

# CH 5 - Applications of Derivatives

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## Related Rates

### Tip — Steps for Related Rates Questions

1. Draw diagram
2. Identify **changing** quantities
3. Find **constant** quantities (if possible)
4. Derive equations relating the quantities that are changing
5. **Implicitly differentiate** the key equations
6. Solve for the desired rate of change, substituting in known quantities.
7. **Concluding statement** (and also check units)

Example:

1. Laindon is taking a hot air balloon ride. A giant fan is blowing hot air into the balloon in a rate of  $200 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{min}}$ . Assuming that at any given point in time the balloon sphere, find the rate at which the radius of the balloon is changing when the diameter is 12 m.

ANS:

1. Picture: The problem is trivial so the graph is omitted
2. Changing variable: Volume( $\text{m}^3$ ), Radius( $\text{m}$ ), time( $t$ )
3. Constant quantities:  $\frac{dV}{dt} = 200 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{min}}$
4. Key Equation:  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3(t)$
5. Implicit Differentiation:  $\frac{dV}{dt} = 4\pi r^2(t) \cdot \frac{dr}{dt}$
6.  $\frac{dr}{dt} \Big|_{r=6} = \frac{1}{4\pi(6)^2} \cdot 200 = \frac{200}{144\pi} = \frac{25}{18\pi} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{min}}$
7. Concluding statement: When the diameter of the balloon is 12m, the rate of change of the radius is expanding by  $\frac{25}{18\pi} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{min}}$
2. The construction workers building M4 accidentally left a 20 foot ladder propped up against a concrete wall that is 80 feet in height. The base of the ladder begins to slide away from the wall at a rate of 2ft/sec, and the top begins to move down as a result. When the base of the ladder is 14 ft from the wall, how fast is the top of the ladder sliding down the wall?

ANS:

1. Picture is omitted and left as an exercise for the reader
2. Changing variable: Distance from wall of base of ladder ( $\text{m}$ ), Height where ladder touches the wall ( $\text{m}$ )
3. Constant quantities :  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2$
4. Key Equation:  $x^2 + y^2 = 20^2$

5. Implicit Differentiation:  $2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt} = 0 \implies \frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{x}{y} \frac{dx}{dt}$
6.  $\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{14}{\sqrt{400-14^2}} \cdot 2 = -\frac{14}{\sqrt{51}} \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}}$
7. Concluding statement: When the base of ladder is 14cm, the top of the ladder is falling at a speed of  $\frac{14}{\sqrt{51}} \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}}$

## Extrema

### Info – Extrema

Let  $f(x)$  be a function defined on an interval  $I$ , and let  $c \in I$ . We say  $f$  has

1. A **global minimum** on  $I$  at  $x = c$  if  $f(c) \leq f(x) \forall x \in I$
2. A **global maximum** on  $I$  at  $x = c$  if  $f(c) \geq f(x) \forall x \in I$
3. A **global extremum** on  $I$  at  $x = c$  if  $f$  has either a global minimum or global maximum.
  - Every point on a constant function is both a global minimum and global maximum
  - Every global extremum can be a local extremum in some interval

Examples:

1. Find all global extrema of  $f(x) = x^2$  on  $[0, 1]$ 
  - The global minimum be  $x = 0$  because  $f(0) \leq f(x) \forall x \in [0, 1]$
  - The global maximum DNE as the end point is missing. That is infinitely numbers lie on the interval  $[0, 1]$
2. Find all global extrema of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  on  $[-1, 1]$ 
  - The global extrema DNE as  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x} = -\infty$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} = \infty$ .

### Info – Extreme Value Theorem (Existence Thm)

Assume that  $f(x)$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$ . Then **there exist** two numbers  $c_1, c_2 \in [a, b]$  s.t.  $f(c_1) \leq f(x) \leq f(c_2) \forall x \in [a, b]$ .

In other words, there is a global minimum at  $x = c_1$  and a global maximum at  $x = c_2$

### Info – Local Extrema

Let  $f$  be a function. We say that  $f$  has

1. a **local minimum** at  $x = c$  if there exists an open interval  $(a, b)$  containing  $c$  such that  $f(c) \leq f(x) \forall x \in (a, b)$
2. a **local maximum** at  $x = c$  if there exists an open interval  $(a, b)$  containing  $c$  such that  $f(c) \geq f(x) \forall x \in (a, b)$
3. a **local extremum** at  $x = c$  if there is either a local minimum or a local maximum

### Warning – Local Extrema

If  $c$  is an endpoint of the domain of  $f$ ,  $c$  can never be a local extremum, even if it is a global extremum

### Info – Fermat's Theorem

If there is a local extremum for  $f(x)$  at  $x = c$  and  $f'(c)$  exists, hence  $f'(c) = 0$ . That is we cannot put an open interval around the point.

