

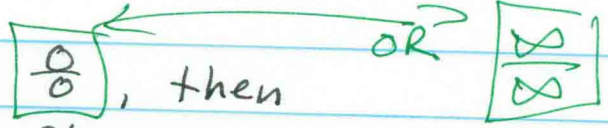
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L'Hopital's Rule:

Let f & g be differentiable functions on (a,b), an open interval containing c, except possibly at c itself. Assume that g'(x) ≠ 0 for all x in (a,b), except possibly at c itself.

If the limit of f(x)/g(x) as x approaches c produces

the indeterminate form 0/0, then



lim\_{x -> c} f(x)/g(x) = lim\_{x -> c} f'(x)/g'(x)

Also, lim\_{x -> infinity} f(x)/g(x) = lim\_{x -> infinity} f'(x)/g'(x)

Main Indeterminate Forms: 0/0 & infinity/infinity

Example:

lim\_{x -> 2} sin(x-2) / (2x-4)

lim\_{x -> 2} sin(x-2) / (2x-4) = sin(2-2) / (2(2)-4) = sin(0) / 0 = 0/0 (stop!)

lim\_{x -> 2} sin(x-2) / (2x-4) = lim\_{x -> 2} [d/dx sin(x-2)] / [d/dx (2x-4)] = lim\_{x -> 2} cos(x-2) \* 1 / 2 = cos(2-2) / 2 = cos(0) / 2 = 1/2

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Example:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = \frac{\sin(0)}{0} = \frac{0}{0} \quad \text{stop!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{d}{dx} [\sin(x)]}{\frac{d}{dx} [x]} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x)}{1} \\ &= \cos(0) \\ &= 1 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{\sqrt{4-x^2}}{x-2} = \frac{\sqrt{4-(2)^2}}{(2)-2} = \frac{0}{0} \quad \text{stop!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{(4-x^2)^{1/2}}{x-2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{\frac{d}{dx} [(4-x^2)^{1/2}]}{\frac{d}{dx} (x-2)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{\frac{1}{2} (4-x^2)^{-1/2} \cdot (-2x)}{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{-x}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$$

Not an Indeterminate Form

$$= -\infty$$

$$\frac{-2}{0}$$

↑ "Graph decreases without bound as x approaches 2 from the left"

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 $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(x^4)}{x^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dx} [4 \ln(x)]}{\frac{d}{dx} [x^3]}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4 \cdot (\frac{1}{x})}{3x^2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{3x^3}$$

$$= 0$$

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If you have  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$  or  $-\frac{\infty}{\infty}$

you can use L'Hopital's Rule.

If you have  $\infty \cdot 0$ ,  $\infty - \infty$ ,  $0^0$ ,  $1^\infty$ , or  $\infty^0$ , you we need to do/use

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a conversion technique until you get  $\frac{0}{0}$ ,  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ , or  $-\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ .

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$$\#40 \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \cdot \tan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \infty \cdot \tan\left(\frac{1}{\infty}\right) = \boxed{\infty \cdot 0}$$

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stop!

Needs to be

$$\boxed{\frac{0}{0}} \quad ??$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{x \cdot \tan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{1} \right] \cdot \left[ \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{x}} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{\frac{1}{x}}$$

Now, we can use L'Hopital's Rule

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dx} [\tan(x^{-1})]}{\frac{d}{dx} [x^{-1}]}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sec^2(x^{-1}) \cdot (-1 \cdot x^{-2})}{(-1 \cdot x^{-2})}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sec^2\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$= \sec^2 \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} \right]$$

$$= \sec^2(0)$$

$$\boxed{= 1}$$

Limits pass through composition of continuous functions

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Example

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{1}{x \sin(x)} - \frac{1}{x^2} \right] = \frac{1}{0} - \frac{1}{0} = \boxed{\infty - \infty}$$

stop!

