

L'Hôpital's rule Proof (with $\frac{0}{0}$ only)

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L'Hôpital's rule stated that if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ is indeterminate, and both functions can be differentiated at $x = a$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$. In this proof we are only going to explore the case where the limit becomes $\frac{0}{0}$. Given that the limit will turn into $\frac{0}{0}$, it can be implied that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$, and since differentiability implied continuity, $f(a) = g(a) = 0$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - 0}{g(x) - 0} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{g(x) - g(a)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}}{\frac{g(x) - g(a)}{x - a}} \\ &= \frac{f'(a)}{g'(a)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} \end{aligned}$$

QED