Examples:

1. Does the converse of Fermat's Theorem hold? That is if  $f'(0) = 0$ , then is a local extremum at  $x = c$ .

This is false. Let  $f(x) = x^3$ ,  $f'(x) = 3x^2$ ,  $f'(0) = 0$  but is not a local extremum on any interval containing  $x = 0$

2. Why is it worth mentioning  $f'(c)$  has to exist?

It is important because it is like saying  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = c$ . If not, let  $f(x) = |x|$ .  $f(x)$  is continuous. It has a local minimum at  $x = 0$  but  $f'(0)$  DNE as it is not differentiable.

### Info – Critical Points

We say that a function  $f$  has a **critical point** at  $x = c$  if  $f'(c) = 0$  or  $f'(c)$  = DNE for  $c \in$  the domain of  $f$ . These are our candidates for local extrema.

### Tip – Closed Interval Method

Let  $f(x)$  be continuous function on  $[a, b]$ .

1. Calculate  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$
2. Find  $f'(x)$
3. Find all the critical points of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$
4. Calculate  $f(c)$

Example:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 3\sqrt[3]{x} \text{ on } [-8, 1]$$

$$f(-8) = -\frac{512}{3} - 3(-2) = -\frac{496}{3}$$

$$f(1) = \frac{1}{3} - 3 = -\frac{8}{3}$$

$$f'(x) = x^2 - x^{-\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$f'(c) = 0 \implies c^2 - c^{-\frac{2}{3}} = 0 \implies c^{\frac{8}{3}} = 1 \implies c = -1, 1. f'(c) = \text{DNE} \implies c = 0$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f(-1) = -\frac{1}{3} + 3 = \frac{8}{3} \text{ Global maximum at } x = -1, \text{ global minimum at } f(-8)$$

### Info – Rolle's Theorem (Existence Thm)

If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$  and  $f(a) = f(b) = k \in \mathbb{R}$ , then there exists  $c \in (a, b)$  s.t.  $f'(c) = 0$

## Proof

If  $f(x) = k \forall x \in [a, b]$ , any value of  $c$  works.

Otherwise,  $\exists x_0 \in [a, b]$  s.t.  $f(x_0) \neq k$ . Since  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , it attains a maximum/minimum on  $[a, b]$ .

Since  $f(x_0) \neq k \implies f(x_0) > k \leftrightarrow f(a), f(b)$  are not maximum, or  $f(x_0) < k \leftrightarrow f(a), f(b)$  are not minimum. So one of maximum or minimum is in  $(a, b)$ , thus differentiable at some  $c$ .

By Fermat's Theorem,  $f'(c) = 0$  or  $f'(c) = \text{DNE}$ . But  $f$  is differentiable on  $(a, b) \implies f'(c)$  exists.

$$\therefore f'(c) = 0$$

### Info – Mean Value Theorem (Existence Thm)

If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , then  $\exists c \in (a, b)$  s.t.

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

## Proof

$$\text{Let } h(x) = f(x) - \left[ f(a) + \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}(x-a) \right]$$

$$h(a) = f(a) - \left[ f(a) + \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} \cdot (a-a) \right] = 0$$

$$h(b) = f(b) - \left[ f(a) + \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} \cdot (b-a) \right] = 0$$

Since  $h(b) = h(a) \stackrel{\text{Rolle's Theorem}}{\implies} \exists c \in (a, b)$  s.t.  $h'(c) = 0$

That is  $h'(x) = f'(x) \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} \implies f'(x) = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$

Finally,  $h'(c) = f'(c) - \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} = 0 \leftrightarrow f'(c) = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$

Tip: the construction of  $\left[ f(a) + \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}(x-a) \right]$  is the linear approximation of  $f(x)$  near  $a$

## Antiderivative

### Info – Antiderivative

Given a function  $f(x)$ , an **antiderivative** is a function  $F(x)$  s.t.  $F'(x) = f(x)$ . If  $F'(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in I$  for some interval  $I$ , then  $F(x)$  is an antiderivative of  $f(x)$  on  $I$

$$\text{e.g. } \frac{d}{dx}(\ln(\cos x)) = -\frac{1}{\cos x} \sin x = -\frac{-\sin x}{\cos x} = \tan x$$

Note: one function can have infinitely many antiderivatives, that is why we insist **an antiderivative** of  $f(x)$

### Info – Constant Function Theorem

Suppose that  $f'(x) = 0 \forall x \in I$  for some interval  $I$ . Then  $\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $f(x) = \alpha \forall x \in I$

## Proof

Let  $x_1 < x_2 \in I$ .

