

1) Introductory Problems

□ Intro 1: Evaluate the limit or explain why it doesn't exist

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4+h-4}{h(\sqrt{4+h} + 2)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+h} + 2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+0} + 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(h) = \frac{1}{4}$$

□ Intro 2:

If $2 - x^2 \leq g(x) \leq 2 \cos x$ for all x , find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x)$

There is the squeeze theorem which states that if $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$ for all numbers, and there exists a so that $f(a) = h(a)$, ~~so~~ then $g(a)$ must be equal to them as well

$$\text{At } x = 0 \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{0}{2}\right) = 2 - x^2 = 2 - 0^2 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow h(0) = 2 \cos x = 2 \cos 0 = 2$$

Since $f(0) = h(0) = 2$, according to squeeze theorem, $g(0)$ must equal 2 as well

$$\text{Therefore, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = 2$$

Intro 3

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = M$, show that there exists a number $\delta > 0$ such that

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |g(x)| < 1 + |M|$$

Definition of limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$

Given $\varepsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ so that

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$$

Apply this to $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = M$

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |g(x) - M| < \varepsilon$$

Take $\varepsilon = 1$ in the definition of limit $\Rightarrow |g(x) - M| < 1$ (1)

$$\text{We have: } |g(x)| = |g(x) - M + M|$$

Applying the triangle inequality $|A + B| \leq |A| + |B|$

$$\Rightarrow |g(x)| = |g(x) - M + M| \leq |g(x) - M| + |M| \quad (2)$$

Replace (1) into (2)

$$\Rightarrow |g(x)| \leq |g(x) - M| + |M| < 1 + |M|$$

$$\Rightarrow |g(x)| < 1 + |M| \text{ (proven)}$$

Intro 4: Evaluate, if possible, the limit of the sequence $\{a_n\}$

$$a_n = \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}$$

- Domain: $n \geq 0$. When $n = 0$, $a_n = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} a_n = 1$$

- The other end is $n \rightarrow +\infty$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} a_n = \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n} = \frac{(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n})(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})}{(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})}$$

$$= \frac{n+1 - n}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}$$

This approach
 $\rightarrow +\infty$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} a_n = 0$$

□ Intro 5 : Use the definition of derivative to calculate

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x}{x^2+1} \right) \Big|_{x=3} \quad (*)$$

By definition, the function $f(x)$ is differentiable at x_0 if the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0}$ exists

$$\begin{aligned} (*) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\frac{x}{x^2+1} - \frac{x_0}{x_0^2+1}}{x - x_0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\frac{x}{x^2+1} - \frac{3}{3^2+1}}{x - 3} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left(\frac{x}{x^2+1} - \frac{3}{10} \right) \left(\frac{1}{x-3} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(10x - 3x^2 - 3)}{(x^2+1)(x-3)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{-(x-3)(3x-1)}{10(x^2+1)(x-3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{-(3x-1)}{10(x^2+1)} = -\frac{2}{25} \end{aligned}$$

This limit exists, so $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x}{x^2+1} \right) \Big|_{x=3} = -\frac{2}{25}$

□ Intro 6 : Calculate the derivative of $f(x) = x^{1/3}$ using only the definition

We have: $\frac{d}{dx} x^{1/3} = \frac{x^{1/3} - x_0^{1/3}}{x - x_0} = \frac{x^{1/3} - x_0^{1/3}}{(x^{1/3})^3 - (x_0^{1/3})^3}$

$$=) \frac{d}{dx} x^{1/3} = \frac{x^{1/3} - x_0^{1/3}}{(x^{1/3} - x_0^{1/3})(x^{2/3} + (xx_0)^{1/3} + x_0^{2/3})}$$

$$=) \frac{d}{dx} x^{1/3} = \frac{1}{x^{2/3} + (xx_0)^{1/3} + x_0^{2/3}}$$

For the derivative to exist

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{1}{x^{2/3} + x^{2/3} + x_0^{2/3}} = \frac{1}{3x^{2/3}} = \frac{1}{3} x^{-2/3}$$

2) Homework Problems

□ E1: Evaluate the limit or explain why it doesn't exist

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-x^2}}$ Replace $x = \frac{1}{2}$ into the function, we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1/2 - (1/2)^2}} = 2.$$

So the limit of the function is 2

□ E2: Evaluate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{|x-1| - |x+1|}$$

-LM|

I'll denote that the plus is approaching the number from its right and the subtract is approaching the number from its left

$$\star \text{ If } x \rightarrow 0^+ \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x-1 \rightarrow -1^+ \\ x+1 \rightarrow \star 1^+ \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} |x-1| \rightarrow 1^- (1) \\ |x+1| \rightarrow 1^+ (2) \end{cases}$$

$$(1)(2) \Rightarrow |x-1| - |x+1| \rightarrow 0^-$$

Put denominator as y . We have $\frac{1}{y}$ while $y \rightarrow 0^-$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \text{ approaches } -\infty$$

The same process is inversed for $x \rightarrow 0^- \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y}$ approaches $+\infty$

So the function approaches $\pm\infty$ as $x \rightarrow 0$

E3: If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = M$, prove that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x) = L.M \quad (*)$$

With $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta_1, \delta_2$ that satisfy

