

## Calculus

- Used to compare quantities which vary in a non-linear way
- 2 main branches: -Differentiation-helps us to find a rate of change of one quantity compared to another
  - Integration-(reverse of differentiation) given a rate of change, find the original relationship between the 2 quantities
- The idea of zooming in to get a better approximation of the slope of the curve was the breakthrough that led to the development of differentiation
- Methods: ① Numerical approach to finding slopes (limits & slope of a tangent)
  - ② Algebraic approach to finding slopes (differentiation from first principles & derivatives)

### 1-1 Exploring the concept of a limit

Recall: A sequence is a list of numbers written in a definite order:  $t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, \dots, t_n, \dots$  where  $t_1$  is the first term and in general  $t_n$  is the  $n$ th term.

Ex 1: List the first 5 terms of the sequence defined by  $t_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$  and draw the graph of the sequence.

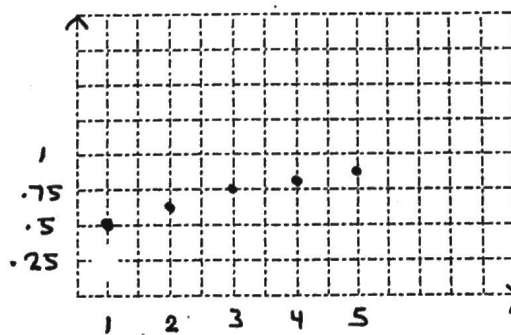
$$t_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$t_2 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$t_3 = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$t_4 = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$t_5 = \frac{5}{6}$$



$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = 1$$

In general, we say that the sequence with general term  $t_n$  has the limit  $L$ , and we write:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = L$$

Ex 2: Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n}$

$$= 0$$

Ex 3: Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n$

= Does not Exist ("DNE")

## Exercise 1.6

A 1. State the limits of the following sequences, or state that the limit does not exist.

(a)  $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{27}, \frac{1}{81}, \frac{1}{243}, \dots, \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n, \dots$

(b)  $5, 4\frac{1}{2}, 4\frac{1}{3}, 4\frac{1}{4}, 4\frac{1}{5}, \dots, 4 + \frac{1}{n}, \dots$

(c)  $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots, n, \dots$

(d)  $3, 3, 3, 3, 3, \dots, 3, \dots$

(e)  $1, 0, \frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{3}, 0, \frac{1}{4}, 0, \dots$

(f)  $5, 6\frac{1}{2}, 5\frac{2}{3}, 6\frac{1}{4}, 5\frac{4}{5}, 6\frac{1}{6}, \dots, 6 + \frac{(-1)^n}{n}, \dots$

(g)  $1, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{1}{3}, 1, \frac{1}{4}, 1, \frac{1}{5}, \dots$

(k)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} = 0$  rational

(m)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 5^{-n}$

(o)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + n - 2n^2}{1 - n + n^2} = -2$

(q)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^5}$

(s)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n = 0$

(l)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^{n-1} n$

(n)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n^3 + n^2)$

(p)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

(r)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - n^3}{1 + 2n^3}$

(t)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^n$

B 2. List the first six terms of the following sequences.

(a)  $t_n = \frac{n-1}{2n-1}$

(b)  $t_n = \frac{2n}{n^2 + 1}$

(c)  $t_n = n2^n$

(d)  $t_n = \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n}$

(e)  $t_1 = 1, t_n = \frac{1}{1 + t_{n-1}} (n \geq 2)$

(f)  $t_1 = 1, t_2 = 2, t_n = t_{n-1} - t_{n-2} (n \geq 3)$

3. Find the following limits or state that the limit does not exist.

(a)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$

(b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{5 + n}$

(c)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(6 + \frac{1}{n^3}\right)$

