

Limits

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Limits - all of the following are of the form $\frac{0}{0}$

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

This limit problem is said to be in the form $\frac{0}{0}$ if:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 = 0$$

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Conclusion: Just knowing that a limit problem is in the form $\frac{0}{0}$ is not enough information to give you the answer.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+t)^2 - 4}{t}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+t)^2 - 4}{t} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{4 + 4t + t^2 - 4}{t} \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{4t + t^2}{t} \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (4 + t) \\
 &= 4
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{-t + \sqrt{t}}{t + \sqrt{t}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{-t + \sqrt{t}}{t + \sqrt{t}} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{-t + \sqrt{t}}{t + \sqrt{t}} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{t - \sqrt{t}}{t - \sqrt{t}} \right) \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{-t^2 + 2t\sqrt{t} - t}{t^2 - t} \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{-t + 2\sqrt{t} - 1}{t - 1} \\
&= \frac{-0 + 2\sqrt{0} - 1}{0 - 1} \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2t}{t}$$

Review: If θ is measured in *radians* then:

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2t}{2t} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2t}{t} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\sin 2t}{\cos 2t}}{t} \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{\cos 2t} \cdot \frac{\sin 2t}{2t} \\
 &= \frac{2}{\cos 0} \cdot 1 \\
 &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos t}{t}$$

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\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos t}{t} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1 - \cos t}{t} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1 + \cos t}{1 + \cos t} \right) \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos^2 t}{t(1 + \cos t)} \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 t}{t(1 + \cos t)} \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin t}{t} \right) \left(\frac{\sin t}{1 + \cos t} \right) \\
&= 1 \cdot \frac{0}{1 + 1} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

L'Hôpital's Rule is a formula for calculating

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

that is true when:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$$

$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

Let $x = a + h$.

h approaching 0 is the same as x approaching a

$$f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

Similarly,

$$g'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{g(x) - g(a)}{x - a}$$

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If $f(a) = 0$ and $g(a) = 0$ then

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

l'Hôpital's Rule:

If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are both approaching 0 as x approaches a then:

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

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+t)^2 - 4}{t}$$

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

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{-t + \sqrt{t}}{t + \sqrt{t}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{-t + \sqrt{t}}{t + \sqrt{t}} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{-t + t^{1/2}}{t + t^{1/2}} \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1 + \frac{1}{2}t^{-1/2}}{1 + \frac{1}{2}t^{-1/2}} \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{-t^{1/2} + \frac{1}{2}}{t^{1/2} + \frac{1}{2}} \\
&= \frac{0 + \frac{1}{2}}{0 + \frac{1}{2}} \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2t}{t}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2t}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sec^2 2t}{1} = 2 \sec^2 0 = 2$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos t}{t}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos t}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin t}{1} = \frac{\sin 0}{1} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{4x}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{4x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 \cos 3x}{4} = \frac{3 \cos 0}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2}{\sin \left(\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2\right)}$$

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&= \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{\cos \left(\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2\right)} \\
&= \frac{1}{\cos 0} = 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\ln(\sin x)}{(\pi - 2x)^2}$$

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Note that the numerator is approaching $\ln\left(\sin \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \ln 1 = 0$
and the denominator is approaching $\left(\pi - 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 = (\pi - \pi)^2 = 0$
so l'Hôpital's Rule applies.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\ln(\sin x)}{(\pi - 2x)^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\frac{1}{\sin x} \cdot \cos x}{-4(\pi - 2x)}$$

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Both numerator and denominator are approaching 0, so we can use l'Hôpital's Rule *again*.

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\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\ln(\sin x)}{(\pi - 2x)^2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\frac{1}{\sin x} \cdot \cos x}{-4(\pi - 2x)} \\
&= \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{4 \sin x} \right) \cdot \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos x}{-(\pi - 2x)} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos x}{2x - \pi} \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{-\sin x}{2} \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{4} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{-1}{2} \right) = -\frac{1}{8}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2^x - 5^x}{10x}$$

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Note that the numerator is approaching $2^0 - 5^0 = 1 - 1 = 0$
and the denominator is approaching $10 \cdot 0 = 0$
so l'Hôpital's Rule applies

$$y = 2^x$$

$$\ln y = \ln (2^x) = x \ln 2$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \cdot \ln 2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \ln 2 = 2^x \ln 2$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (2^x) = 2^x \ln 2$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{d}{dx} (5^x) = 5^x \ln 5$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2^x - 5^x}{10x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2^x \ln 2 - 5^x \ln 5}{10} \\
 &= \frac{2^0 \ln 2 - 5^0 \ln 5}{10} \\
 &= \frac{\ln 2 - \ln 5}{10} \\
 &= \frac{1}{10} \ln \frac{2}{5}
 \end{aligned}$$