

# *Calculus and Analytical Geometry*

## LECTURE #6

# Topics to be Covered

- **Unit 6.1:** Derivative of Trigonometric and Inverse Trigonometric Functions
- **Unit 6.2:** Derivative of Logarithmic and Exponential Functions
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- **Unit 6.6:** L'Hospital Rule-Example

## DERIVATIVES OF TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sin x] = \cos x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\cos x] = -\sin x$$

The derivatives of the remaining trigonometric functions are

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\tan x] = \sec^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sec x] = \sec x \tan x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\cot x] = -\csc^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\csc x] = -\csc x \cot x$$

► **Example 2** Find  $dy/dx$  if  $y = \frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos x}$ .

**Solution.** Using the quotient rule together with Formulas (3) and (4) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{(1 + \cos x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[\sin x] - \sin x \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[1 + \cos x]}{(1 + \cos x)^2} \\ &= \frac{(1 + \cos x)(\cos x) - (\sin x)(-\sin x)}{(1 + \cos x)^2} \\ &= \frac{\cos x + \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{(1 + \cos x)^2} = \frac{\cos x + 1}{(1 + \cos x)^2} = \frac{1}{1 + \cos x} \quad \blacktriangleleft \end{aligned}$$

► **Example 1** Find  $dy/dx$  if  $y = x \sin x$ .

**Solution.** Using Formula (3) and the product rule we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx}[x \sin x] \\ &= x \frac{d}{dx}[\sin x] + \sin x \frac{d}{dx}[x] \\ &= x \cos x + \sin x \quad \blacktriangleleft \end{aligned}$$

## DERIVATIVES OF INVERSE TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\sin^{-1}x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\csc^{-1}x) = -\frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\cos^{-1}x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\sec^{-1}x) = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\tan^{-1}x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\cot^{-1}x) = -\frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

**EXAMPLE 5** Differentiate (a)  $y = \frac{1}{\sin^{-1}x}$  and (b)  $f(x) = x \arctan \sqrt{x}$ .

**SOLUTION**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} (\sin^{-1}x)^{-1} = -(\sin^{-1}x)^{-2} \frac{d}{dx} (\sin^{-1}x) \\ &= -\frac{1}{(\sin^{-1}x)^2 \sqrt{1-x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad f'(x) &= x \frac{1}{1 + (\sqrt{x})^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} \right) + \arctan \sqrt{x} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2(1+x)} + \arctan \sqrt{x} \end{aligned}$$

Differentiate  $\log_e (x^2 + 3x + 1)$ .

**Solution**

We solve this by using the chain rule and our knowledge of the derivative of  $\log_e x$ .

$$\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\log_e x) = \frac{1}{x}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \log_e (x^2 + 3x + 1) &= \frac{d}{dx} (\log_e u) \quad (\text{where } u = x^2 + 3x + 1) \\ &= \frac{d}{du} (\log_e u) \times \frac{du}{dx} \quad (\text{by the chain rule}) \\ &= \frac{1}{u} \times \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= \frac{1}{x^2 + 3x + 1} \times \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 + 3x + 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{x^2 + 3x + 1} \times (2x + 3) \\ &= \frac{2x + 3}{x^2 + 3x + 1}. \end{aligned}$$

### Example

Find  $\frac{d}{dx}(e^{x^3+2x})$ .

### Solution

Again, we use our knowledge of the derivative of  $e^x$  together with the chain rule

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(e^{x^3+2x}) &= \frac{de^u}{dx} \quad (\text{where } u = x^3 + 2x) \\ &= e^u \times \frac{du}{dx} \quad (\text{by the chain rule}) \\ &= e^{x^3+2x} \times \frac{d}{dx}(x^3 + 2x) \\ &= (3x^2 + 2) \times e^{x^3+2x}.\end{aligned}$$

## THE CHAIN RULE

**2.6.1 THEOREM (The Chain Rule)** *If  $g$  is differentiable at  $x$  and  $f$  is differentiable at  $g(x)$ , then the composition  $f \circ g$  is differentiable at  $x$ . Moreover, if*

$$y = f(g(x)) \quad \text{and} \quad u = g(x)$$

*then  $y = f(u)$  and*

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \quad (1)$$

► **Example 1** Find  $dy/dx$  if  $y = \cos(x^3)$ .

