

**Indeterminate forms:** If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{0}{0}$  then it is called an indeterminate form at  $x = a$ . The

forms  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ ,  $0 \times \infty$ ,  $\infty - \infty$ ,  $0^0$ ,  $1^\infty$  and  $\infty^0$  are also indeterminate forms.

**Theorem:** State and prove L' Hospital's Rule.

**Statement:** If two functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are continuous at  $x = a$ , also their derivatives  $f'(x), g'(x)$  are continuous at this point and  $f(a) = g(a) = 0$  but  $g'(a) \neq 0$  then L' Hospital's rule states as,

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

In case,  $f'(a) = g'(a) = 0$ , the rule maybe extended.

**Proof:** We have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(a + \overline{x-a})}{g(a + \overline{x-a})}$

Expanding by Taylor's Theorem we get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(a) + (x-a)f'(a) + \frac{(x-a)^2}{2!}f''(a) + \dots + R_1}{g(a) + (x-a)g'(a) + \frac{(x-a)^2}{2!}g''(a) + \dots + R_2} \quad \dots(1)$$

where  $R_1 = \frac{(x-a)^n}{n!} f^n(a + \theta_1 \overline{x-a})$ ,  $0 < \theta_1 < 1$  and  $R_2 = \frac{(x-a)^n}{n!} g^n(a + \theta_2 \overline{x-a})$ ,  $0 < \theta_2 < 1$ .

Since  $f(a) = g(a) = 0$  so from (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{(x-a)f'(a) + \frac{(x-a)^2}{2!}f''(a) + \dots + R_1}{(x-a)g'(a) + \frac{(x-a)^2}{2!}g''(a) + \dots + R_2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(a) + \frac{(x-a)}{2!}f''(a) + \dots + R_1}{g'(a) + \frac{(x-a)}{2!}g''(a) + \dots + R_2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{f'(a)}{g'(a)}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \frac{f'(a)}{g'(a)} \quad (\text{Proved}).$$

**Evaluate the following limits:**

**Problem 01:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x}$

**Sol:** Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} & ; \left[ \text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sec^2 x \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 03:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln x)^2}{x}$

**Sol:** Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln x)^2}{x} & ; \left[ \text{Form } \frac{\infty}{\infty} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 2 \ln x \cdot \frac{1}{x} \\ &= 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{x} ; \left[ \text{Form } \frac{\infty}{\infty} \right] \\ &= 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{\infty} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 02:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^{-1} x}{x}$

**Sol:** Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^{-1} x}{x} & ; \left[ \text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 04:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{\sin x \sin^{-1} x}$

**Sol:** Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{\sin x \sin^{-1} x} & ; \left[ \text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x}{\cos x \sin^{-1} x + \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}} ; \left[ \text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x\sqrt{1-x^2}}{\cos x \sin^{-1} x \sqrt{1-x^2} + \sin x} ; \left[ \text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\sqrt{1-x^2} + \frac{2x^2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}}{-\sin x \sin^{-1} x \sqrt{1-x^2} + \cos x \left( 1 + \frac{2x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right) + \cos x} \\ &= \frac{2}{1+1} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 05:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - e^{-x} - 2x}{x - \sin x}$

**Sol:** Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - e^{-x} - 2x}{x - \sin x} ; \left[ \text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x + e^{-x} - 2}{1 - \cos x} ; \left[ \text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{\sin x} ; \left[ \text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{\cos x} \\ &= \frac{1+1}{1} \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 06:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{\sin x} - \frac{1}{x} \right)$

**Sol:** Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{\sin x} - \frac{1}{x} \right) ; \left[ \text{Form } \infty - \infty \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x - \sin x}{x \sin x} \right) ; \left[ \text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1 - \cos x}{\sin x + x \cos x} \right) ; \left[ \text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin x}{\cos x + \cos x - x \sin x} \right) \\ &= \frac{0}{1+1-0} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 05:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{x} - \cot x \right)$

**Sol:** Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{x} - \cot x \right) ; \left[ \text{Form } \infty - \infty \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin x - x \cos x}{x \sin x} \right) ; \left[ \text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\cos x - \cos x + x \sin x}{\sin x + x \cos x} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x \sin x}{\sin x + x \cos x} \right) ; \left[ \text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin x + x \cos x}{\cos x + \cos x - x \sin x} \right) \\ &= \frac{0}{1+1} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 07:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin x \ln x^2$

**Sol:** Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin x \ln x^2 ; \left[ \text{Form } 0 \times \infty \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \ln x}{\cos x} ; \left[ \text{Form } \frac{\infty}{\infty} \right] \\ &= 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1/x}{-\cos x \cot x} \right) \\ &= -2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin^2 x}{x \cos x} \right) ; \left[ \text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\ &= -2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{2 \sin x \cos x}{\cos x - x \sin x} \right) \\ &= -2 \cdot \frac{0}{1-0} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 08:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\tan x}{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}}$

**Sol:** Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\tan x}{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} \quad ; [Form \infty^\infty] \\ \text{Let } y &= \left( \frac{\tan x}{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} \\ \therefore \ln y &= \frac{1}{x} \ln \left( \frac{\tan x}{x} \right) \\ \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln y &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \ln \left( \frac{\tan x}{x} \right) \quad ; [Form \frac{0}{0}] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln \left( \frac{\tan x}{x} \right)}{x} \quad ; [Form \frac{0}{0}] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x}{\tan x} \cdot \frac{x \sec^2 x - \tan x}{x^2} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{2x - \sin 2x}{x \sin 2x} \right) \quad ; [Form \frac{0}{0}] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{2 - 2 \cos 2x}{\sin 2x + 2x \cos 2x} \right) \quad ; [Form \frac{0}{0}] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{4 \sin 2x}{2 \cos 2x + 2 \cos 2x - 4x \sin 2x} \right) \\ &= \frac{0}{2 + 2 - 0} \\ &= 0 \\ \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} y &= e^0 \\ \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\tan x}{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Homework:**

**Problem 01:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x \sin^{-1} x}{x^2}$  Ans: 1

**Problem 02:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} - \frac{1}{x^2} \right)$  Ans:  $\frac{1}{3}$

**Problem 03:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\cos x)^{\csc^2 x}$  Ans:  $e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

**Problem 04:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x}{x-1} - \frac{x}{\ln x} \right)$  Ans:  $\frac{1}{2}$

**Problem 05:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{x^2} - \cot^2 x \right)$  Ans:  $\frac{2}{3}$

**Problem 06:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\sin x)^x$  Ans: 1

**Problem 09:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} (\sin x)^{\tan x}$

**Sol:** Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} (\sin x)^{\tan x} \quad ; [Form 1^\infty] \\ \text{Let } y &= (\sin x)^{\tan x} \\ \therefore \ln y &= \tan x \ln (\sin x) \\ \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \ln y &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \tan x \ln (\sin x) \quad ; [Form 0 \times \infty] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \frac{\ln (\sin x)}{\cot x} \quad ; [Form \frac{0}{0}] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \frac{\cot x}{\cos ec^2 x} \\ &= 0 \\ \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} y &= e^0 \\ \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} (\sin x)^{\tan x} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$