(d)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{3n-1}$

(e)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6n+9}{3n-2}$

(f)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 5n^0$

(g)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + 1}{2n^2 - 1}$

(h)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{n(n+2)}$

(i)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}$

(j)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^n$

### EXERCISE 1.6

1. (a) 0 (b) 4 (c) does not exist (d) 3 (e) 0  
(f) 6 (g) does not exist

2. (a) 0,  $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{9}, \frac{8}{27}, \frac{16}{81}$  (b) 1,  $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{4}{9}, \frac{16}{81}, \frac{256}{6561}$

(c) 2, 8, 24, 64, 160, 384

(d) 1,  $-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, -\frac{1}{6}$  (e) 1,  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{5}{6}$

(f) 1, 2, 1, -1, -2, -1

3. (a) 0 (b) 0 (c) 6 (d)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (e) 2 (f) does not exist (g)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (h) 1 (i) 0 (j) 0 (k) 0

(l) does not exist (m) 0 (n) does not exist

(o) -2 (p) 0 (q) 0 (r)  $-\frac{1}{2}$  (s) 0 (t) does not exist

4.  $\frac{1}{4}$

## Exercise 1.7

B X Find the sum of each of the following series or state that the series is divergent.

(a)  $1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \dots$

(b)  $1 - \frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{9} - \frac{8}{27} + \dots$

(c)  $\frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{16} + \frac{25}{64} - \frac{125}{256} + \dots$

(d)  $3 + \frac{3}{5} + \frac{3}{25} + \frac{3}{125} + \dots$

(e)  $1 - 2 + 4 - 8 + \dots$

(f)  $60 + 40 + \frac{80}{3} + \frac{160}{9} + \dots$

(g)  $0.1 + 0.05 + 0.025 + 0.0125 + \dots$

(h)  $-3 + 3 - 3 + 3 - 3 + \dots$

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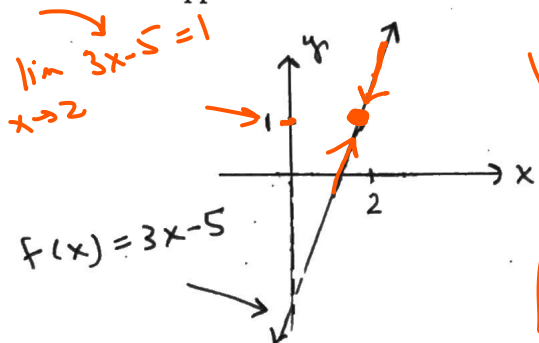
1. (a)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (c) divergent (d)  $\frac{15}{4}$

(e) divergent (f) 180 (g)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (h) divergent

# Introduction to Limits

Example 1: Consider the graph of the function  $f(x) = 3x - 5$ .

As the value of  $x$  "approaches" 2 (on the graph), what does the value of the function approach?



Definition:

Limit  $\rightarrow$  the notation  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$  implies that as " $x$ " approaches closer and closer to the value " $a$ ", the value of the function approaches a limiting value,  $L$ .

We say that "the limit of  $3x - 5$  as  $x$  approaches 2 equals 1," and we write

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (3x - 5) = 1$$

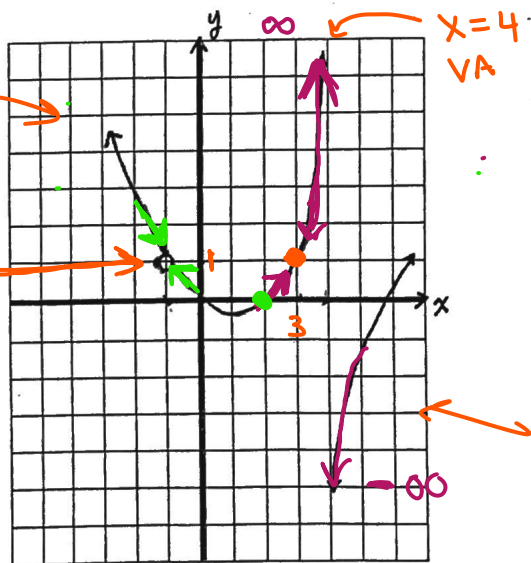
Notes:

- In this case  $f(2) = 1$  and  $\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = f(2)$ .
- In retrospect it follows that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  could have been evaluated simply by substituting  $x = 2$  into the formula for  $f(x)$ .
- However, NOT all limits can be evaluated by substitution.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \neq f(a)$$

↑  
not  
always  
true.

