

Limits

DEF: limit of function $f(x)$ as x tends or approaches c is denoted as

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$$

It means that x gets arbitrarily close to c , the value of $f(x)$ gets arbitrarily close to L .

Properties of Limit

1. A limit exist if and only if, the right hand limit and the left hand limit exist and are equal.

2. If a limit exist, it is Unique.

3. Limit Laws (Rules)

(a) Sum or Differences \pm

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$$

(b) Product Law:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x) \cdot g(x)] \\ = \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \right] \cdot \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) \right] \end{aligned}$$

(c) Quotient Law:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{if } \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) \\ \neq 0 \end{array} \right)$$

(d) Scalar Multiple Law:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [b \cdot f(x)] = b \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \right]$$

(e) Power Law:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)]^n = \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \right]^n$$

1. Simply substitute c into the function if it does not result in an undefined expression.

2. Factorizing and Cancelling:
Factorize and simplify to eliminate common terms.

3. Multiply by conjugate to remove radicals from the denominator

4. Special Trigonometric Limits:

Here utilize the trigonometric identities to simplify expressions involving trigonometric functions.

Types of Limit

1. Finite Limit: The limit exist and is in real numbers

2. Infinite Limit: The limit tends to positive or negative infinity

3. Infinity limit (Limit at Infinity):

The behaviour of the function

$[f(x)]$ as x approaches infinity.

4. One-Sided Limit: The one sided limit are differentiated as the right hand limit (when the limit approaches from the right) and the left hand

limit (when the limit approaches from the left) where as the other limit are sometimes referred to as two-sided limit.

Left-hand limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = L$$

Right-hand limit:

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