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta_1 \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$$

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta_2 \Rightarrow |g(x) - M| < \varepsilon$$

To prove (*), we have to prove that $|f(x)g(x) - LM| < \varepsilon$ because $|f(x)g(x) - LM| \geq 0$, while ε is getting infinitely smaller as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$ when $x = a$, $\varepsilon = 0$ and thus

$$|f(x)g(x) - LM| = 0 \Rightarrow f(x)g(x) = LM \text{ when } x = a$$

$$\text{We have: } |f(x)g(x) - LM| = |f(x)g(x) - \cancel{f(x)L} + \cancel{f(x)L} - LM|$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(x)g(x) - LM| = |g(x)(f(x) - L) + L(g(x) - M)|$$

Applying triangular inequality

$$\Rightarrow |f(x)g(x) - LM| \leq |g(x)(f(x) - L)| + |L(g(x) - M)| \\ < |g(x)| \cdot \varepsilon + |L| \cdot \varepsilon \quad (1)$$

We have to modify (1) by dividing or multiply ε with any positive number, As $|g(x)|$ and $|L|$ are positive number themselves

$$\Rightarrow |f(x)g(x) - LM| < |g(x)| \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{2|g(x)|} + |L| \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{2|L|} \\ < \varepsilon/2 + \varepsilon/2 = \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x) = LM$$

o E34: Evaluate, if possible, the limit of the sequence $\{a_n\}$

$$a_n = \sqrt{n^2 + n} - \sqrt{n^2 - 1}$$

$$\text{Domain: } (-\infty; -1] \cup [1; +\infty)$$

$$\text{At } n = -1, a_n = 0 \quad \text{At } n = 1, a_n = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \sqrt{n^2 + n} - \sqrt{n^2 - 1} = \frac{\sqrt{n(n+1)}}{\sqrt{n^2 + n} - \sqrt{n^2 - 1}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{n^2 + n} + \sqrt{n^2 - 1}}{\sqrt{n^2 + n} + \sqrt{n^2 - 1}} \\ &= \frac{n^2 + n - (n^2 - 1)}{\sqrt{n^2 + n} + \sqrt{n^2 - 1}} = \frac{n + 1}{\sqrt{n^2 + n} + \sqrt{n^2 - 1}} \end{aligned}$$

Divide both nomi - & denominator, by n , we have

$$a_n = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{n}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n}} + \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{n^2}}}$$

$$\text{For } \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} a_n, \text{ we have } \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0^+ \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 1^+ \\ \Rightarrow \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \rightarrow 1^+ \quad \frac{1}{n^2} \rightarrow 0^+ \Rightarrow \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{n^2}} \rightarrow 1^+$$

$$\text{As } n \rightarrow +\infty, \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ will be smaller than } \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n}} + \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{n^2}} \rightarrow 2^+$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} a_n = \frac{1}{2} \text{ (from } \frac{1}{2}^+)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \lim_{n \rightarrow -\infty} a_n = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ (from } -\frac{1}{2}^+)$$

□ E5: How should the function $g(x) = x^2 \operatorname{sgn} x$ be defined at $x = 0$ so that it is continuous there? Is it then differentiable there?

To prove that a function is continuous at $x = x_0$ we have to prove that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} f(x) = f(x_0)$$

We have:

$$\operatorname{sgn}(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & x < 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \\ 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) = x^2 \operatorname{sgn}(x) = \begin{cases} -x^2, & x < 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \\ x^2, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{We have: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x) = -0^2 = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x) = 0^2 = 0$$

$$g(0) = 0$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x) = -0^2 = 0 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x) = 0^2 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow g(x) \text{ is continuous at } x = 0$

□ Differentiability:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x - 0} = \frac{g(x)}{x}$$

$$\text{We have } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{g(x)}{x} = \frac{x^2}{x} = x = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{g(x)}{x} = \frac{-x^2}{x} = -x = 0$$

So $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{g(x)}{x}$ exists $\Rightarrow g(x) = x^2 \operatorname{sgn} x$ is differentiable at $x = 0$

2. EG: Calculate the derivative of $f(x) = x^{1/n}$, where n is a positive integer using the definition

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} x^{1/n} \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} \text{ exists}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{x^{1/n} - x_0^{1/n}}{(x^{1/n})^n - (x_0^{1/n})^n}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{x^{1/n} - x_0^{1/n}}{(x^{1/n} - x_0^{1/n})(x^{\frac{n-1}{n}} + x^{\frac{n-2}{n}} \cdot x_0^{\frac{1}{n}} + \dots + x^{\frac{1}{n}} x_0^{\frac{n-2}{n}} + x_0^{\frac{n-1}{n}})}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^{\frac{n-1}{n}} + x^{\frac{n-2}{n}} \cdot x_0^{\frac{1}{n}} + \dots + x^{\frac{1}{n}} x_0^{\frac{n-2}{n}} + x_0^{\frac{n-1}{n}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2 \cdot \frac{n}{2} \cdot x^{\frac{n-1}{n}}} = \frac{1}{n x^{\frac{n-1}{n}}} = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{\frac{n-1}{n}}} = \frac{1}{n} x^{-\left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} f(x) = \frac{1}{n} x^{\frac{1-n}{n}}$$