

LIMITS

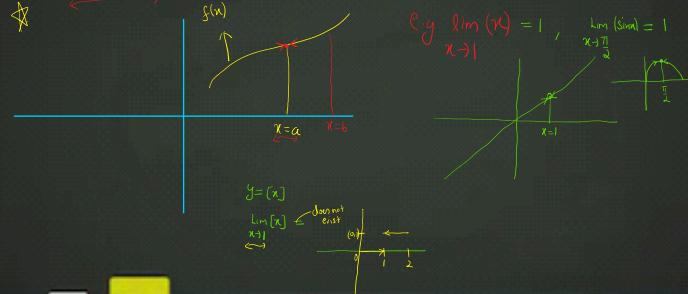


DEFINITION;

Let $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = l$.

It would mean that when we approach then $x=a$ from the values which are just greater or smaller than $x=a$, $f(x)$ would have a tendency to move closer to the value l .

eg $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = l$



Analytical meaning of limits.

$f(x) = x+1$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x+1) = 2$

(x>1)

$x = 0.9999, y = 1.9999$

$x = 0.99999, y = 1.99999$

$x = 0.999999, y = 1.999999$

$x \rightarrow 1, y \rightarrow 2$

(x=1)

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 2$

$x = 1.1, y = 2.1$

$x = 1.01, y = 2.01$

$x = 1.001, y = 2.001$

$x \rightarrow 1, y \rightarrow 2$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = 2$

$x \rightarrow 1, y \rightarrow 2$

① Left hand limit:

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(a-h) \Rightarrow L.H.L$

$x \rightarrow a^-$

$h \rightarrow 0$

$x = a-h$

$h \rightarrow 0$

② Right hand limit

Let $f(x) = f(a+h) = R.H.L$

$x \rightarrow a^+$

$h \rightarrow 0$

$x = a+h$

$h \rightarrow 0$

③

$y = [x]$

①

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 0$

②

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = 1$

③

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = \text{does not exist}$

④

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1.4} f(x) = 1$

⑤

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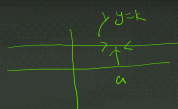
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$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1.4} f(x) = 1$

SOME STANDARD RESULTS FOR LIMITS:

$$\textcircled{1} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} k = k$$

$f(x) = y = k$

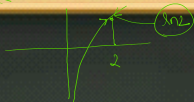


$$\textcircled{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} x^n = a^n \quad \text{eg } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x^3 = 3^3 = 27$$

$$\textcircled{3} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a), \quad f(x) \text{ is a real polynomial function}$$

eg $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^2 + 3x + 4) = f(1) = 1 + 3 + 4 = 8$

$$\textcircled{4} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} |x| = |a|$$



$$\textcircled{5} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \ln x = \ln a \quad (a > 0)$$

$$\textcircled{6} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} e^x = e^a$$

Sinx, cosx, secx, tanx
tanx, cotx, cscx, secx
#nπ, #nπ/2, #nπ/4

$$\textcircled{7} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \{x\} \neq \{a\}$$

#nπ/2

$$\text{eg } \textcircled{1} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x^3 - 3x + 4) = 27 - 9 + 4 = 22$$

$$\textcircled{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \log(x^2 + x + 1) = \log(3^2 + 3 + 1) = \log 13$$

$$\textcircled{3} \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(x) = \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1$$

$$\textcircled{4} \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \tan(x) = \text{nd}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} [x] = [3] = 1$$

$$\textcircled{6} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \{x\} = \text{does not exist}$$

$$\textcircled{7} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 2^x = 2^2 = 4$$

$$\textcircled{8} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \text{sgn}(x) = \text{does not exist}$$

Q) If $f(x) = \begin{cases} 5x-4 & 0 < x < 1 \\ 4x^2-3x & 1 < x < 2 \end{cases}$ then $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) \rightarrow$ exist or not?