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{1}{x \sin(x)} - \frac{1}{x^2} \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{x}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{x \sin(x)} - \frac{\sin(x)}{\sin(x)} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{x - \sin(x)}{x^2 \sin(x)} \right] = \frac{0 - 0}{0} = \boxed{\frac{0}{0}}$$

stop!

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{d}{dx} [x - \sin(x)]}{\frac{d}{dx} [x^2 \sin(x)]}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(x)}{x^2 (\cos(x)) + (\sin(x))(2x)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(x)}{x^2 \cos(x) + 2x \sin(x)} = \frac{1 - 1}{0 + 0} = \boxed{\frac{0}{0}}$$

stop!

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{d}{dx} [1 - \cos(x)]}{\frac{d}{dx} [x^2 \cos(x) + 2x \sin(x)]}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-(-\sin x)}{x^2 (-\sin(x)) + 2x \cos(x) + 2x \cos(x) + 2 \sin(x)}$$

stop!

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{-x^2 \sin(x) + 4x \cos(x) + 2 \sin(x)} = \frac{0}{0 + 0 + 0} = \boxed{\frac{0}{0}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{d}{dx} [\sin(x)]}{\frac{d}{dx} [-x^2 \sin(x) + 4x \cos(x) + 2 \sin(x)]}$$

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Example cont'd

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x)}{-x^2 \cos(x) + \sin(x)(-2x) + 4x(-\sin(x)) + 4 \cos(x) + 2 \cos(x)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x)}{-x^2 \cos(x) - 6x \sin(x) + 6 \cos(x)}$$

$$= \frac{\cos(0)}{0 + 0 + 6 \cos(0)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [\cos(\frac{\pi}{2} - x)]^x$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [\sin(x)]^x = \boxed{0^0}$$

Identity

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

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

Let  $y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [\sin(x)]^x$

$$\ln(y) = \ln \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [\sin(x)]^x \right)$$

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \ln \{ [\sin(x)]^x \} \right)$$

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left( x \cdot \ln[\sin(x)] \right)$$

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \frac{x \cdot \ln[\sin(x)]}{1} \cdot \left[ \frac{1/x}{1/x} \right] \right)$$

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$$\ln(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \frac{\ln[\sin(x)]}{\frac{1}{x}} \right)$$

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left\{ \frac{\frac{d}{dx} [\ln[\sin(x)]]}{\frac{d}{dx} (x^{-1})} \right\}$$

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1}{\sin(x)} \cdot \cos(x)}{-1 \cdot x^{-2}}$$

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\cot(x)}{-\frac{1}{x^2}}$$

can we do it ???

$$\frac{0}{0}$$

Stop! use now, L'Hopital's Rule

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{-x^2}{\tan(x)}$$

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{d}{dx} [-x^2]}{\frac{d}{dx} [\tan(x)]}$$

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{-2x}{\sec^2(x)}$$

$$\ln(y) = \frac{-2(0)}{\sec^2(0)}$$

$$\ln(y) = 0$$

Now, find y.

$$e^{\ln(y)} = e^0$$

$$\underline{\underline{y = 1}}$$

$$\boxed{\text{So, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [\sin(x)]^x = 1}$$

This ending is typical!!

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{\frac{1}{x}} = \infty^{\frac{1}{\infty}} = \boxed{\infty^0} \text{ stop!}$$

$$\text{let } y = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$\ln(y) = \ln \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{\frac{1}{x}} \right]$$

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \ln(x^{\frac{1}{x}}) \right\}$$

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{x} \cdot \ln(x) \right]$$

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{x} = \frac{\ln(\infty)}{\infty} = \boxed{\frac{\infty}{\infty}} \text{ stop!}$$

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dx} [\ln(x)]}{\frac{d}{dx} (x)}$$

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{1}$$

$$\ln(y) = 0$$

$$e^{\ln(y)} = e^0$$

$$y = 1$$

$$\boxed{\text{So, } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{\frac{1}{x}} = 1}$$

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