

4.4. Recap

Limits at $\pm\infty$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x) = \text{finite \# or } \pm\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

Procedure

- ① identify the highest exponent of x in the denominator
- ② factor it out both from numerator & denominator

- ③ use: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \left(\frac{A}{x^r} \right) = 0$ to eval.

Infinite Limits

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow C} f(x) = \mp\infty$$

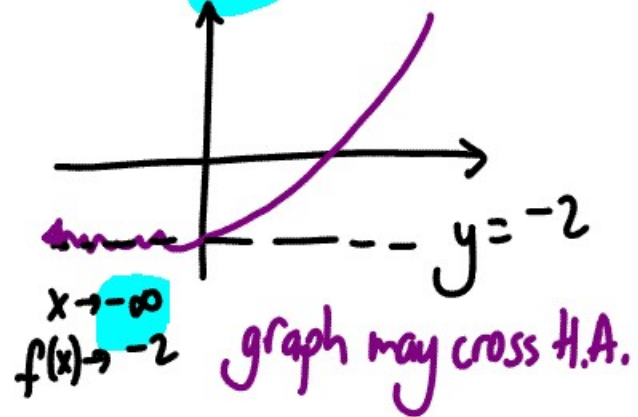
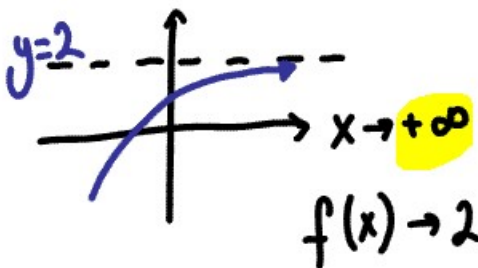
Procedure: when "DSP" $\frac{\text{"non-zero \#"}}{0}$ is infinite do sign analysis for numerator & denominator

to determine the sign of infinity as $\pm\infty$.

Horizontal Asymptote

The line $y=L$ is a Horizontal Asymptote

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$ or $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = L$.



* A function may have at most 2 H.A

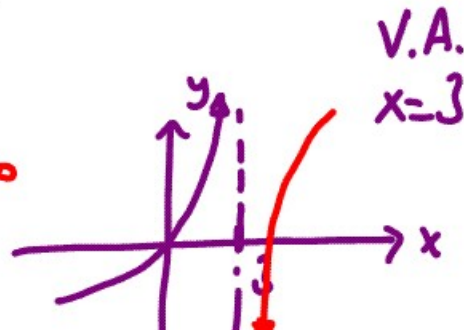
Vertical Asymptote

The line $x=c$ is a Vertical Asymptote if:

$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ or $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ is infinite

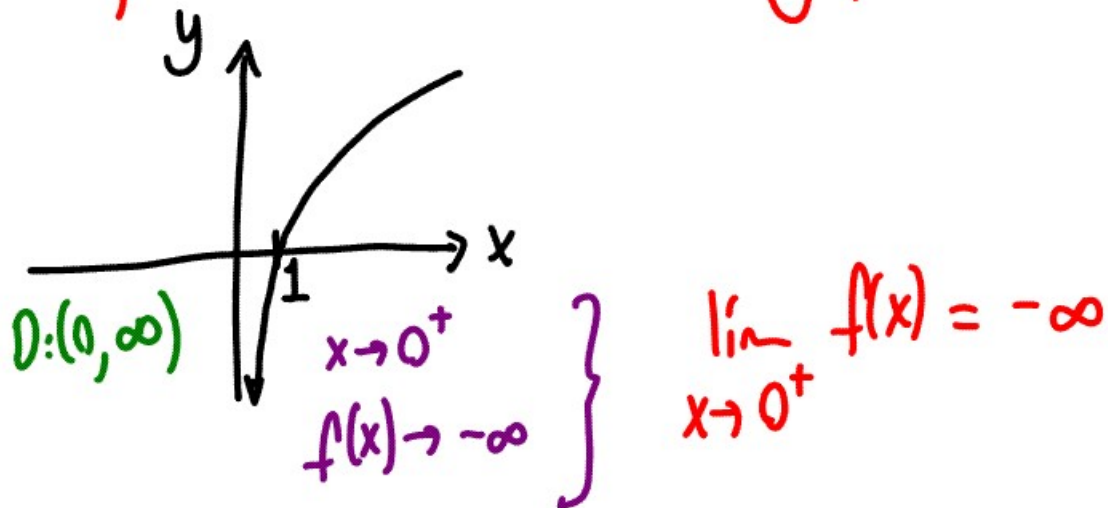
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = -\infty$$



* graph can NOT cross V.A.