**Solution.** Let  $u = x^3$  and express  $y$  as  $y = \cos u$ . Applying Formula (1) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= \frac{d}{du}[\cos u] \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[x^3] \\ &= (-\sin u) \cdot (3x^2) \\ &= (-\sin(x^3)) \cdot (3x^2) = -3x^2 \sin(x^3) \quad \blacktriangleleft \end{aligned}$$

► **Example 2** Find  $dw/dt$  if  $w = \tan x$  and  $x = 4t^3 + t$ .

**Solution.** In this case the chain rule computations take the form

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dw}{dt} &= \frac{dw}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} \\ &= \frac{d}{dx}[\tan x] \cdot \frac{d}{dt}[4t^3 + t] \\ &= (\sec^2 x) \cdot (12t^2 + 1) \\ &= [\sec^2(4t^3 + t)] \cdot (12t^2 + 1) = (12t^2 + 1) \sec^2(4t^3 + t)\end{aligned}$$



## GENERALIZED DERIVATIVE FORMULAS

$$\frac{d}{dx}[u^r] = r u^{r-1} \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sin u] = \cos u \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\cos u] = -\sin u \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\tan u] = \sec^2 u \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\cot u] = -\csc^2 u \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sec u] = \sec u \tan u \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\csc u] = -\csc u \cot u \frac{du}{dx}$$

► **Example 5** Find

$$(a) \frac{d}{dx}[\sin(2x)] \quad (b) \frac{d}{dx}[\tan(x^2 + 1)] \quad (c) \frac{d}{dx}[\sqrt{x^3 + \csc x}]$$

$$(d) \frac{d}{dx}[x^2 - x + 2]^{3/4} \quad (e) \frac{d}{dx}[(1 + x^5 \cot x)^{-8}]$$

**Solution (a).** Taking  $u = 2x$  in the generalized derivative formula for  $\sin u$  yields

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sin(2x)] = \frac{d}{dx}[\sin u] = \cos u \frac{du}{dx} = \cos 2x \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[2x] = \cos 2x \cdot 2 = 2 \cos 2x$$

**Solution (b).** Taking  $u = x^2 + 1$  in the generalized derivative formula for  $\tan u$  yields

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}[\tan(x^2 + 1)] &= \frac{d}{dx}[\tan u] = \sec^2 u \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= \sec^2(x^2 + 1) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[x^2 + 1] = \sec^2(x^2 + 1) \cdot 2x \\ &= 2x \sec^2(x^2 + 1)\end{aligned}$$

**Solution (c).** Taking  $u = x^3 + \csc x$  in the generalized derivative formula for  $\sqrt{u}$  yields

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}[\sqrt{x^3 + \csc x}] &= \frac{d}{dx}[\sqrt{u}] = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{u}} \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^3 + \csc x}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[x^3 + \csc x] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^3 + \csc x}} \cdot (3x^2 - \csc x \cot x) = \frac{3x^2 - \csc x \cot x}{2\sqrt{x^3 + \csc x}}\end{aligned}$$

**Solution (d).** Taking  $u = x^2 - x + 2$  in the generalized derivative formula for  $u^{3/4}$  yields

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}[x^2 - x + 2]^{3/4} &= \frac{d}{dx}[u^{3/4}] = \frac{3}{4}u^{-1/4} \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= \frac{3}{4}(x^2 - x + 2)^{-1/4} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[x^2 - x + 2] \\ &= \frac{3}{4}(x^2 - x + 2)^{-1/4}(2x - 1)\end{aligned}$$

**Solution (e).** Taking  $u = 1 + x^5 \cot x$  in the generalized derivative formula for  $u^{-8}$  yields

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}[(1 + x^5 \cot x)^{-8}] &= \frac{d}{dx}[u^{-8}] = -8u^{-9} \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= -8(1 + x^5 \cot x)^{-9} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[1 + x^5 \cot x] \\ &= -8(1 + x^5 \cot x)^{-9} \cdot [x^5(-\csc^2 x) + 5x^4 \cot x] \\ &= (8x^5 \csc^2 x - 40x^4 \cot x)(1 + x^5 \cot x)^{-9} \quad \blacktriangleleft\end{aligned}$$

