + 3 \\ \underline{\pm 3x \mp 3} \\ 0 + 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + x - 2 \\ (x-1) \overline{) x^3 - 3x + 2} \\ \underline{\mp x^3 \pm x^2} \phantom{+ 2} \\ x^2 - 3x + 2 \\ \underline{\mp x^2 \pm x} \\ -2x + 2 \\ \underline{\pm 2x \mp 2} \\ 0 + 0 \end{array}$$

- Theorem :**
1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{ax} = 1, a \neq 0$
  2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin x = 0$
  3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos x = 1$
  4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = 0$
  5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 0$
  6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos x}{x} = 0$

**Ex:** Find

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 6x}{\sin 8x} \\ = \frac{6 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 6x}{6x}}{8 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 8x}{8x}} = \frac{6}{8} = \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$$

**Ex:** find

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{1 - \cos x} \\ = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{1 - \cos x} \cdot \frac{1 + \cos x}{1 + \cos x} \\ = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x (1 + \cos x)}{1 - \cos^2 x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x (1 + \cos x)}{\sin^2 x} \\ = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 + \cos x)}{\sin x} = \frac{2}{0} = \infty \text{ and the limit does not exist} \end{aligned}$$

**Ex:** find

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2 - 3x}\right) \\ = \sin \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\pi x}{2 - 3x}\right) \\ = \sin \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\pi}{\frac{2}{x} - 3}\right) = \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**Ex:** find

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x(1 - \cos \frac{1}{x})$$

Let  $t = \frac{1}{x} \rightarrow x = \frac{1}{t}$  if  $x \rightarrow \infty$  then  $t \rightarrow 0$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 - \cos t)}{t} = 0$$

**Ex:** find

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\cos(\frac{\pi}{x})}{x-2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sin(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{x})}{x-2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sin(\frac{\pi(x-2)}{2x})}{x-2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sin(\frac{\pi(x-2)}{2x})}{\frac{2x}{\pi} \frac{\pi(x-2)}{2x}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\pi}{2x} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sin(\frac{\pi(x-2)}{2x})}{\frac{\pi(x-2)}{2x}} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

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**Ex:** find

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{x-1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sin(\pi - \pi x)}{x-1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{-\sin(\pi x - \pi)}{x-1}$$

$$= -\pi \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sin(\pi(x-1))}{\pi(x-1)} = -\pi$$

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**Ex:** find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/4} \frac{\tan(x)-1}{x-\pi/4}$

Let  $t = x - \pi/4 \rightarrow x = t + \pi/4$ , if  $x \rightarrow \pi/4$  then  $t \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(t + \pi/4) - 1}{t} \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\tan t + \tan(\pi/4)}{1 - \tan t \tan(\pi/4)} - 1}{t} \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\tan t + 1}{1 - \tan t} - 1}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\tan t + 1 - (1 - \tan t)}{1 - \tan t}}{t} \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \tan t}{t(1 - \tan t)} = 2 \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan t}{t} \cdot \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(1 - \tan t)} = 2 \cdot 1 = 2
 \end{aligned}$$

**Ex:** find

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x + x \sin x}{5x^2 - 2x + 1} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{2x}{x^2} + \frac{x \sin x}{x^2}}{\frac{5x^2}{x^2} - \frac{2x}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^2}} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{x} + \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x}}{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 5 - \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{x} + \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^2}} = \frac{0 + 0}{5 - 0 + 0} = \frac{0}{5} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$