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ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS

Single Variable Calculus



Lecture No. **03**

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How to calculate limits

- ✓ Limits definition
 - ✓ How to evaluate The Limits
- Plug-in Limits

L-Hospital Rule



2 marks L-Hospital Rule:

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\text{Num}}{\text{Denom}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \underbrace{f(x) \times g(x)} = \text{convert the}$$

Rule:

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{If } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \left(\frac{\rightarrow 0}{\rightarrow 0} \right) \text{ form} \\ \text{If } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \left(\frac{\rightarrow \infty}{\rightarrow \infty} \right) \text{ form} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{\frac{1}{g(x)}} = \frac{\text{Num}}{\text{Den}} \right]$$

Apply L-Hospital Rule

Indeterminate forms $\left(\frac{\rightarrow 0}{\rightarrow 0} \right)$ OR $\left(\frac{\rightarrow \infty}{\rightarrow \infty} \right)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \text{Plug in Limits}$$

Ans = Limit

Remove It
 $\left(\frac{\rightarrow 0}{\rightarrow 0} \right) \left(\frac{\rightarrow \infty}{\rightarrow \infty} \right)$

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

Again
 apply L-Hospital
 Rule

Again
 Differentiation
 Again
 L-Hospital Rule

Till remove
 The $\frac{\rightarrow 0}{\rightarrow 0}$ or $\frac{\rightarrow \infty}{\rightarrow \infty}$
 \swarrow Plug in Limit

Ans = L

Some Fundamentals (Limits)

✓ Template method : (A) $\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

using L-Hospital Rule

$$\left(\frac{\rightarrow 0}{\rightarrow 0} \right) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x}{1} = 1$$

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

$$\lim_{f(x) \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin[f(x)]}{[f(x)]} = 1$$

$$\left(\frac{\rightarrow 0}{\rightarrow 0} \right) = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x^2)}{x^2} \quad \begin{matrix} f(x) = x^2 \\ f(0) = 0 \\ \left(\frac{\rightarrow 0}{\rightarrow 0} \right) \end{matrix}$$

$$= 1$$

$$\sin \frac{0}{0} \xrightarrow{f(x) \rightarrow 0}$$

$$\# \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^{-1} x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin^{-1} x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x}$$

$$\# \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} = \left(\frac{\rightarrow 0}{\rightarrow 0} \right) \text{ Form}$$

Using L-Hospital Rule $\rightarrow = 1$

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

Using L-Hospital Rule

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 0$$

$$\# \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} \left(\frac{\rightarrow \infty}{\rightarrow \infty} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[-1, 1]}{x} = \underline{\underline{0}}$$



$$\# \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[-1, 1]}{x}$$

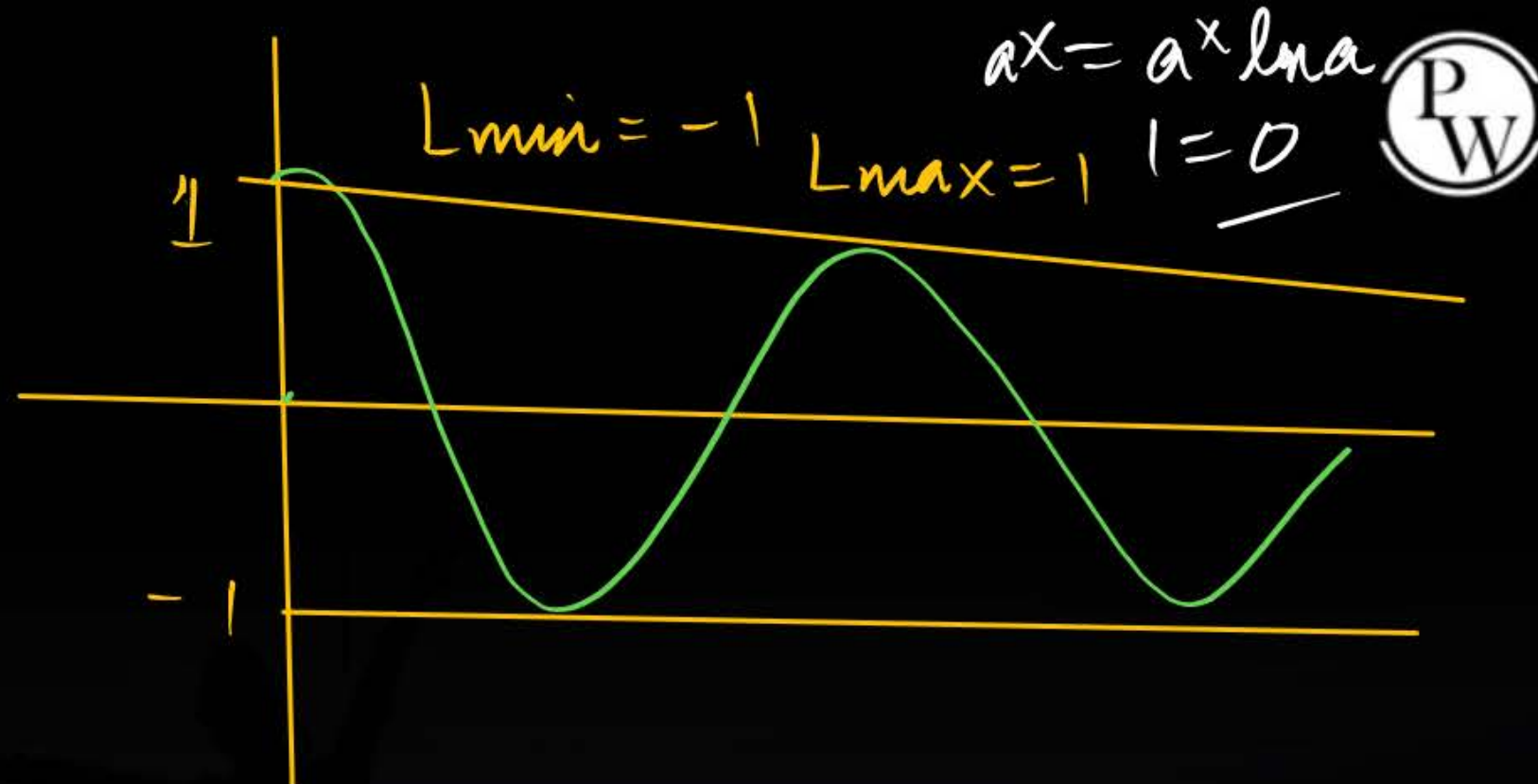
$$\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos x}{x} = 0}$$