Since  $f$  is differentiable on  $I$ , it is continuous on  $[x_1, x_2]$  and differentiable on  $(x_1, x_2)$ .

By MVT,  $\exists c \in (x_1, x_2)$  s.t.  $f'(c) = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$ . But  $f'(c) = 0$  since  $f'(x) = 0$  on  $I$ .

Thus,  $0 = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} \wedge x_2 - x_1 \neq 0 \implies f(x_2) - f(x_1) = 0 \iff f(x_2) = f(x_1)$ .

Since  $x_1, x_2$  are arbitrary, therefore  $f$  is constant on  $I$

### Info – Antiderivative Theorem

Suppose that  $F'(x) = G'(x) \forall x \in I$  for some interval  $I$ . Then there exists  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $F(x) = G(x) + \alpha \forall x \in I$

## Proof

Let  $h(x) = F(x) - G(x)$ . Then  $h'(x) = F'(x) - G'(x) = 0$  on  $I$ .

By the CFT,  $h(x) = \alpha$  for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , so  $F(x) - G(x) = \alpha \implies F(x) = G(x) + \alpha \quad (\forall x \in I)$

## First Derivatives

### Info – Definition of Increasing/Decreasing

Let  $I$  be in interval and  $x_1, x_2 \in I$ , then  $f(x)$

- **increasing** on  $I$  if  $f(x_1) \leq f(x_2) \forall x_1 < x_2$
- **decreasing** on  $I$  if  $f(x_1) \geq f(x_2) \forall x_1 < x_2$
- **strictly increasing** on  $I$  if  $f(x_1) < f(x_2) \forall x_1 < x_2$
- **strictly decreasing** on  $I$  if  $f(x_1) > f(x_2) \forall x_1 < x_2$

Note: a constant function is both increasing and decreasing but not strictly

### Info – Increasing/Decreasing Function Theorem

Let  $I$  be an interval

1. If  $f'(x) \geq 0 \forall x \in I$ , then  $f(x)$  is increasing on  $I$
2. If  $f'(x) > 0 \forall x \in I$ , then  $f(x)$  is strictly increasing on  $I$
3. If  $f'(x) \leq 0 \forall x \in I$ , then  $f(x)$  is decreasing on  $I$
4. If  $f'(x) < 0 \forall x \in I$ , then  $f(x)$  is strictly decreasing on  $I$

## Proof

Let  $x_1 < x_2 \in I$ .  $f'(x) > 0$  on  $I$ , so it exists on  $I \Rightarrow f$  is differentiable on  $(x_1, x_2)$ , continuous on  $[x_1, x_2]$ .

By MVT,  $\exists c \in (x_1, x_2)$  s.t.  $f'(x) = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$

Given  $f'(x) > 0 \forall x \in I$  and  $x_1 < x_2$  and  $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$

Since  $x_1, x_2$  are arbitrary, thus  $f$  is strictly increasing on  $I$

Proof for increasing, strictly decreasing and decreasing is similar thus be omitted.

Question: If  $f$  is strictly increasing on  $I \Rightarrow f'(x) > 0 \forall x \in I$ ?

ANS: No, counterexample  $f(x) = x^3$

Question: If  $f$  is strictly decreasing on  $I \Rightarrow f'(x) < 0 \forall x \in I$ ?

ANS: No, counterexample  $f(x) = -\sqrt[3]{x}$



### Info – Bounded Derivative Theorem

Let  $f(x)$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ .

Suppose that  $m \leq f'(x) \leq M \forall x \in (a, b)$ . Then

$$f(a) + m(x - a) \leq f(x) \leq f(a) + M(x - a)$$

$$\forall x \in [a, b]$$

## Proof

Let  $f(x)$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ .

It also applies to  $[a, x_1]$ .

Case1:

For  $x_1 \in (a, b]$

By MVT,  $\exists c \in (a, x_1)$  s.t.  $f'(c) = \frac{f(x_1) - f(a)}{x_1 - a}$

Since  $m \leq f'(c) \leq M$  so  $m(x_1 - a) \leq f(x_1) - f(a) \leq M(x_1 - a)$ .

