

## 8.7 Indeterminate Forms and L'Hopital's Rule

Study 8.7

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Consider:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x(x-1)}{(x^2+1)(x-1)} \longrightarrow ? \frac{0}{0}$$

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

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

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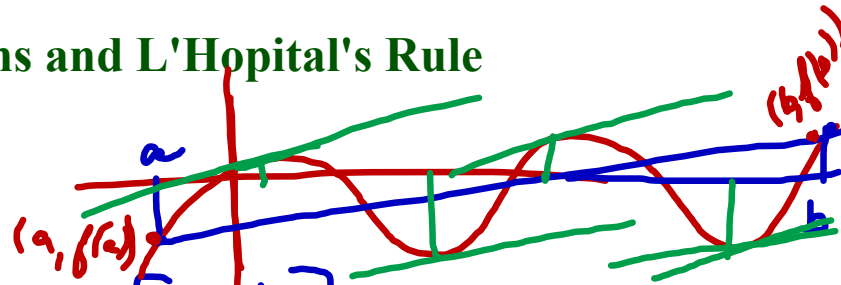
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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - e^x}{x} \rightarrow \frac{0}{0}$$

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from Calc 1, Ch 3

MVT



①  $f(x)$  is cont  $[a, b]$

②  $f(x)$  is diff.  $(a, b)$

Then  $\exists$  <sup>at least one</sup>  $c \Rightarrow f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

**Extended MVT:** Given that both  $f(x), g(x)$

1. continuous on  $[a, b]$ ,

2. differentiable on  $(a, b)$

and 3.  $g'(x) \neq 0$  for any  $x$  on  $(a, b)$

Then there exists  $c$  on  $(a, b)$  such that

$$\frac{f'(c)}{g'(c)} = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)}$$

Used to prove L'Hopital's Rule

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**L'Hopital's Rule** Let  $f(x)$ ,  $g(x)$  be

1. **differentiable on  $(a,b)$**  containing  $c$ ,  
except possibly at  $c$  itself.
2.  **$g'(x) \neq 0$**  for any  $x$  on  $(a,b)$ ,  
except possibly at  $c$  itself.

If:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \Rightarrow \frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$

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

provided the limit exists or is infinite.

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### Indeterminate Forms:

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

$$\cdot 0\infty \quad 0^0 \quad 1^\infty \quad \infty^0$$

### Determinate Forms:

$$\infty + \infty \Rightarrow \infty$$

$$-\infty - \infty \Rightarrow -\infty$$

$$0^\infty \Rightarrow 0$$

$$0^{-\infty} \Rightarrow \infty$$

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

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

- ① cont
- ②  $g'(c) \neq 0$

$$\stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-e^x}{1} = -1$$

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$$8. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 4x}{2x} \rightarrow \frac{0}{0}$$

$$\stackrel{LH}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4 \cos 4x}{2} = 2$$

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$$14. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{4-x^2}}{x-2} \rightarrow \frac{0}{0} \quad -2 \leq x \leq 2$$

$$\underline{\underline{LH}} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\frac{1}{2} \frac{-2x}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}}{1} \rightarrow \frac{-2}{0} = -\infty$$

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{2 \ln x}{x^2 - 1} \stackrel{L^{\#}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{2 \cdot \frac{1}{x}}{2x}$$

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

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{e^x - (1+x)}{x^3} \rightarrow \frac{1-1}{0} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$$\stackrel{LH}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{e^x - 1}{3x^2} \rightarrow \frac{1-1}{0} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$$\stackrel{LH}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{e^x}{6x} \rightarrow \frac{1}{+0} = \infty$$

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$$24. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x-1}{x^2+2x+3} \rightarrow \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$\stackrel{LH}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2x+2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\infty} = 0$$

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$$26. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3}{x+2} \rightarrow \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$\stackrel{LH}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^2}{1} = +\infty$$

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$$28. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{e^x} \rightarrow \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

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

$$\stackrel{LH}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{e^x} \rightarrow \frac{2}{\infty} = 0$$

$$46 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} \rightarrow \infty^0$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$y = 2^x$$

$$\ln y = x \ln 2$$

$$\frac{\ln y}{\ln 2} = x$$

$$52. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \left( \frac{1}{x^2-4} - \frac{\sqrt{x-1}}{x^2-4} \right) \rightarrow \infty - \infty$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{1 - \sqrt{x-1}}{x^2-4} \rightarrow \frac{0}{0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x-1 &\geq 0 \\ x &\geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{LH}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}}{2x} = \frac{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1}}{4} = \left( -\frac{1}{8} \right)$$