$$\# \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\tan x} \left(\frac{0}{0} \right) \text{ form}$$

Using L-Hospital Rule

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sec^2 x} = \textcircled{1}$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} = 1}$$



$$\# \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x \ln a - 0}{1} \left(\frac{0}{0} \right)$$

$$= \ln a$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} = \ln a}$$

Q.

Questions

The value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^{P+1} - (P+1)x + P}{(x-1)^2}$ is:

- (i) P
- (ii) $P-1$
- (iii) $P(P+1)$
- (iv) $\frac{P(P+1)}{2}$

Q.

Questions

The value of limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} (\sec x - \tan x)$ is:

- (i) 1
- (ii) 0
- (iii) -1
- (iv) 2

✓ Do yourself ✓

Q.

Questions



Using L-Hospital Rule

The value $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\pi \cos^2 x)}{x^2}$ is:

(i) π (ii) $-\pi$ (iii) 2π (iv) -2π

L-Hospital Rule

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\pi \cos^2 x)}{x^2}$$

$$\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$$

Using Template method $\sin(\pi - \theta)$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin[\pi(1 - \sin^2 x)]}{x^2}$$

\sin	$\pi - \theta$
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$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin\left[\pi - \frac{\pi \sin^2 x}{x^2}\right]}{x^2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\pi \sin^2 x)}{x^2}$$

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\pi \sin^2 x)}{\pi \sin^2 x} \cdot \frac{\pi \sin^2 x}{x^2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\pi \sin^2 x)}{\pi \sin^2 x} \cdot \pi \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^2 = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\pi \sin^2 x)}{\pi \sin^2 x} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^2 \pi$$

$$1 \times 1 \times \pi = \pi$$

Q.

Questions

The value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^x \tan \frac{a}{e^x}$ is:

- (i) a
- (ii) 0
- (iii) 1
- (iv) None of these

Do yourself

Q.

Questions

Evaluate : $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{2^x - 2}{x - 1}$

$$= 2 \ln 2$$

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

$$= 2^x \ln 2$$

$$\frac{2^1 - 2}{1 - 1} = \left(\frac{\rightarrow 0}{\rightarrow 0} \right)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{2^x - 2}{(x - 1)} \left(\frac{\rightarrow 0}{\rightarrow 0} \right) \text{ form}$$

Using L-Hospital Rule

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{2^x \ln 2 - 0}{1 - 0} \left(\frac{\rightarrow 0}{\rightarrow 0} \right) \times$$

$$= \underline{2 \ln 2} \text{ Ans}$$

Direct Plug-in

$$\# 2) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{2^x - 2}{(x - 1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 2 \left(\frac{2^{x-1} - 1}{(x - 1)} \right)$$

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

$$= \underline{2 \ln 2} \text{ Template}$$

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

$$\boxed{L = 2 \ln 2}$$

Q.