Then  $m(x_1 - a) + f(a) \leq f(x_1) \leq M(x_1 - a) + f(a)$

Case 2:

When  $x = a$ ,  $m(x - a) + f(a) = f(a)$  and similar applies to  $M(x - a)$ .

Resulting to  $f(a) \leq f(a) \leq f(a)$

Example:

Prove that  $\sqrt{51} \in [7 + \frac{1}{8}, 7 + \frac{1}{7}]$ .

Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  and let  $[a, b]$  be  $[49, 64]$

Since  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[49, 64]$  and differentiable on  $(49, 64)$

By Bounded Derivative Theorem,  $f(a) + m(x - a) \leq f(x) \leq f(a) + M(x - a)$

where  $m \leq f'(x) \leq M$  on  $[49, 64] \forall x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{64}} \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{49}} \Rightarrow 7 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{8}(51 - 49) \leq \sqrt{51} \leq \sqrt{49} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{7}(51 - 49) \\&\Rightarrow 7 + \frac{1}{8} \leq \sqrt{51} \leq 7 + \frac{1}{7}\end{aligned}$$

#### Info – Comparison via First Derivative Theorem

Assume  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are continuous at  $x = a$  with  $f(a) = g(a)$ . Then

- $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable for  $x > a$  and  $f'(x) \leq g'(x) \forall x > a \Rightarrow f(x) \leq g(x) \forall x > a$
- $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable for  $x < a$  and  $f'(x) \leq g'(x) \forall x < a \Rightarrow f(x) \geq g(x) \forall x < a$

Example:

Show that  $x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 < \ln(1 + x) \forall x > 0$

Let  $f(x) = x - \frac{1}{2}x^2, g(x) = \ln(1 + x)$

At  $x = 0, f(0) = 0, g(0) = 0$ , that is  $f(0) = g(0)$

All functions are differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$

$$f'(x) = 1 - x, g'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}.$$

Since  $x > 0, (1-x)(1+x) < 1 \Rightarrow 1-x^2 < 1 \Rightarrow -x^2 < 0$

Thus by CFDT,  $x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 < \ln(1 + x) \forall x > 0$

## Second Derivatives

#### Info – Concavity and Second Derivative Theorem

1. We say  $f$  is **concave up** on an interval  $I$  if for all  $a, b \in I$ , the secant line between  $(a, f(a))$  and  $(b, f(b))$  lies **above** the graph of  $f(x)$ .
2. We say  $f$  is **concave down** on an interval  $I$  if for all  $a, b \in I$ , the secant line between  $(a, f(a))$  and  $(b, f(b))$  lies **below** the graph of  $f(x)$ .
3. If  $f''(x) > 0 \forall x$  in an interval  $I$  then  $f(x)$  is **concave up** on  $I$
4. If  $f''(x) < 0 \forall x$  in an interval  $I$  then  $f(x)$  is **concave down** on  $I$

Example:

$f(x) = |x|$  is neither concave up nor concave down as the secant line lies on the graph if  $a$  and  $b$  are same side of the absolute function.

### Info – Point of Inflection

A point  $(c, f(x))$  is called a **point of inflection** of  $f(x)$  if  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = c$  and the concavity of  $f(x)$  changes at  $x = c$

If  $f''(x)$  is continuous at  $c$  and  $(c, f(c))$  is a point of inflection, then  $f''(c) = 0$  or DNE

However, the converse is false:  $f(x) = x^4$ ,  $f''(0) = 0$ , but the concavity does not change

Examples:

1.  $f(x) = x^3$ ,  $f'(x) = 3x^2$ ,  $f''(x) = 6x$

$f''(x) < 0 \forall x \in (-\infty, 0)$ , concave down

$f''(x) > - \forall x \in (0, \infty)$ , concave up

$f''(x) = 0 \implies 6x = 0 \implies x = 0$ .

2.  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $g'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$ ,  $g''(x) = \frac{2}{x^3}$ .

$g''(x) < 0 \forall x \in (-\infty, 0)$ , concave down

$g''(x) > - \forall x \in (0, \infty)$ , concave up

$g''(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 0$ , therefore,  $x = 0$  is not an inflection point.

**⚠ Warning** – If a function is concave down before  $x = c$ , and concave up after  $x = c$ , it is not necessary that there exists an inflection point. Notably:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

## Derivative Tests

### Info – First Derivative Test

Let  $f(x)$  has a critical point at  $x = c$  and suppose that  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $c$ . If there is an interval  $(a, b)$  containing  $c$  s.t.

