

7.7 L'Hopital

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1. Direct substitution

If you get the **indeterminate form** using direct substitution then try one of the other techniques $\frac{0}{0}$, $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$, $-\frac{\infty}{\infty}$, $0 \cdot \infty$, 0^0 , 1^∞

2. Factor and simplify

3. Divide all terms by the highest power in the denominator

4. Multiply by the conjugate and simplify

5. Use a trig identity and simplify

$$1. \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\cancel{(x-3)}(x+3)}{\cancel{x-3}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x + 3$$

$$= 3 + 3$$

$$= 6$$

$$\frac{3^2 - 9}{3 - 3} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$$2. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^3 + 3x + 2}{3x^3 + x^2 + 2x}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{5x^3}{x^3} + \frac{3x}{x^3} + \frac{2}{x^3}}{\frac{3x^3}{x^3} + \frac{x^2}{x^3} + \frac{2x}{x^3}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 + \frac{3}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x^3}}{3 + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{x^2}}$$

$$= \frac{5 + 0 + 0}{3 + 0 + 0}$$

$$= \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\frac{\infty + \infty + 2}{\infty + \infty + \infty} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

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

need a quotient

L'Hopitals Rule

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ produces the indeterminate form and $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are differentiable functions on (a,b) then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{2x}-1}{x}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(e^{2x}-1)}{\frac{d}{dx}(x)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{2x} \cdot 2 - 0}{1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 2e^{2x}$$

$$= 2e^{2(0)} = 2$$

4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2}{e^{-x}}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dx} x^2}{\frac{d}{dx} e^{-x}}$$

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x}{-e^{-x}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dx} 2x}{\frac{d}{dx} -e^{-x}}$$

Direct sub

$$\frac{e^0 - 1}{0} = \frac{0}{0}$$

direct sub

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2}{e^{-x}} \quad \frac{(-\infty)^2}{e^\infty} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{2}{e^\infty}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\infty} = 0$$

direct sub

$$\frac{2(-\infty)}{-e^\infty} = \frac{-\infty}{-\infty}$$

direct sub
 $e^{-\infty} \cdot \sqrt{\infty}$
 $0 \cdot \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} 5. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} \sqrt{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{1/2}}{e^x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dx} x^{1/2}}{\frac{d}{dx} e^x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2}}{e^x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2x^{1/2} \cdot e^x} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\infty} \cdot e^{\infty}} = \frac{1}{\infty} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$6. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^x$$

$$y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^x$$

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

$$\ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\ln x^x)$$

$$\ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \ln x$$

$$\ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln x}{\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$\ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{d}{dx} \ln x}{\frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{x}}$$

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

$$\ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \cdot -x^2$$

make a quotient

direct sub 0^0

$$\ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -x$$

$$\ln y = 0$$

$$\log_e y = 0$$

$$e^0 = y$$

$$1 = y$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^x = 1$$

Exponential form

Special Limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n = e^x$$

7. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{5}{n}\right)^n$
 $= e^5$

$x=5$

8. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{4}{n}\right)^{5n}$
 $= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left(1 + \frac{4}{n}\right)^n\right]^5$
 $= \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{4}{n}\right)^n\right]^5$
 $= [e^4]^5$
 $= e^{20}$

$x=4$

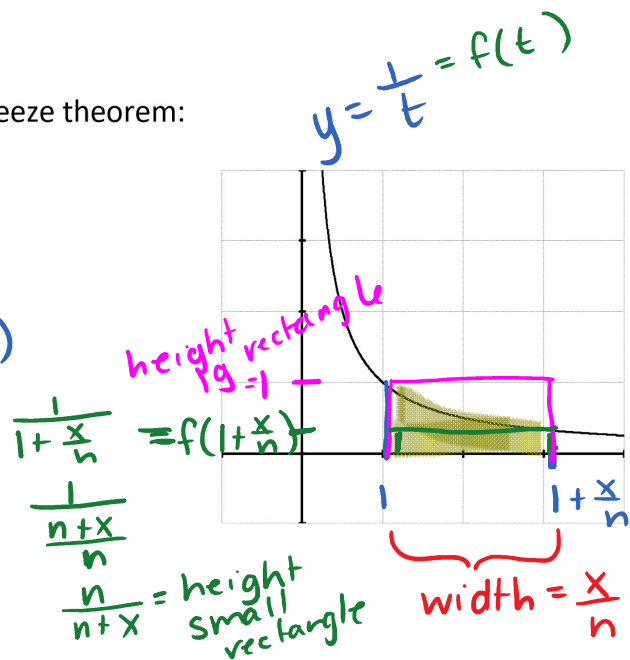
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow h} (f(x))^n = \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow h} f(x)\right]^n$$

Proof of $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n = e^x$ using the squeeze theorem:

$$\int_1^{1+\frac{x}{n}} \frac{1}{t} dt = \ln|t|$$

$$= \ln\left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right) - \ln(1)$$

$$= \ln\left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)$$



Small Area \leq actual \leq large area

$$\frac{x}{n} \cdot \frac{n}{n+x} \leq \ln\left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right) \leq \frac{x}{n} \cdot 1$$

$$\frac{x}{n+x} \leq \ln\left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right) \leq \frac{x}{n}$$

$$\frac{nx}{n+x} \leq n \ln\left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right) \leq n \cdot \frac{x}{n}$$

$$\frac{nx}{n+x} \leq \ln\left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n \leq x$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{nx}{n+x} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln\left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dn} nx}{\frac{d}{dn} n+x} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln\left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n \leq x$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 \cdot x}{1+0} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln\left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n \leq x$$

$$x \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln\left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n \leq x$$

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

$$\therefore \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n \rightarrow e^x$$

$$\ln a^b = b \ln a$$

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

$$e^x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n$$

$$\log_e a = b$$

$$e^b = a$$