Questions

Evaluate :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{e^{\sqrt{x}} - e^{\sqrt{a}}}{x - a}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{e^{\sqrt{x}} - e^{\sqrt{a}}}{(x - a)}$$

Using - L Hospital Rule $\left(\frac{\rightarrow 0}{\rightarrow 0} \right)$ form

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{e^{\sqrt{x}} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}}{1 - 0}$$

$$= \frac{e^{\sqrt{a}}}{2\sqrt{a}} \quad \underline{\text{Ans}}$$

Remove The

$$\left(\frac{\rightarrow 0}{\rightarrow 0} \right) \text{ OR } \left(\frac{\rightarrow \infty}{\rightarrow \infty} \right)$$

Template method =

$$= \frac{e^{\sqrt{a}}}{2\sqrt{a}} \quad \underline{\text{Ans}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{e^{\sqrt{x}} - e^{\sqrt{a}}}{(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{a})(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{a})}$$

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

Plug in

Q.

Questions

Evaluate :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{6^x - 2^x - 3^x + 1}{\sin^2 x}$$



Do yourself

Q.

Questions

The value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\log\{1+(x-a)\}}{(x-a)}$ is:

- (i) 1
- (ii) e
- (iii) e^a
- (iv) None of these

Do yourself

Q.

Questions

The value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{\tan x} - e^x}{\tan x - x}$ is:

- (i) 1
- (ii) 2
- (iii) $1/2$
- (iv) 0

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{\tan x} - e^x}{\tan x - x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} e^x \left\{ \frac{e^{\tan x - x} - 1}{(\tan x - x)} \right\} \\ &= 1 \quad \checkmark \quad \text{Ans} \end{aligned}$$

Template

Q.

Questions

Evaluate: $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^a - a^x}{x^x - a^a}$ $\left(\frac{0}{0} \text{ type of indeterminate form} \right)$

Do yourself

Q.

Questions

The value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{1}{\ln x} - \frac{1}{x-1} \right)$ is: $[\infty - \infty \text{ Type of indeterminate form}]$

(i) 1

(ii) 0

(iii) $1/2$ (iv) $3/2$

✓
Do yourself

m. Imp. SOME Important Limit:

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

Taking log both sides

$$\log L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \log_e [f(x)]$$

Using factor, Rationalize / L-Hospital Rule / Template

$$L = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \log f(x)}$$

$$\rightarrow \infty \rightarrow \infty \text{ OR } \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{OR } \boxed{\rightarrow 1 \rightarrow \infty} \xrightarrow{\text{Trick}}$$

THREE types
(Indeterminate form)

Q.

Questions

Evaluate :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1-2x)^{1/x}$$

$$L = e^{-2}$$

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \underbrace{(1-2x)}_{f(x)}^{\frac{1}{x} g(x)}$$

Taking log both sides $\rightarrow (-1)^{\rightarrow \infty}$

$$\log L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \log(1-2x)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(1-2x)}{x} \left(\frac{-0}{-0} \right) \text{ form}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\frac{(1-2x)}{1}} (-2)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2}{(1-2x)} = -2$$

$$\log L = -2$$
$$L = e^{-2}$$

Trick:

If

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^{g(x)} = (\rightarrow 1)^{\rightarrow \infty}$$

Ans = e^A

Where $A = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) - 1] g(x)$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \infty^{\rightarrow \infty} \\ \rightarrow 0^{\rightarrow 0} \\ \rightarrow 1^{\rightarrow \infty} \end{array} \right] \text{ log both sides}$$

$$\rightarrow 1^{\rightarrow \infty} = e^A$$

Q.

Questions

Evaluate :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x^{\cot \pi x}$$

$$L = e^A$$
$$A = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} [f(x) - 1] g(x)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} [(x-1)] \cot(\pi x)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)\pi}{\tan(\pi x)} \times \pi$$

Template

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{(\pi - \pi x)}{\tan(\pi - \pi x)} \right) = \frac{1}{\pi}$$

$e^{1/\pi}$ Ans

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x^{\cot(\pi x)}$$

$(\rightarrow 1^\infty)$ form

Q.

Questions

The value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left(2 - \frac{a}{x} \right)^{\tan \frac{\pi x}{2a}}$ is:

[1^∞ Type of indeterminate form]

(i) e

(ii) e^π

(iii) $e^{-2/\pi}$

(iv) $e^{2/\pi}$

M.W

Do
yourself

Q.

