

## §4.4 - Indeterminate Form + L'Hospital's Rule

Recall:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x^2 - 5x + 6} = \frac{16 - 4 - 2}{16 - 20 + 6} = \frac{10}{2} = 5$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x^2 - 5x + 6} = \frac{4 - 2 - 2}{4 - 10 + 6} = \frac{0}{0}, \text{ I.F.}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x+1)}{(x-2)(x-3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x+1}{x-3} = \frac{2+1}{2-3} = \boxed{-3}$$

What about  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\ln(x-1)}{x-2} = \frac{\ln(1)}{0} = \frac{0}{0}, \text{ I.F.}$

L'Hospital's Rule: If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ ,

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\ln(x-1)}{x-2} \stackrel{\text{L.R.}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\frac{1}{x-1}}{1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{x-1} = \frac{1}{2-1} = \boxed{1}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x^2 - 5x + 6} \stackrel{\text{L.R.}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x-1}{2x-5} = \frac{4-1}{4-5} = \frac{3}{-1} = \boxed{-3}$$



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(4x)}{4x} \rightarrow \frac{\sin(0)}{4 \cdot 0} = \frac{0}{0}, \text{ I.F.}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{L.R.}}} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(4x) \cdot 4}{4} = \frac{\cos(0) \cdot 4}{4} = \boxed{1}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{\sqrt{x}} \rightarrow \frac{\ln(\infty)}{\sqrt{\infty}} \rightarrow \frac{\infty}{\infty}, \text{ I.F.}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{L.R.}}} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/x}{\frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/x}{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\sqrt{x}}{x} =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{2}{\infty} = \boxed{0}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x) - x}{x^3} = \frac{\sin(0) - 0}{0^3} = \frac{0}{0}, \text{ I.F.}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{L.R.}}} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x) - 1}{3x^2} \rightarrow \frac{\cos(0) - 1}{0} = \frac{0}{0}, \text{ I.F.}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{L.R.}}} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\sin(x)}{6x} \rightarrow \frac{0}{0}, \text{ I.F.}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{L.R.}}} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\cos(x)}{6} \rightarrow \frac{-\cos(0)}{6} = \boxed{-1/6}$$