Example 2: Use the given graph of  $f$  to state the value of the limit, if it exists.



NOTE:

a.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 1$

b.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 0$

c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = 1$

d.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = DNE$

$f(4)$  is undefined VA.

$\circledast f(-1)$  is undefined.

(infinitely discontinuous)

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = DNE$   
VA  
 $x=2$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \infty$  (DNE)  
VA  
 $x=2$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = -\infty$  (DNE)  
VA  
 $x=2$

Example 3: Evaluate the following limits:

a.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x^2 = 9$  ✓  
 $= f(3)$

b.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{2}$  ✓  
 $= f(2)$

c.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{x+3} = 2$   
 $= f(1)$

Notes: For the following types of functions

- polynomial functions
- rational functions
- algebraic functions

you can evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  by substitution ( $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$ ), provided that  $f(a)$  is defined.

Example 4: Evaluate the following limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} = \frac{0}{0}$  ← indeterminate form

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x-3)(x+3)}{x-3}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x+3)$$

$$= 6$$

removed  
hole.

(3, 6)

$f(3) = \text{undefined.}$

(need to do  
something  
algebraically)

Example 5: Evaluate the following limits:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-3)^2 - 1}{x-2} \quad \frac{0}{0}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-3-1)(x-3+1)}{x-2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-4)(\cancel{x-2})}{\cancel{x-2}}$$

hole (2, -2)

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x-4) = -2$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{3+h} - \sqrt{3}}{h} \quad \frac{0}{0}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sqrt{3+h} - \sqrt{3}}{h} \right) \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{3+h} + \sqrt{3})}{(\sqrt{3+h} + \sqrt{3})} \quad * \text{conjugate}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{3+h} - 3}{h(\sqrt{3+h} + \sqrt{3})}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3+h} + \sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \quad \left( \text{or } \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \right)$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{4}{2+h} - 2}{h} \quad \frac{0}{0}$$

Common denom.

hole (0, -1)

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{4}{2+h} - \frac{2(2+h)}{2+h}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{4} - \cancel{4} - 2h}{h(2+h)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2h}{h(2+h)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2}{2+h}$$

$$= -1$$

$$\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{c} = \frac{a}{b} \times \frac{1}{c} = \frac{a}{bc}$$

# Limits – Change of Variable

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{x-8}{\sqrt[3]{x}-2}$   $\frac{0}{0}$  Let  $t = \sqrt[3]{x}$  } since  
 $\Rightarrow x = t^3$  }  $x \rightarrow 8$   
then  
 $t \rightarrow 2$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 2} \frac{t^3 - 8}{t - 2}$$

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

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 2} t^2 + 2t + 4$$

$$= 12$$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 27} \frac{27-x}{x^{\frac{1}{3}}-3}$  Let  $t = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$  } since  
 $\Rightarrow x = t^3$  }  $x \rightarrow 27$   
then  
 $t \rightarrow 3$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 3} \frac{27 - t^3}{t - 3}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 3} \frac{(3-t)(9 + 3t + t^2)}{t-3}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 3} -(9 + 3t + t^2)$$

$$= -27$$

3.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+8)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 2}{x}$$

$$\text{Let } t = (x+8)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$x = t^3 - 8$$

Since  $x \rightarrow 0$ then  $t \rightarrow 2$ 

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 2} \frac{t - 2}{t^3 - 8}$$

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

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{t^2 + 2t + 4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{12}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 1}{\sqrt[3]{x} - 1}$$

$$t = x^{\frac{1}{6}}$$

$$t^2 = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$t^3 = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$