**FUNCTIONS DEFINED EXPLICITLY AND IMPLICITLY**

An equation of the form  $y = f(x)$  is said to define  $y$  *explicitly* as a function of  $x$  because the variable  $y$  appears alone on one side of the equation and does not appear at all on the other side. However, sometimes functions are defined by equations in which  $y$  is not alone on one side; for example, the equation

$$yx + y + 1 = x \quad (1)$$

is not of the form  $y = f(x)$ , but it still defines  $y$  as a function of  $x$  since it can be rewritten as

$$y = \frac{x - 1}{x + 1}$$

Thus, we say that (1) defines  $y$  *implicitly* as a function of  $x$ , the function being

$$f(x) = \frac{x - 1}{x + 1}$$

An equation in  $x$  and  $y$  can implicitly define more than one function of  $x$ . This can occur when the graph of the equation fails the vertical line test, so it is not the graph of a function of  $x$ . For example, if we solve the equation of the circle

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 \quad (2)$$

for  $y$  in terms of  $x$ , we obtain  $y = \pm\sqrt{1 - x^2}$ , so we have found two functions that are defined implicitly by (2), namely,

$$f_1(x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2} \quad \text{and} \quad f_2(x) = -\sqrt{1 - x^2} \quad (3)$$

The graphs of these functions are the upper and lower semicircles of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  (Figure 2.7.1). This leads us to the following definition.

## IMPLICIT DIFFERENTIATION

In general, it is not necessary to solve an equation for  $y$  in terms of  $x$  in order to differentiate the functions defined implicitly by the equation. To illustrate this, let us consider the simple equation

$$xy = 1 \quad (5)$$

One way to find  $dy/dx$  is to rewrite this equation as

$$y = \frac{1}{x} \quad (6)$$

from which it follows that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{x^2} \quad (7)$$

this approach we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dx}[xy] = \frac{d}{dx}[1]$$

$$x \frac{d}{dx}[y] + y \frac{d}{dx}[x] = 0$$

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x}$$

If we now substitute (6) into the last expression, we obtain

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{x^2}$$

which agrees with Equation (7). This method of obtaining derivatives is called *implicit differentiation*.

► **Example 2** Use implicit differentiation to find  $dy/dx$  if  $5y^2 + \sin y = x^2$ .

$$\frac{d}{dx}[5y^2 + \sin y] = \frac{d}{dx}[x^2]$$

$$5\frac{d}{dx}[y^2] + \frac{d}{dx}[\sin y] = 2x$$

$$5\left(2y\frac{dy}{dx}\right) + (\cos y)\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x$$

The chain rule was used here because  $y$  is a function of  $x$ .

$$10y\frac{dy}{dx} + (\cos y)\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x$$

Solving for  $dy/dx$  we obtain

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x}{10y + \cos y}$$

**L'HOSPITAL'S RULE** Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable and  $g'(x) \neq 0$  on an open interval  $I$  that contains  $a$  (except possibly at  $a$ ). Suppose that

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

or that

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

(In other words, we have an indeterminate form of type  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\infty/\infty$ .) Then

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

if the limit on the right side exists (or is  $\infty$  or  $-\infty$ ).

**EXAMPLE 1** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln x}{x - 1}$ .

**SOLUTION** Since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \ln x = \ln 1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x - 1) = 0$$

we can apply l'Hospital's Rule:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln x}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(\ln x)}{\frac{d}{dx}(x - 1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1/x}{1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{x} = 1$$

**EXAMPLE 2** Calculate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{x^2}$ .

**SOLUTION** We have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^x = \infty$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^2 = \infty$ , so l'Hospital's Rule gives

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(e^x)}{\frac{d}{dx}(x^2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{2x}$$

Since  $e^x \rightarrow \infty$  and  $2x \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , the limit on the right side is also indeterminate, but a second application of l'Hospital's Rule gives

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

**V EXAMPLE 3** Calculate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$ .

**SOLUTION** Since  $\ln x \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\sqrt[3]{x} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , l'Hospital's Rule applies:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt[3]{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/x}{\frac{1}{3}x^{-2/3}}$$

Notice that the limit on the right side is now indeterminate of type  $\frac{0}{0}$ . But instead of applying l'Hospital's Rule a second time as we did in Example 2, we simplify the expression and see that a second application is unnecessary:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt[3]{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/x}{\frac{1}{3}x^{-2/3}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{x}} = 0$$



**EXAMPLE 4** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x - x}{x^3}$ . (See Exercise 38 in Section 2.2.)

**SOLUTION** Noting that both  $\tan x - x \rightarrow 0$  and  $x^3 \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ , we use l'Hospital's Rule:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x - x}{x^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sec^2 x - 1}{3x^2}$$

Since the limit on the right side is still indeterminate of type  $\frac{0}{0}$ , we apply l'Hospital's Rule again:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sec^2 x - 1}{3x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sec^2 x \tan x}{6x}$$