1.  $f'(x) \geq 0$  on  $(a, c)$  and  $f'(x) \leq 0$  on  $(c, b)$ , then  $f$  has a local maximum at  $c$
2.  $f'(x) \leq 0$  on  $(a, c)$  and  $f'(x) \geq 0$  on  $(c, b)$ , then  $f$  has a local minimum at  $c$

Otherwise  $c$  is neither a local maximum nor a local minimum

### Info – Second Derivative Test

Suppose that  $f'(c) = 0$  and  $f''(x)$  is continuous at  $c$ , then

1. if  $f''(c) < 0$ , then there is a local maximum for  $f$  at  $c$
2. if  $f''(c) > 0$ , then there is a local minimum for  $f$  at  $c$
3. if  $f''(c) = 0$ , then it is inconclusive, that is, there might be a local maximum, a local minimum, or neither.

## Comparison:

FDT:

- Requires an interval, that is points around  $c$
- Requires lesser steps of differentiation
- Conclusive as long as the constraints are satisfied

SDT:

- Requires an interval, that is the point at  $c$
- Requires more steps of differentiation
- Inconclusive in some certain cases  $f''(x) = 0$

Examples:

1. Classify all critical points of  $f(x) = x^3 - 13x + 12$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 13, f''(x) = 6x$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 13 \implies f'(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in \left(-\infty, -\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}\right] \cup \left[\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}, \infty\right)$$

$$\text{and } f'(x) \leq 0 \quad \forall x \in [-\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}, \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}]$$

$$f'(0) < 0, f'(3) > 0, f'(-3) > 0$$

That is, by FDT, we have a local maximum at  $x = -\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}$  and a local minimum at  $x = \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}$

$$f''(x) = 6x, f''(x) < 0 \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, 0), f''(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in (0, \infty).$$

By SDT, we have a local maximum at  $x = -\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}$  and a local minimum at  $x = \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}$

2. Find all extrema of  $f(x) = x\sqrt[3]{x-4}$  on interval  $[0, 5]$

$$f'(x) = \sqrt[3]{x-4} + \frac{1}{3}x(x-4)^{-\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{1}{3}(x-4)^{-\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1}{3}(x-4)^{-\frac{2}{3}} - \frac{2}{9}(x-4)^{-\frac{5}{3}} = \frac{2}{3}(x-4)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \left(1 - \frac{x}{3(x-4)}\right)$$

$$f'(4) = \text{DNE}, f'(x) = 0 \iff 1 + \frac{x}{3(x-4)} \iff x = 3$$

$$f'(0) < 0, f'(5) > 0, f'(3.5) > 0$$

By FDT,  $x = 3$  is a local minimum

SDT is inconclusive as  $x = 4$  as  $f''(4) = \text{DNE}$

$$f(0) = 0, f(3) = -3, f(4) = 0, f(5) = 5$$

The global maximum is at  $x = 5$  and global minimum at  $x = 3$  on the interval  $[0, 5]$

## L'Hôpital Rule

### Info – Indeterminate Forms

1.  $\frac{0}{0}$
2.  $\frac{\pm\infty}{\pm\infty}$
3.  $0 \cdot \pm\infty$
4.  $\infty - \infty$
5.  $1^\infty$
6.  $\infty^0$
7.  $0^0$

These forms signal to apply L'Hôpital.

1 and 2 are classic form, 3 to 7 need to be manipulated into classical form to apply L'Hôpital

### Info – L'Hôpital Rule

Suppose that  $f'(x), g'(x)$  exists near  $a$ , except possibly at  $x = a$ , and that  $g'(x) \neq 0$  near  $a$ , except possibly at  $x = a$ .

Suppose that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  is of indeterminate form  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\pm\infty}{\pm\infty}$  then

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

whenever the right side exists or equals  $\pm\infty$

You need to write  $\stackrel{\text{LHR}}{=}$  just for the sake of this course

### ⚠ Warning – Case do not use LHR

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \stackrel{\text{LHR}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos x = 0$  **WRONG, CIRCULAR LOGIC, REMEMBER FUNDAMENTAL TRIG LIMIT**

### ⚠ Warning – Determinate Form

$0^\infty, \frac{0}{\infty}$ , and  $\infty^\infty$  are determinate forms

Examples:

$$1. \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{x^2 - \pi^2}{\sin x} \stackrel{\text{LHR}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} = 2 \frac{x}{\cos x} = 2 \frac{\pi}{-1} = -2\pi$$

$$2. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{x} \stackrel{\text{LHR}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{1} = \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{\infty} = 0$$

$$3. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1}{x^2}}{\ln x} \stackrel{\text{LHR}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{-\frac{2}{x^3}}{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} = -\frac{2}{x^2} = -\frac{2}{0} = -\infty$$