Questions



$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)^{\sin x}$$

The value of $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1/x)^{\sin x}$ is: $[\infty^0 \text{ Type of indeterminate form}]$

(i) 0

(ii) $1/2$

(iii) 1

(iv) None of these

$$e^0 = 1 \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0}$$

$$\frac{x \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{x^2} \right)}{-\frac{1}{\sin^2 x} \cos x}$$

$$\log L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin x \log \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{\sin x} \right)} = \left(\frac{-\infty}{-\infty} \right) \text{ form}$$

Again L-Hospital Rule

Self Assessment Test



Q.

Self Assessment Test



Evaluate : ^{3-times} L-Hospital Rule

$$\checkmark \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(e^x - 1) + 2(\cos x - 1)}{x(1 - \cos x)}$$

L =

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 - \cos x}{x^2 + (\sin x)^2}$$

- (i) ∞ $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 - \cos x}{x^2 + (\sin x)^2} \rightarrow 0$
- (ii) 0 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \left[\frac{x^2 - \cos x}{x} \right] \rightarrow 0$
- (iii) 2 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 \left[1 + \frac{(\sin x)^2}{x^2} \right]}{x^2} \rightarrow 0$
- (iv) Does not exist

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(e^x - 1) + 2[\cos x - 1]}{x[1 - \cos x]}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{xe^x - x + 2\cos x - 2}{x - x\cos x} \quad \left(\frac{\rightarrow 0}{\rightarrow 0} \right)$$

$$\checkmark = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+1)e^x - 1 - 2\sin x}{1 - [-x\sin x + \cos x]}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x(x+1) - 2\sin x}{1 + x\sin x - \cos x} \quad \left(\frac{\rightarrow 0}{\rightarrow 0} \right)$$

$$\checkmark = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+1)e^x + e^x - 2\cos x}{x\cos x + \sin x + \sin x}$$

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+1)e^x + e^x - 2\cos x}{x\cos x + \sin x + \sin x}$$

✓ Again apply
L-Hospital Rule.

$$\boxed{L = 3}$$

Q.

Self Assessment Test



Evaluate :

$$\times \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \times \left[\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \times [-1, 1] = 0$$

$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin m\theta}{\theta}$, where m is an integer, is one of the following:

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin m\theta}{m\theta} \times m$$

(i) ∞

(ii) 0

(iii) 1

(iv) Does not exist

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)} = \left(\frac{\rightarrow \infty}{\rightarrow \infty} \right)$$

$$= 0 \text{ (Ans)}$$

(i) m (ii) $m\pi$ (iii) $m\theta$

(iv) 1

Q.

Self Assessment Test



✓ GO TO WEST H.W

L-Hospital Rule

Evaluate : *L-Hospital Rule*

$$\checkmark \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{10} \frac{1 - e^{-j5x}}{1 - e^{-jx}} =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2} \right) \text{ is } \Rightarrow$$

L-Hospital Rule

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - \sin x}{1 - \cos x} \text{ is } \Rightarrow$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{e^{2x} - 1}{\sin(4x)} \right) \Rightarrow$$

L-Hospital Rule

Q.

Self Assessment Test



Evaluate :

✓ $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x + \sin x}{x} \right)$ is equal to

✓ The expression $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^a - 1}{a}$ is equal to

x - constant
 a = variable

(i) $-\infty$

(ii) 0

✓ (iii) 1

(iv) ∞

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[1 + \frac{\sin x}{x} \right]$
= 1

✓ (i) $\log x$

(ii) 0

(iii) $x \log x$

(iv) ∞

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

$= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^a \log x}{1}$

$= \log x$

Diff. w.r.t
 a

Q.

Self Assessment Test



Evaluate :

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{2x}$ is equal to

Handwritten notes: $\rightarrow 1^\infty = e^A$

(i) e^{+2}

(ii) e

Handwritten note: $= \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{2x}$

(iii) 1

Handwritten note: $= 2$

(iv) e

Ans = e^2

The value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(x^2)}{2x^4}$ is

(i) 0

(ii) $1/2$

(iii) $1/4$

(iv) undefined

Handwritten note: DO Yourself
NEST

H.W

Q.

Self Assessment Test



Evaluate :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{-\sin x}{2\sin x + x\cos x} \right) \text{ is } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\tan x}{x^2 - x} \right) \text{ is } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$$

Do yourself
M.W

Q.

Self Assessment Test



$$\lim_{f(x) \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin[f(x)]}{[f(x)]} = 1$$

The value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^7 - 2x^5 + 1}{x^3 - 3x^2 + 2}$

Using - L-Hospital Rule

(i) is 0

(ii) is -1

✓ (iii) is 1

(iv) Does not exit

Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^4 - 81}{2x^2 - 5x - 3}$

Using
L-Hospital
Rule

(i) 1

(ii) limit does not exit

(iii) 53/12

✓ (iv) 108/7

Thank You!

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