

Limit Definition:  $\lim_{x \leftarrow a} f(x) = L$  if and only if  $\lim_{x \leftarrow a^-} f(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x \leftarrow a^+} f(x) = L$

A vertical asymptote defined by the line  $x = a$  is called a **vertical asymptote** of the function  $f(x)$  if the both the left and right limit go to either  $-\infty$  or  $\infty$

## 0.1 Limit Laws

**Limit Laws** Suppose that  $c$  is a constant and the limits

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

exist. Then

$$1. \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

$$2. \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) - g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

$$3. \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [cf(x)] = c \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

$$4. \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

$$5. \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)} \quad \text{if } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \neq 0$$

Power law:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^n$

is equal to  $[\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)]^n$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} x^n = a^n$  where  $n$  is a positive integer

Roots:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \sqrt[n]{x} = \sqrt[n]{a}$

Direct Substitution Property: If  $f$  is a polynomial or a rational function and  $a$  is in the domain of  $f$  then:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$

**3 The Squeeze Theorem** If  $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$  when  $x$  is near  $a$  (except possibly at  $a$ ) and

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

then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L$$

## 0.2 Precise Definition of a Limit

**2 Precise Definition of a Limit** Let  $f$  be a function defined on some open interval that contains the number  $a$ , except possibly at  $a$  itself. Then we say that the **limit of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches  $a$  is  $L$** , and we write

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

if for every number  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a number  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\text{if } 0 < |x - a| < \delta \quad \text{then} \quad |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$$

## 0.3 Continuity

A function  $f$  is continuous at a number  $a$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$

This means that 1.  $f(a)$  is defined 2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists 3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$

$f(a)$

**Definition:** A function  $f$  is continuous on an interval if it is continuous for every number in the interval

**10 The Intermediate Value Theorem** Suppose that  $f$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$  and let  $N$  be any number between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ , where  $f(a) \neq f(b)$ . Then there exists a number  $c$  in  $(a, b)$  such that  $f(c) = N$ .

## 0.4 Limits at infinity/Horizontal Asymptotes

The line  $y = L$  is called a horizontal asymptote of the curve  $y = f(x)$  if either  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$  or  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = L$

If  $r > 0$  is a rational number then :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^r} = 0$

If  $r > 0$  is a rational number such that  $x^r$  is defined for all  $x$  then:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x^r} = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^x = 0$

## 0.5 Derivatives and Rates of Change

The tangent line to the curve  $y = f(x)$  at the point  $P(a, f(a))$  is the line through  $P$  with slope  $m = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$  provided the limit exists

**LIMIT DEFINITION OF A FUNCTION:**  $f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$

Instantaneous rate of change:  $\lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \lim_{x_2 \rightarrow x_1} \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$

**FUNCTIONS CAN BE CONTINUOUS AND DIFFERENTIABLE BUT NOT DIFFERENTIABLE AND CONTINUOUS**

## 0.6 Derivation Rules

Derivative of a constant:  $\frac{d}{dx}(x) = 1$

Power Rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$

Constant Multiple Rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}[cf(x)] = c \frac{d}{dx}f(x)$

Sum Rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) + g(x)] = \frac{d}{dx}f(x) + \frac{d}{dx}g(x)$

Difference Rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) - g(x)] = \frac{d}{dx}f(x) - \frac{d}{dx}g(x)$

Definition of the Number  $e$ :  $e$  is a number such that  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^h - 1}{h} = 1$  as such the derivative of  $e^{x \text{ is } e^x}$

When taking the derivative of  $e^{nx}$  the derivative will become  $ne^{nx}$

Product Rule: If  $f$  and  $g$  are both differentiable then:  $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x)g(x)] = f(x)\frac{d}{dx}[g(x)] + g(x)\frac{d}{dx}[f(x)]$

Quotient Rule: If  $f$  and  $g$  are both differentiable then:  $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{g(x)\frac{d}{dx}[f(x)] - f(x)\frac{d}{dx}[g(x)]}{[g(x)]^2}$

### Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\csc x) = -\csc x \cot x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = -\sin x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) = \sec x \tan x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) = \sec^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot x) = -\csc^2 x$$