### Info - $0 \cdot \pm\infty$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x) \stackrel{0 \cdot \pm\infty}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\frac{1}{f(x)}}{g(x)} \stackrel{\text{LHR}}{\equiv} \dots$$

Examples:

$$1. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} = \frac{\ln x}{\frac{1}{x}} \stackrel{\text{LHR}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{-\frac{1}{x^2}} = -\frac{x^2}{x} = 0$$

$$2. \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^{\frac{5}{3}} \cdot e^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^{\frac{5}{3}}}{e^{-x}} \stackrel{\text{LHR}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\frac{5}{3}x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{-e^{-x}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{10x^{\frac{-1}{3}}}{e^{-x}} = \frac{10}{9} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^x}{x^{\frac{1}{3}}} = \frac{0}{-\infty} = 0$$

### Info - $\infty - \infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) - g(x)$  needed to be algebraically manipulated using one of two

1. Using ln

2. Using conjugate/fractions

Examples:

$$1. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln x + \ln\left(\frac{67}{x+1}\right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln(67 \frac{x}{x+1}) = \ln\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 67 \frac{x}{x+1}\right) = \ln 67$$

$$2. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\sin x} - \frac{1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x - \sin x}{x \sin x} \stackrel{\text{LHR}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1 - \cos x}{x}}{\sin x + x \cos x} \stackrel{\text{LHR}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1 - \cos x}{x}}{2 \cos x - x \sin x} = \frac{0}{2} = 0$$

### Info - $1^\infty, \infty^0, 0^0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f^{g(x)}(x) = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) \ln(f(x))}$$

Then evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) \ln(f(x)) = L$  the final answer of the entire limit is  $e^L$

Examples:

$$1. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{x \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)}{\frac{1}{x}}} \stackrel{\text{LHR}}{=}$$

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

$$2. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^{\frac{1}{\ln(-\ln x)}} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln x}{\ln(-\ln x)}} \stackrel{\text{LHR}}{=} e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{-\frac{1}{\ln x} \left(-\frac{1}{x}\right)}} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln x} = e^{-\infty} = 0$$

## Curve Sketching

### Info – Graph Sketching Procedure

1. Determine the **domain** of the functions and the values at the endpoints
2. Find the  **$x, y$  intercepts**
3. Find the **horizontal asymptotes** by checking  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x)$
4. Find the **vertical asymptotes** by computing  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^\pm} f(x)$
5. Find all the **critical points**  $f'(x) = 0$  or  $f'(x) = \text{DNE}$
6. Find all candidates for **points of inflection**  $f''(x) = 0$  or  $f''(x) = \text{DNE}$
7. Find the shape of the function via intervals of increase/decrease and concavity between the points from steps 5-6 plus discontinuous
8. Find local **extrema** and points of inflection using the information from step 7
9. **Plot** the  $x$ -intercept,  $y$ -intercepts, point of inflection, critical points, and extrema
10. Connect everything together

Examples:

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 3x}, f'(x) = \frac{3x^2 + 2x + 3}{x^2(x+3)}, f''(x) = \frac{-6x(x+1)(x^2+3)}{x^3(x+3)^3}$$

1. Domain is  $x \in (-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$
2. • The  $y$ -intercept DNE as 0 is not in domain
  - $x$ -intercept at  $x = \pm 1$
3. •  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 3x} = 1$   
•  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 3x} = 1$
4. •  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 3x} = -\frac{1}{0} = -\infty$   
•  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 3x} = -\frac{1}{-0} = \infty$   
•  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 3x} = -\frac{1}{0} = -\infty$   
•  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 3x} = -\frac{1}{-0} = \infty$
5.  $f'(x) = \frac{3x^2 + 2x + 3}{x^2(x+3)} = 0$ 
  - $3x^2 + 2x + 3 = 0$ , no real solution
  - $x^2(x+3) = 0$ ,  $x = 0, -3$  but not in domain
  - no critical points
6.  $f''(x) = \frac{-6x(x+1)(x^2+3)}{x^3(x+3)^3} = 0$ 
  - $-6x(x+1)(x^2+3) = 0$ ,  $x = 0, -1$
  - $x^3(x+3)^3 = 0$ ,  $x = 0, -3$
  - $x = -1$  is inflection point

## Optimization