

# Sec. 4.4. Indeterminate forms and L'Hospital's Rule.

1. In before, if we want to solve  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2+2x-3}{x-1}$ , we will cancel  $x-1$  in 分子. 分母 s.t.  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2+2x-3}{x-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x+3) = 4$ . But it's hard to solve  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln x}{x-1}$ . So we will use L'Hospital's rule to solve it.

2. Indeterminate Forms (不定式): 牽扯到 infinite value 及 0 的四則運算.

ex.:  $\frac{0}{0}, \frac{\infty}{\infty}, 0^0, \infty^0, \dots$

3. L'Hospital's Rule:

① 關係式:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$

② 使用時機:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$  or  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \pm \infty, \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \pm \infty$

③ 限制: If  $g'(x) = 0$ , and  $f'(x) \neq 0$  when  $x = c$ , then we can't use L'Hospital's rule.

Eg 1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln x}{x-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{1} = 1$

$\because \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x-1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \ln x = 0$

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

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

Eg 3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\sin x}{1-\cos x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} = -\infty$  (x)  $\rightarrow \because \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \sin x = 0$  but  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} 1-\cos x = 2 \neq 0$ , so we can't use L'Hospital rule's.

$= \frac{0}{2} = 0(0)$

4. Indeterminate products: Like  $0 \cdot \infty$ . If we want to use L'Hospital rule, then we can change

$0 \cdot \infty$  to  $\frac{0}{0}$ .

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

5. Indeterminate differences: Like  $\infty - \infty$ . If we want to solve it, then we will change

$\infty - \infty$  to  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$

Eg.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \left( \frac{1}{\ln x} - \frac{1}{x-1} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{(x-1) - \ln x}{(\ln x)(x-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1 - \frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{x}(x-1) + \ln x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{\frac{x-1}{x}}{\frac{x-1}{x} + \ln x} = \frac{1}{2}$

Eg.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (e^x - x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[ x \cdot \left( \frac{e^x}{x} - 1 \right) \right] = \infty$ . It can't use L'Hospital's rule.

6. Indeterminate power: Like  $0^0, \infty^0, 1^\infty$ . We will use natural logarithm to solve problem.

$y = f(x)^{g(x)} \Rightarrow \ln y = g(x) \cdot \ln(f(x))$

Eg.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + \sin 4x)^{\cot x}$

Let  $y = (1 + \sin 4x)^{\cot x}$ . Then  $\ln y = (\cot x) \cdot \ln(1 + \sin 4x) \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [\cot x \cdot \ln(1 + \sin 4x)]$

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

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

7. The proof of L'Hospital's rule:

Type 1:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0, g'(a) \neq 0$

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

(Note: In the original image, the terms  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(a)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(a)$  are circled in red, with a red '0' written above and below them respectively, indicating the 0/0 indeterminate form.)

Type 2:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \pm \infty, \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \pm \infty, g'(a) \neq 0$

Let  $\frac{1}{f(x)} = h(x), \frac{1}{g(x)} = u(x)$ , 仿照 type 1 的证明

#### Sec. 4.5. Curve Sketching

1. 步骤: Find domain  $\rightarrow$  Find asymptote  $\rightarrow$  Find critical points and the interval of increasing (decreasing)  $\rightarrow$  Find the inflection points and concavity  $\rightarrow$  graph

(Note: In the original image, the first three steps are grouped under a red box labeled "First-derivative", and the last two steps are grouped under a red box labeled "Second derivative".)