Exp) Find all vertical asymptotes of $f(x) = \ln x$



Exp) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{4x}{x-3}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \left(\frac{4x}{x-3} \right) \stackrel{\text{"OSR"}}{=} \frac{4 \cdot 3}{3^- - 3} = \frac{12}{0^-} = -\infty$$

$\hookrightarrow 2.999\dots$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \left(\frac{4x}{x-3} \right) \stackrel{\text{"OSR"}}{=} \frac{4 \cdot 3}{3^+ - 3} = \frac{12}{0^+} = +\infty$$

$\hookrightarrow 3.000\dots 1$

Exp) Find ALL vertical asymptotes:
 (check one-sided limits at each V.A.)

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4x + 3}{x^2 - 6x + 9}$$

→ first simplify
by factoring

then identify V.A

$$= \frac{\cancel{(x-3)}(x-1)}{(x-3)^2} = \frac{x-1}{x-3} \rightarrow x-3=0$$

$x=3$ V.A.

↙

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \left(\frac{x-1}{x-3} \right) \stackrel{\text{"DSP"}}{=} \frac{3-1}{3^- - 3} = \frac{2}{0^-} = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \left(\frac{x-1}{x-3} \right) \stackrel{\text{"DSP"}}{=} \frac{3-1}{3^+ - 3} = \frac{2}{0^+} = +\infty$$

4.5. L'Hôpital's Rule (LR)

Procedure: If $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \overset{\text{"DSP"}}{\frac{0}{0}} \text{ or } \frac{0}{\pm\infty}$
 (primary) indeterminate forms

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

where L is either a finite # or $\pm\infty$.

Indeterminate forms: are expressions that their value cannot be determined w/out further analysis.

H means L.R. is used

Important Notes

- * NOT a quotient rule (differentiate $f(x), g(x)$ separately)
- * LR can be applied repeatedly
- * justify the use of L.R. then use it!
- * LR applies to one-sided limits and limits at ∞ as well
($x \rightarrow c^-$, $x \rightarrow c^+$, $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$)

Secondary Indeterminate forms:

$$\underbrace{1^\infty, 0^0, \infty^0, \infty - \infty, 0 \cdot \infty}$$

procedure w/
using the natural log properties

Exp) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x} \right)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x} \right) \stackrel{\text{"OSP"}}{=} \frac{\sin 0}{0} = \frac{0}{0} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sin x)'}{x'} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x}{1} \stackrel{\text{"OSP"}}{=} \cos(0) = 1$$

Exp) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^7 - 128}{x^3 - 8}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{x^7 - 128}{x^3 - 8} \right) \stackrel{\text{"OSP"}}{=} \frac{2^7 - 128}{2^3 - 8} = \frac{0}{0} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x^7 - 128)'}{(x^3 - 8)'} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{7x^6}{3x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{7}{3} x^4 \right)$$

use L.R.

$$\stackrel{\text{"OSP"}}{=} \frac{7}{3} \cdot 2^4 = \frac{7}{3} \cdot 16 = \frac{112}{3}$$

Exp) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1 - \cos x}{\sec x} \right)$

distractor

~~a) 1~~

b) 0

c) ∞ d) $-\infty$ e) DNE

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1 - \cos x}{\sec x} \right) \stackrel{\text{"DSP"}}{=} \frac{1 - \cos 0}{\sec 0} = \frac{1 - 1}{1} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$$

Recall: $\sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x}$

No need for L.R.!

Exp) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x - \sin x}{x^3} \right)$.

$$\stackrel{\text{"DSP"}}{=} \frac{0 - \sin 0}{0^3}$$

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

$$\stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x - \sin x)'}{(x^3)'} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 - \cos x)}{3x^2} \stackrel{\text{"DSP"}}{=} \frac{1 - \cos 0}{3 \cdot 0^2}$$

$$= \frac{0}{0} \checkmark$$

$$\stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 - \cos x)'}{(3x^2)'} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{6x} \stackrel{\text{"DSP"}}{=} \frac{\sin 0}{6 \cdot 0} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$$\stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sin x)'}{(bx)'} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x}{b} \stackrel{\text{"OSP"}}{=} \frac{\cos 0}{b} = \frac{1}{b}$$

Exp) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2+1}}{x}$.

$$\stackrel{\text{"OSP"}}{=} \frac{\sqrt{\infty^2+1}}{\infty} = \frac{\infty}{\infty} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{2} (x^2+1)^{-1/2} \cdot 2x}{1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[(x^2+1)^{-1/2} \cdot x \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{x}{(x^2+1)^{1/2}} \right] \stackrel{\text{"OSP"}}{=} \frac{\infty}{(\infty^2+1)^{1/2}} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$\stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2} (x^2+1)^{-1/2} \cdot 2x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x^2+1)^{1/2}}{x}$$

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

(this was our original prob)

L.R. didn't work!

We have to use the procedure from 4.4 (Limits at Infinity)

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

(since $x \rightarrow +\infty$ $\sqrt{x^2} = |x| = x$)


$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x| \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}}}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cancel{x} \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}} \right)}{\cancel{x}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}} \right) \stackrel{\text{"asy"}}{=} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{\infty^2} \rightarrow 0} = 1$$

(Other/Secondary) Indeterminate Forms
 $1^\infty, 0^0, \infty^0$ $\infty - \infty$ $0 \cdot \infty$
 use in properties

Procedure:

- 1) "DSP" to obtain an indeterminate form
- 2) Re-write "other indeterminate forms" into "primary indeterminate form"
- 3) Use L.R.