Because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sec^2 x = 1$ , we simplify the calculation by writing

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sec^2 x \tan x}{6x} = \frac{1}{3} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sec^2 x \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} = \frac{1}{3} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x}$$

We can evaluate this last limit either by using l'Hospital's Rule a third time or by writing  $\tan x$  as  $(\sin x)/(\cos x)$  and making use of our knowledge of trigonometric limits. Putting together all the steps, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x - x}{x^3} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sec^2 x - 1}{3x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sec^2 x \tan x}{6x} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} = \frac{1}{3} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sec^2 x}{1} = \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$



**EXAMPLE 5** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} \frac{\sin x}{1 - \cos x}$ .

**SOLUTION** If we blindly attempted to use l'Hospital's Rule, we would get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} \frac{\sin x}{1 - \cos x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} = -\infty$$

This is **wrong!** Although the numerator  $\sin x \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \pi^-$ , notice that the denominator  $(1 - \cos x)$  does not approach 0, so l'Hospital's Rule can't be applied here.

The required limit is, in fact, easy to find because the function is continuous at  $\pi$  and the denominator is nonzero there:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} \frac{\sin x}{1 - \cos x} = \frac{\sin \pi}{1 - \cos \pi} = \frac{0}{1 - (-1)} = 0$$



## INDETERMINATE PRODUCTS

**EXAMPLE 6** Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln x$ .

**SOLUTION** The given limit is indeterminate because, as  $x \rightarrow 0^+$ , the first factor ( $x$ ) approaches 0 while the second factor ( $\ln x$ ) approaches  $-\infty$ . Writing  $x = 1/(1/x)$ , we have  $1/x \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow 0^+$ , so l'Hospital's Rule gives

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln x}{1/x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1/x}{-1/x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (-x) = 0$$

## INDETERMINATE DIFFERENCES

If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \infty$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \infty$ , then the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) - g(x)]$$

is called an **indeterminate form of type  $\infty - \infty$** . Again

**EXAMPLE 7** Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow (\pi/2)^-} (\sec x - \tan x)$ .

**SOLUTION** First notice that  $\sec x \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\tan x \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow (\pi/2)^-$ , so the limit is indeterminate. Here we use a common denominator:

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

Note that the use of l'Hospital's Rule is justified because  $1 - \sin x \rightarrow 0$  and  $\cos x \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow (\pi/2)^-$ . [

## INDETERMINATE POWERS

Several indeterminate forms arise from the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^{g(x)}$$

$$1. \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0 \quad \text{type } 0^0$$

$$2. \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0 \quad \text{type } \infty^0$$

$$3. \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \pm\infty \quad \text{type } 1^\infty$$

Each of these three cases can be treated either by taking the natural logarithm:

$$\text{let } y = [f(x)]^{g(x)}, \quad \text{then} \quad \ln y = g(x) \ln f(x)$$

or by writing the function as an exponential:

$$[f(x)]^{g(x)} = e^{g(x) \ln f(x)}$$

**EXAMPLE 8** Calculate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + \sin 4x)^{\cot x}$ .

**SOLUTION** First notice that as  $x \rightarrow 0^+$ , we have  $1 + \sin 4x \rightarrow 1$  and  $\cot x \rightarrow \infty$ , so the given limit is indeterminate. Let

$$y = (1 + \sin 4x)^{\cot x}$$

Then  $\ln y = \ln[(1 + \sin 4x)^{\cot x}] = \cot x \ln(1 + \sin 4x)$

so l'Hospital's Rule gives

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(1 + \sin 4x)}{\tan x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{4 \cos 4x}{1 + \sin 4x}}{\sec^2 x} = 4$$

So far we have computed the limit of  $\ln y$ , but what we want is the limit of  $y$ . To find this we use the fact that  $y = e^{\ln y}$ :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + \sin 4x)^{\cot x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^{\ln y} = e^4$$

**EXAMPLE 9** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^x$ .

**SOLUTION** Notice that this limit is indeterminate since  $0^x = 0$  for any  $x > 0$  but  $x^0 = 1$  for any  $x \neq 0$ . We could proceed as in Example 8 or by writing the function as an exponential:

$$x^x = (e^{\ln x})^x = e^{x \ln x}$$

In Example 6 we used l'Hospital's Rule to show that

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

Therefore

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^{x \ln x} = e^0 = 1$$



**Thank you**

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