

$$\frac{df}{dx}(2), dx \rightarrow 0.$$

The derivative is formed by "nudging" dx and subsequently df .

There is a difference between infinitesimals and the behaviour as differences approach finitely small values.

Can be expressed,

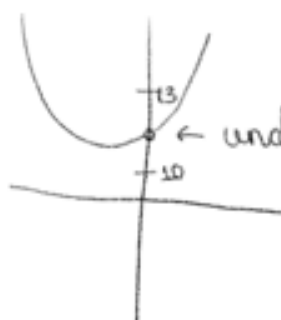
$$\frac{f(2+dx) - f(2)}{dx}, dx \rightarrow 0$$

More formally,

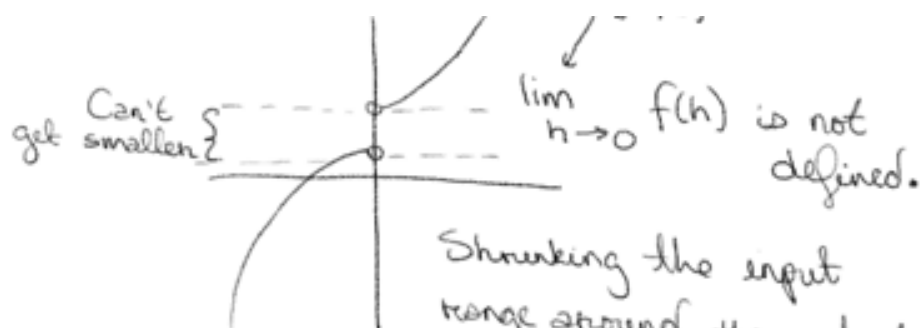
Common to use Δx or h for dx .

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

Derivatives concern the finite small differences approaching zero.



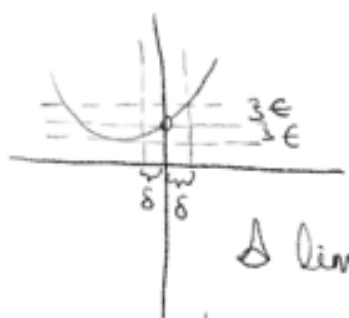
$$\leftarrow \text{undefined}, \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h} = 12$$



Shrinking the input range around the output range and evaluating convergence is similar to the Epsilon-delta definition of limits.

Real Analysis.

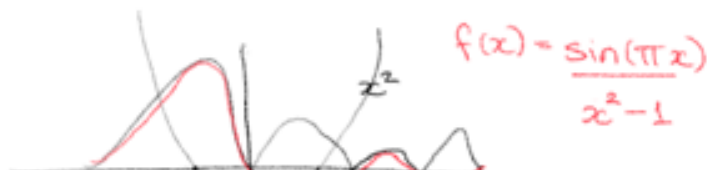
Epsilon-Delta

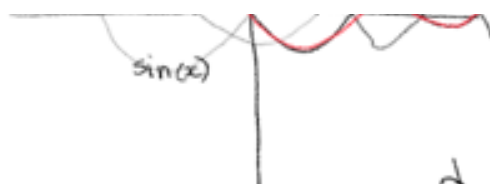


A limit which exists, has a range of inputs around the limiting point of some distance (δ), so that any such input corresponds to an output within the range of epsilon. Critically — for any epsilon (ϵ).

Given the function $f(x) = \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{x^2 - 1}$.

: This function is undefined at 1 and -1.





The rate of change
(i.e. the derivative) is

$$\frac{\cos(\pi x) \cdot \pi}{2x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\sin(\pi x)) = \cos(\pi x) \cdot \pi$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x^2 - 1) = 2x$$

At the undefined value of 1 or -1, the derivative, —
"that is the rate of change", is

The idea is $\frac{\cos(\pi(1)) \cdot \pi}{2(1)} \Rightarrow \frac{(-1) \cdot \pi}{2}$

that if the limit is $\Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2}$.

defined then so too is the derivative.

If the derivative is found then the limit can be computed
for undefined values by computing a prediction for that
limit using arbitrarily near locations to compute rates of
change.

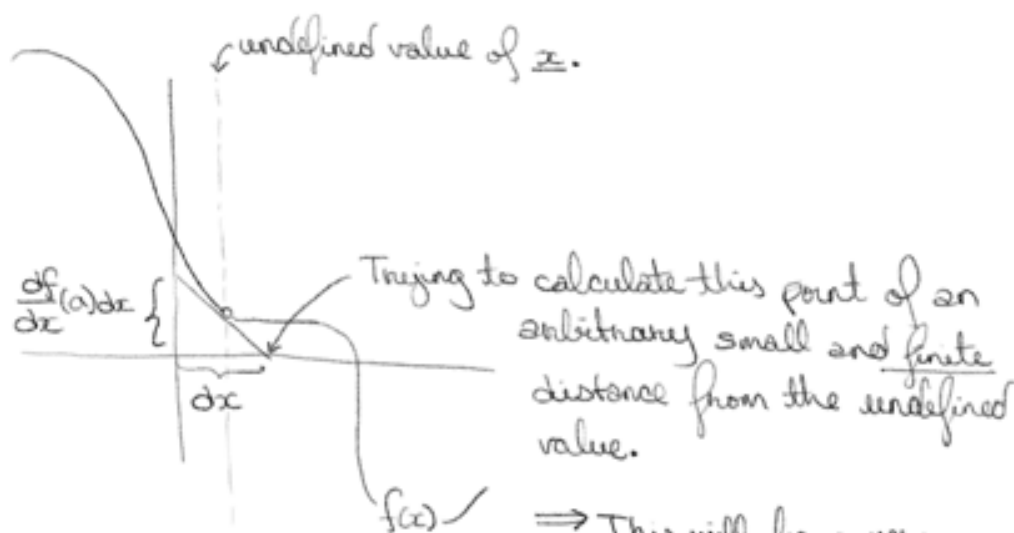
Generalization — L'Hopital's Rule

Even though $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ is sometimes undefined (0).

their derivatives are well defined — and so to are the limits.

That is, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ is well defined.

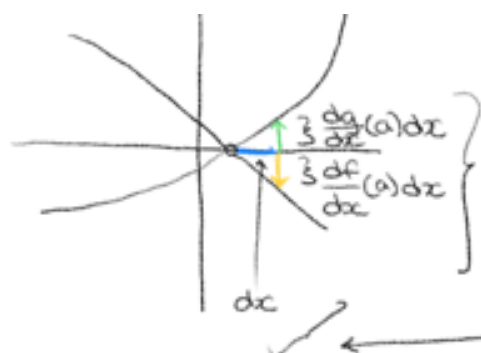
One can use that derivative in conjunction with arbitrarily close approaches (dx) to the target "a", to approximate the undefined value.



⇒ This will be a very accurate approximation of the limit which can be substituted for the undefined value.

Through the application of the derivative to a dx (from zero) that derivative in conjunction with the other derivatives of the other involved functions,





L'Hôpital's Rule



(*BUT ACTUALLY BERNOULLI)

This and this become
 arbitrarily small.