

L'Hopital Rule

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Suppose f & g diff on (a, b)

$g'(x) \neq 0$ on (a, b)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a_+} f(x) = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow a_+} g(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a_+} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = L \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |L| < \infty \\ L = +\infty \\ L = -\infty \end{array} \right.$$

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Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a_+} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = L$

Examples:

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

Here: No L'Hopital!

$$\frac{x}{0} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \frac{x}{0_+} \\ \frac{x}{0_-} \end{array}$$

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Example 2.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow (\pi/2)_-} \frac{2x - \pi}{\cos^2 x} = \left[\frac{2(\pi/2) - \pi}{\cos^2(\pi/2)} \right] = \left[\frac{0}{0} \right] \quad (d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0_+} (x^a) \ln x = 0$$

indetermination $\left[\frac{0}{0} \right]$ L'Hopital Rule

is a good strategy.

$$f(x) = 2x - \pi \rightarrow f'(x) = 2$$

$$g(x) = \cos^2 x \rightarrow g'(x) = 2 \cos(x) \cdot (-\sin x) = -2 \cos x \cdot \sin x$$

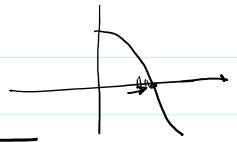
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow (\pi/2)_-} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \frac{2}{-2 \cos(\pi/2) \sin(\pi/2)} = \frac{-1}{\cos(\pi/2)} = \left[\frac{-1}{0} \right] = -\infty$$

By the L'Hopital Rule

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow (\pi/2)_-} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow (\pi/2)_-} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = -\infty$$

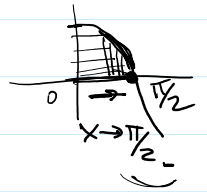


$$x \rightarrow (\pi/2)_- \quad \frac{1}{g(x)} = x \rightarrow (\pi/2)_- \quad \frac{1}{g'(x)}$$



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The 2nd L'Hopital Rule



Suppose

f & g diff on (a, b)

$g'(x) \neq 0$ on (a, b)

i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a_+} g(x) = \pm \infty$

ii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a_+} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = L \quad \begin{cases} |L| < \infty \\ L = +\infty \\ L = -\infty \end{cases}$

Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a_+} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = L$

Obs.: $\left[\frac{a}{\infty} \right]$ this is not an indetermination if $a \in \mathbb{R}$
 $a > 0 > 0_+ = 0$
 $+\infty$
 you can solve this without L'Hopital

Obs $\left[\frac{\infty}{\infty} \right]$ 2nd L'Hopital Rule is a good option.

Ex $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^2}{e^x} = \left[\frac{+\infty}{+\infty} \right] ???$ 2nd L'Hopital Rule

$f(x) = x^2 \rightarrow f'(x) = 2x$
 $g(x) = e^x \rightarrow g'(x) = e^x$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2x}{e^x} = \left[\frac{\infty}{\infty} \right] ??$ 2nd L'Hopital Rule

$f''(x) = 2$
 $g''(x) = e^x$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{f''(x)}{g''(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2}{e^x} = \frac{+2}{+\infty} \rightarrow 0_+$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{f''(x)}{g''(x)} = 0_+$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 - 1}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 4 \quad | \quad x^2 - 1 \\ -(x^2 - 1) \quad 1 \\ \hline -3 \end{array}$$

$$f(0) = \frac{0^2 - 4}{0^2 - 1} = +4$$

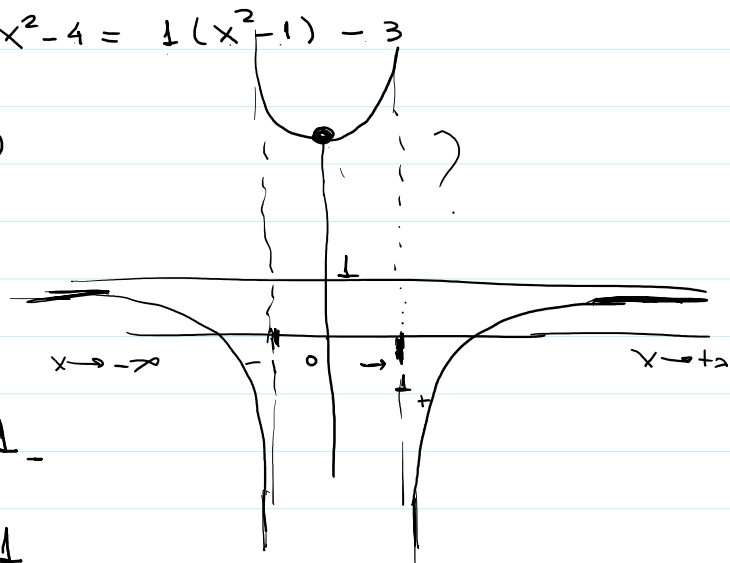
$$x^2 - 4 = 1(x^2 - 1) - 3$$

$$\frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 - 1} = 1 \frac{(x^2 - 1)}{(x^2 - 1)} - \frac{3}{(x^2 - 1)}$$

$$\frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 - 1} = 1 - \frac{3}{(x^2 - 1)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 - 1} = 1 - (0_+) = 1_-$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 - 1} = 1 - (0_+) = 1_-$$



$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 - 1}$$

$$x^2 - 1 \neq 0 \quad ??$$

$$x^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = \pm 1}$$

$$D_f = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1, -1\}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1_+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1_+} 1 - \frac{3}{x^2 - 1} = -\infty$$

(Note: The calculation shows $\frac{3}{4-1} = 1$ and $1 - 1 = 0_+$ for the limit from the left, but the limit from the right is $-\infty$.)