$f(x) = \begin{cases} 5x-4 & x < 1 \\ 4x^2-3x & x > 1 \end{cases}$ (behaves or not)

LHL = $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (5x-4) = 5(1)-4 = 1$

RHL = $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (4x^2-3x) = 4(1)-3 = 1$

$f(1) = 5(1)-4 = 1$

Note: $x=a$ $f(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$

Q) Evaluate RHL and LHL at $x=4$

for $f(x) = \frac{|x-4|}{x-4}$ and calculate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x)$

A) 1 $\textcircled{1}$ does not exist $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \frac{|x-4|}{x-4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \frac{-(x-4)}{x-4} = -1$

B) -1 $\textcircled{2}$ 0 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{|x-4|}{x-4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} \frac{(x-4)}{x-4} = 1$

LHL \neq RHL

INDETERMINANT FORMS:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x+1}{2x+5} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$\frac{0}{0}, \frac{\infty}{\infty}, \frac{\infty}{0}, \frac{0}{\infty}, \frac{\infty^0}{\infty^0}, \frac{0^0}{0^0}$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{x-2} = 1$ $x \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow$ very very small positive number
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{x-2} = 1$ $x \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow$ very very small negative number

e.g. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2-16}{x-4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{(x-4)(x+4)}{x-4} = 8$ (approaches to zero)
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2-25}{x-5} = \frac{4^2-25}{4-5} = \frac{16-25}{-1} = 9$

1) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^3+27}{\sqrt{x^2+4}}$
 2) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} \frac{4-\sqrt{4+x}}{1-\sqrt{8-x}}$
 3) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\sqrt{x-b}-\sqrt{a-b}}{x^2-a^2}$

METHODS TO SOLVE INDETERMINANTS LIMITS:

1) Factorisation:
 $x^2-1 = (x-1)(x+1)$
 1) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2-4}{x-2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x+2)}{x-2} = 4$
 * 2) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2-x+2}{x-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(x-2)+2}{x-1} = 1-2 = -1$
 * 3) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3-x^2 \log x + \log x - 1}{x^2-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x^3-1) - \log x (x^2-1)}{(x-1)(x+1)} = \frac{(x-1)(x^2+x+1) - \log x (x^2-1)}{(x-1)(x+1)} = \frac{1+1-0}{1+1} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$

2. RATIONALIZATION:

1) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{2+x}-\sqrt{2}) \times \sqrt{2+x} + \sqrt{2}}{(\sqrt{2+x}+\sqrt{2})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{2\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2+x}+\sqrt{2})} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{2})} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}$
 2) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\sqrt{a+x}-\sqrt{3x}}{\sqrt{3a+x}-\sqrt{2x}} \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3a}-\sqrt{3a}=0}{\sqrt{3a}-\sqrt{2a} \neq 0} = 0$
 * $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{(\sqrt{a+x}-\sqrt{3x})(\sqrt{a+x}+\sqrt{3x})(\sqrt{3a+x}+\sqrt{2x})}{(\sqrt{3a+x}-\sqrt{2x})(\sqrt{a+x}+\sqrt{3x})(\sqrt{3a+x}+\sqrt{2x})} = \frac{(a-x)(\sqrt{3a+x}+\sqrt{2x})}{3(a-x)(\sqrt{3a+x}+\sqrt{2x})} = \frac{1}{3}$

1) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(2x-3)(x-1)}{2x^2+3x-3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(2x-3)(x-1)}{(2x-3)(x+1)} = \frac{(2-3)(1-1)}{(2+3)(1+1)} = \frac{-1}{10}$
 2) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{3+x}-\sqrt{3-x}) \times (\sqrt{3+x}+\sqrt{3-x})}{(\sqrt{3+x}+\sqrt{3-x})} = \frac{3+x-(3-x)}{x(\sqrt{3+x}+\sqrt{3-x})} = \frac{2x}{x(\sqrt{3+x}+\sqrt{3-x})} = \frac{2}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

ALGEBRA OF LIMITS:

Let f & g be two functions such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = l \quad \& \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = m \quad \text{then}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} k f(x) = k \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = k \cdot l$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) \pm g(x)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = l \pm m$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) \cdot g(x)) = \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right) \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \right) = l \cdot m$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)} = \frac{l}{m} \quad (m \neq 0)$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left(\frac{1}{f(x)} \right) = \frac{1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)} = \frac{1}{l} \quad (l \neq 0)$$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x))^n = \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right)^n = l^n \quad \boxed{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$