

Recall: $\frac{d}{dx}(b^x) = \ln(b) \cdot b^x$ $\mathbb{R} \xrightleftharpoons[\ln(x)]{e^x} (0, \infty)$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln(x)) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_b(x)) \text{ unnecessary.}$$

$$\log_b(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(b)}$$

Logarithmic differentiation:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln(f(x))) = \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}$$

if $f(x)$ has many multiplications in both the numerator and denominator, $\ln(f(x))$

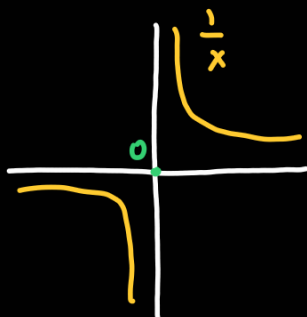
will be easy.

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(\ln(f(x))) \cdot f(x)$$

Section 7.7: L'Hôpital's rule.

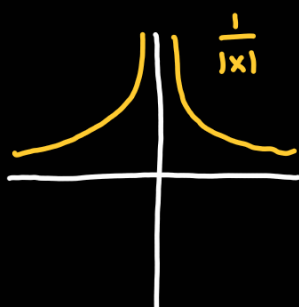
$\frac{1}{x}$ what is the value at $x=0$?

what is the function approaching when x goes to 0?



if we approach from the right we go to $+\infty$.

if we approach from the left we go to $-\infty$.



if we approach $x=0$ we go to $+\infty$.

If limits from left and right coincide, then we say that the limit exists.

L'Hôpital's rule: If the limit exists, then: $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$.

$f(x), g(x)$ have to be differentiable.

$f(a) = 0 = g(a)$ and $g'(x) \neq 0$ except maybe at $x = a$.

This is not true without some conditions! There are functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$

that do not satisfy this. $g'(x) = x$ Find some!

$$\frac{1}{x} \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0} +\infty$$

$$\frac{x}{1} \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0} 0$$

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{0}$$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{f(x)}}{\frac{1}{g(x)}} \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{+\infty}{+\infty}$$

Example: Evaluate:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 8}{x^4 + 2x - 20} \stackrel{\text{LHR}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3x^2}{4x^3 + 2} = \frac{3 \cdot 4}{4 \cdot 8 + 2} = \frac{12}{34} = \frac{6}{17}$$

How?

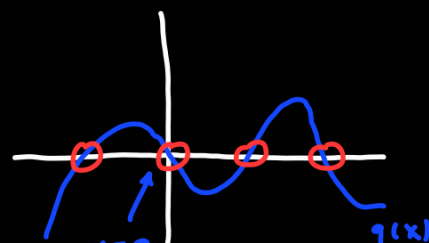
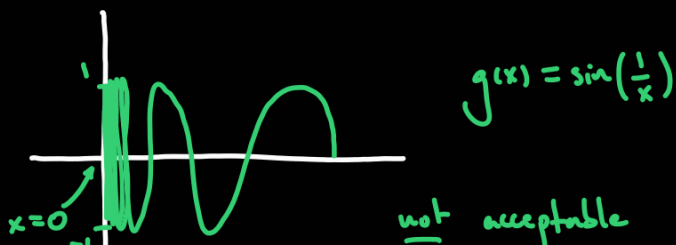
$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

$$f(x) = x^3 - 8$$

$$f(2) = 0 = g(2)$$

$$g(x) = x^4 + 2x - 20$$

$$g'(x) = 4x^3 + 2 \text{ is not zero near } x = 2.$$



Example: Evaluate:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos^2(x)}{1 - \sin(x)} = \frac{0}{0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{2 \cdot (\cancel{\cos(x)}) \cdot \cos(x)}{\cancel{\cos(x)}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} 2 \cdot \sin(x) = 2.$$

LHR simplify

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \cos^2(x) & f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 0 \\ g(x) &= 1 - \sin(x) & g\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 1 - 1 = 0 \\ & & g'(x) &= -\cos(x) \end{aligned}$$

Example: Evaluate:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \cdot \ln(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(x)}{\frac{1}{x}} = \frac{-\infty}{+\infty} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{-\frac{1}{x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} -x = 0.$$

LHR

$$x = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$f(x) = \ln(x) \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0^+} -\infty$$

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{x} \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0^+} +\infty \quad g'(x) = \frac{-1}{x^2}$$

functions can

approach $\pm \infty$ at $x = 0^+$.

Example: Evaluate:

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

LHR LHR

$$f(x) = e^x - x - 1 \quad f(0) = 1 - 0 - 1 = 0$$

$$g(x) = \cos(x) - 1 \quad g(0) = 1 - 1 = 0 \quad g'(x) = -\sin(x)$$

$$f(x) = e^x - 1 \quad f(0) = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$g(x) = -\sin(x) \quad g(0) = 0 \quad g'(x) = -\cos(x)$$

Example: Evaluate:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{\sin(x)} - \frac{1}{x} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - \sin(x)}{x \cdot \sin(x)} = \frac{0}{0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(x)}{x \cdot \cos(x) + \sin(x)} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$\frac{1}{0} - \frac{1}{0}$
 $\infty - \infty$

LHR \uparrow $f(x) = x - \sin(x)$
 $g(x) = x \cdot \sin(x)$

LHR \uparrow $\frac{0}{0}$

$$\frac{1}{\sin(x)} - \frac{1}{x} = \frac{x}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin(x)} - \frac{\sin(x)}{\sin(x)} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{x - \sin(x)}{x \cdot \sin(x)}$$

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

$$f(x) = 1 - \cos(x)$$

$$g(x) = x \cdot \cos(x) + \sin(x)$$

If your function $f(g(x))$ is nice then: \rightarrow continuous f is the nice one.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(g(x)) = f\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)\right)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} e^{g(x)} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)}$$

$f(x) = e^x$

Example: Evaluate:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^{\ln(x^x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^{x \cdot \ln(x)} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \cdot \ln(x)} = e^0 = 1$$

$x^x = e^{\ln(x^x)}$
 $\ln(x^x) = x \cdot \ln(x)$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \cdot \ln(x) = 0$

