

§ 2.3. Calculating Limits Using Limit Laws, part 2

- In this video, we will:
 - Compute limits of the form $\frac{0}{0}$.
 - Relate this to graphing

Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1} \rightarrow \frac{1^2 - 1}{1 - 1} = \frac{0}{0}$, Ind. Form

- A limit approaching $\frac{0}{0}$ or $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ is in indeterminate form, meaning we cannot determine the limit as is.

To get it out of I.F., we will use algebra:

- Factoring
- Adding or Subtracting Fractions
- Using the conjugate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x+1)(\cancel{x-1})}{(\cancel{x-1})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \underline{x+1} = 1+1 = \boxed{2}$$

Question: are $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1}$ and $g(x) = x + 1$ the same function? No

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{x}}{x - 2} \rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}}{2 - 2} = \frac{0}{0}, \text{ I.F.}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\frac{x}{2x} - \frac{2}{2x}}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\frac{x-2}{2x}}{x-2} =$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\cancel{x-2}}{2x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cancel{x-2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{2x} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Find $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+2t} - \sqrt{1-2t}}{t} \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{1}-\sqrt{1}}{0} = \frac{0}{0}$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+2t} - \sqrt{1-2t}}{t} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+2t} + \sqrt{1-2t}}{\sqrt{1+2t} + \sqrt{1-2t}} \right) \quad \begin{matrix} (a-b)(a+b) = \\ a^2 + \cancel{ab} - \cancel{ab} - b^2 \\ a^2 - b^2 \end{matrix}$$

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

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{4}{\sqrt{1+2t} + \sqrt{1-2t}} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{1} + \sqrt{1}} = \frac{4}{1+1} = \frac{4}{2} = \boxed{2}$$

What Else: Are there more Indet Forms. $\frac{\infty}{\infty}, \dots$
 What about absolute values?