Exp) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$ 

DSP $\stackrel{\text{"DSP"}}{=} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\infty}\right)^\infty = 1^\infty \checkmark$

Set the prob. to y

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

Take the
"ln" of
each side

$$y = ?$$

Eval. y
NOT $\ln y!$

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

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

(Swap ln & lim / Limit of a log property)

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

(property of logarithms)

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

← Algebra rule: $x = 1 / (1/x)$

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

"DSP"

$$= \frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{\infty} \right)}{\frac{1}{\infty}} = \frac{0}{0} \quad \checkmark$$

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

Recall:

$$[\ln(u)]' = \frac{u'}{u}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)'}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cancel{-x^{-2}}^1}{\cancel{-x^{-2}}^1} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)} \right) \stackrel{\text{"DSR"}}{=} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\infty}} = 1$$

be careful!

$$\ln y = 1 \Rightarrow y = e^1 \quad \text{final answer!}$$

Exp) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (x^x)$

$$\stackrel{\text{"DSR"}}{=} \boxed{0^0} \checkmark$$

$y=?$

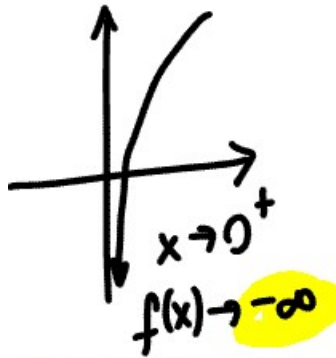
$$\ln y = \ln \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (x^x)$$

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

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

"0", " $\frac{0}{0}$ "

Recall:



Graph of
 $f(x) = \ln x$

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

"osp"

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

$$= \frac{-\infty}{\infty} \checkmark$$

$$\stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{x}}{-\frac{1}{x^2}} \right)$$

"keep change flip"

$$\stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{-x^2}{1} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (-x) \stackrel{\text{"DSP"}}{=} 0$$

Be careful!

$$\ln y = 0 \Rightarrow y = e^0 = 1$$

final answer

Exp) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\ln x)^{1/x}$

"DSP"

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\ln x)^{1/x} \stackrel{\text{"DSP"}}{=} (\ln(\infty))^{1/\infty}$$

$$= \infty^0 \quad \checkmark$$

Set it to y & take \ln

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

Swap ln & lim

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

Use properties
of logarithms

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

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

"OSP again"

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\ln(\ln x)}{x} \right) \stackrel{\text{"OSP"}}{=} \frac{\ln(\ln \infty)}{\infty} = \frac{\infty}{\infty} \checkmark$$

$$\ln y \stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[\ln(\ln x)]'}{x'}$$

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

$$\overset{\text{"osp"}}{=} \frac{1}{\infty \cdot \ln \infty} = \frac{1}{\infty} = 0$$

Be careful!

$$\ln y = 0 \Rightarrow y = e^0 = 1 \quad \text{final answer}$$

Ex) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{\sin x} \right)$

$$\overset{\text{"osp"}}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{1}{\sin x} - \frac{1}{x} \right)} = \boxed{\infty - \infty}$$

"Re-write
to obtain
 $\frac{0}{0}$ or $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ "

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{\sin x - x}{x \cdot \sin x} \right) \overset{\text{"osp"}}{=} \frac{\sin 0 - 0}{0 \cdot \sin 0} = \frac{0}{0} \quad \checkmark$$

"we L.R"

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

"Use L.R. again"

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

$$\stackrel{\text{"osp"}}{=} \frac{-\sin 0}{\cos 0 + \cos 0 + 0 \cdot (-\sin 0)}$$

$$= \frac{0}{1+1+0} = \frac{0}{2} = 0$$

Exp) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow (\frac{\pi}{2})^-} \left[(x - \frac{\pi}{2}) \cdot \tan x \right]$

$$\stackrel{\text{"osp"}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow (\frac{\pi}{2})^-} \left[(x - \frac{\pi}{2}) \cdot \tan x \right] \stackrel{\text{"osp"}}{=} 0 \cdot \infty$$

$$\text{Recall: } \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^- = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^-}{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^-} = \frac{1}{0} = \infty$$

"Re-write
to get $\frac{0}{0}$ or $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ "

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^-} \left[\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\cot x} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^-} \left(\frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{\cot x} \right) \stackrel{\text{"osp"}}{=} \frac{0}{0} \quad \checkmark$$

"Use L.R"

$$\stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^-} \left(\frac{1}{-\csc^2 x} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^-} (-\sin^2 x)$$

Recall: $\csc x = \frac{1}{\sin x}$

$$\stackrel{\text{"osp"}}{=} -\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -1$$