

# 8-1 INDETERMINATE FORMS AND L'HÔPITAL'S RULE

(12)

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$  IS AN INDETERMINATE FORM, BECAUSE  $x=0$  CANNOT BE SUBSTITUTED DIRECTLY. WE MUST TRACE NEAR  $x=0$ .

L'HOPITAL'S RULE PROOF p. 418

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{f'(a)}{g'(a)} \quad \leftarrow \text{FIRST FORM} \quad \frac{0}{0}$$

$f(a) = g(a) = 0$

EXAMPLE  $\leftarrow 0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = \frac{\frac{d}{dx} \sin x}{\frac{d}{dx} x} = \frac{\cos x}{1} = \frac{\cos 0}{1} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$0 \nearrow$

ANOTHER EXAMPLE  $\leftarrow 0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x - \sin x}{x} = \frac{\frac{d}{dx} (3x - \sin x)}{\frac{d}{dx} x} = \frac{3 - \cos x}{1} = \frac{3 - \cos 0}{1} = \frac{3 - 1}{1} = 2$$

$0 \nwarrow$

AB  $\rightarrow 1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 15, 16$

L'HOPITALS RULE STRONGER FORM

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} \quad \left[ f(a) = g(a) = 0 \right]$$

WHAT THIS IMPLIES IS WE CAN APPLY L'HOPITALS RULE OVER AND OVER UNTIL THE LIMIT CAN BE DETERMINED.

EXAMPLE

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - \sin x}{x^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{3x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{6x}$$

FIRST DERIV.                      SECOND DERIVATIVE

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x}{6} = \frac{\cos 0}{6} = \left( \frac{1}{6} \right) \quad \frac{0}{0} \rightarrow \frac{0}{0} \rightarrow \frac{1}{6}$$

THIRD DERIVATIVE

EXAMPLE 3 p. 419

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1 - x/2}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{2}(1+x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{2}}{2x}$$

FIRST DERIVATIVE

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}(1+x)^{-\frac{3}{2}}}{2} = \frac{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}(1+0)^{-\frac{3}{2}}}{2} = \left( -\frac{1}{8} \right)$$

SECOND DERIVATIVE       $\frac{0}{0} \rightarrow -\frac{1}{8}$

EXAMPLE 4 p. 419

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin x}{x^2} \quad \frac{0}{0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\cos x}{2x} \quad \frac{1}{0} \quad \underline{\underline{\text{STOP!}}}$$

$$\frac{\cos 0^+}{2 \cdot 0^+} = \boxed{\infty}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{-\sin x}{2} \quad \text{NO, BAD}$$

L'HÔPITAL'S RULE ALSO WORKS FOR  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^2 - 1}{2x^2 + x} \quad \frac{\infty}{\infty} \rightarrow \frac{10x}{4x+1} \quad \frac{\infty}{\infty} \rightarrow \left( \frac{10}{4} \right) \text{ or } \frac{5}{2}$$

FIRST DER.                      2<sup>ND</sup> DER.

HOMEWORK p. 423-424 → 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8-11, 14-21

## 8.1 CONTINUED, L'HOPITAL TRICKS (125)

(WHAT IF THE INDETERMINATE FORM IS NOT  $\frac{0}{0}$  OR  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$  ?)

EXAMPLE 6 p.420 MULT TO DIV TRICK FORM (MY WAY)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} x \sin \frac{1}{x} \quad \infty \cdot 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{\sin \frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{x}} \xrightarrow{\text{L'HOP}} \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{\cos \frac{1}{x} \cdot -\frac{1}{x^2}}{-\frac{1}{x^2}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \cos \frac{1}{x} = \cos \frac{1}{\pm\infty} = \cos 0 = \boxed{1}$$

EXAMPLE 7 p.421 COMMON DENOMINATOR TRICK

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{1}{\ln x} - \frac{1}{x-1} \right) \quad \text{FORM } \infty - \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{1(x-1)}{\ln x(x-1)} - \frac{1 \ln x}{(x-1) \ln x} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-1-\ln x}{(x-1) \ln x} \quad \text{FORM } \frac{0}{0}$$

SIMPLIFY  $\rightarrow$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1-0-\frac{1}{x}}{(x-1)\frac{1}{x} + \ln x \cdot 1} \xrightarrow{\text{L'HOPITAL \#1}} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1-\frac{1}{x}}{(x-1)\frac{1}{x} + \ln x} \cdot \frac{x}{x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-1}{x-1 + x \ln x} \xrightarrow{\text{L'HOPITAL \#2}} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{1-0 + x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \ln x \cdot 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{2 + \ln x} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

FOR EXPRESSIONS IN THE FORM  $1^\infty, 0^0 \neq \infty^0$  SOMETIMES THE LOG OF THE LIMIT CAN BE FOUND. (126)

IF  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \ln f(x) = L$

THEN  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} e^{\ln f(x)} = e^L$

EXAMPLE 8 p. 421

ALSO SEE EX. 9 & EX. 10

$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$

FIRST FIND  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = \ln L$

$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} x \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)}{\frac{1}{x}}$  FORM  $\frac{0}{0}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{x}} \cdot -\frac{1}{x^2}}{-\frac{1}{x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{x}} = 1 = \ln L$

so  $\ln L = 1 \quad e^{\ln L} = e^1 \quad \boxed{L = e}$

AB ASSIGN #1  $\rightarrow 12, 23-28, 31, 32$  THEN ASSIGN #2  $\rightarrow$

HWORk p. 423-424  $\rightarrow 3, 7, 12, 13, 23-41$  ODD

(24, 26, 28, 32)