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2.1: A Preview of Calculus

Objectives

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- Understand what calculus is and how it compares with precalculus.
- Understand that the tangent line problem is basic to calculus.
- Understand that the area problem is also basic to calculus.

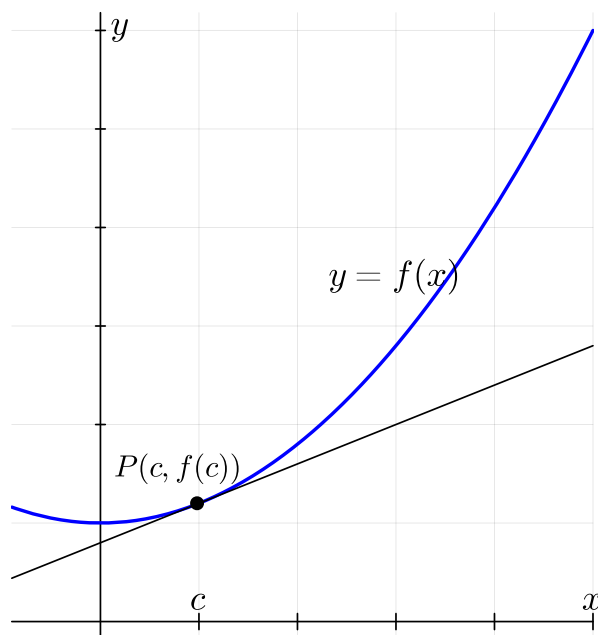
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What is Calculus?

Precalculus Mathematics \Rightarrow Limit process \Rightarrow Calculus

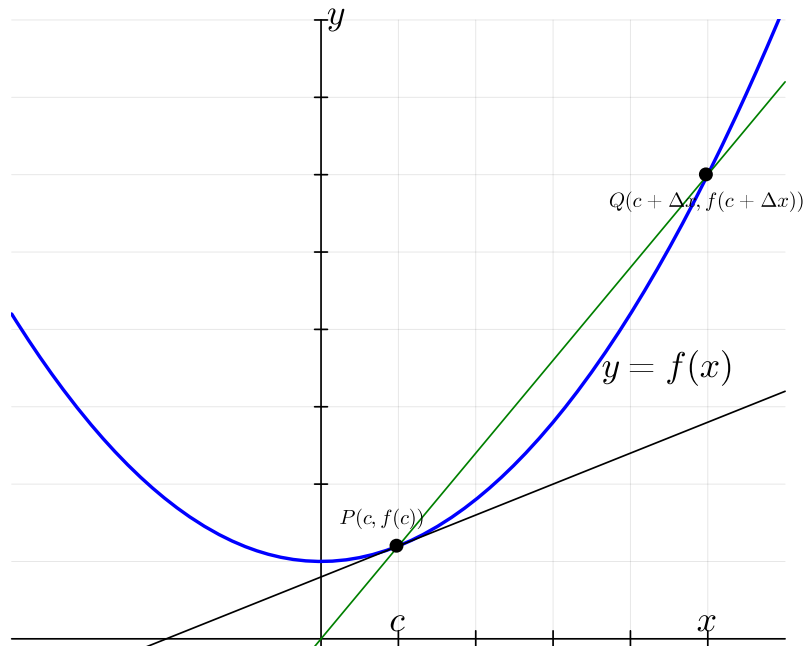
The Tangent Line Problem

What is the slope of the line (called *tangent line*) passing through the point $P(c, f(c))$?



Δx

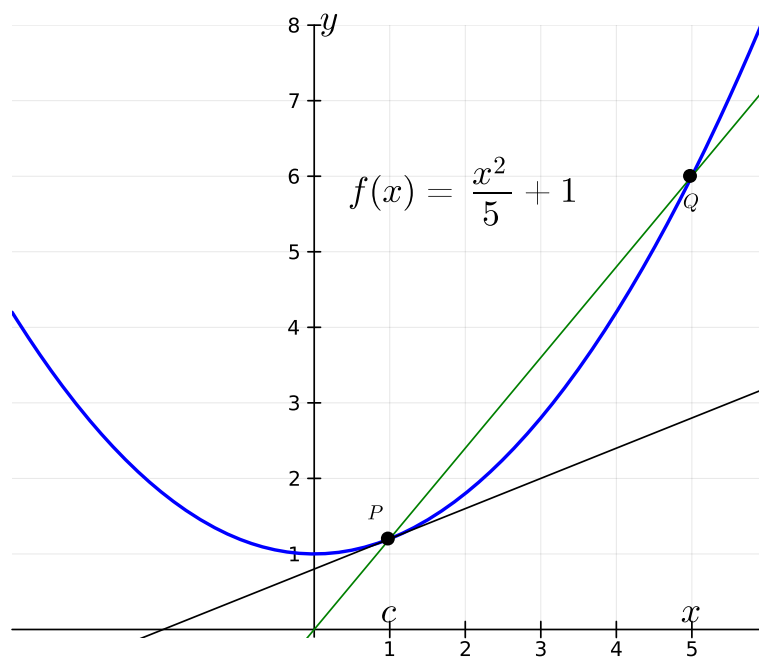
Find the equation of the secant line



$$m_{sec} = \frac{f(c + \Delta x) - f(c)}{\Delta x}$$

Δx 

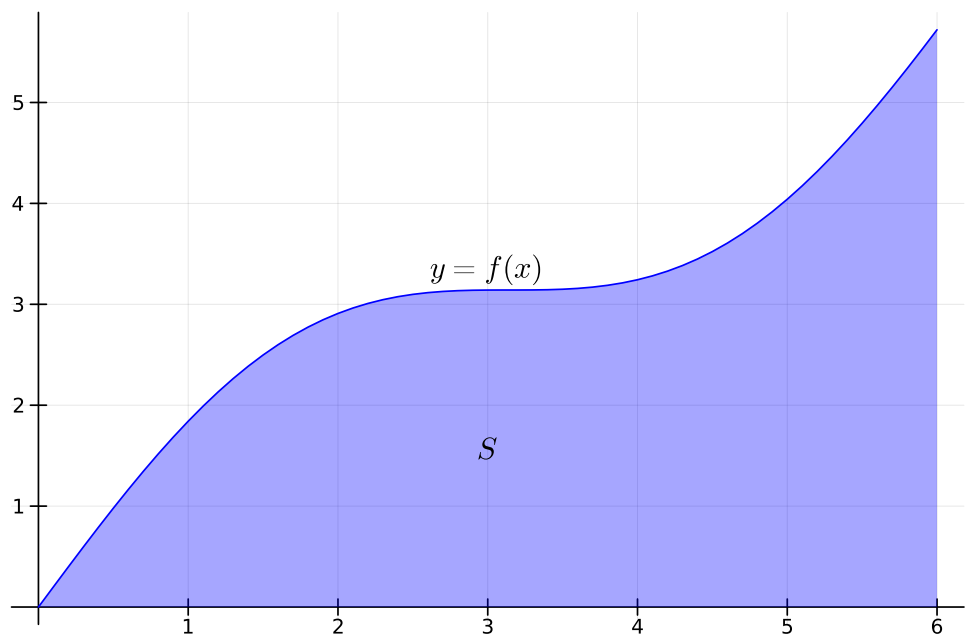
Example: Find the equation of the secant line



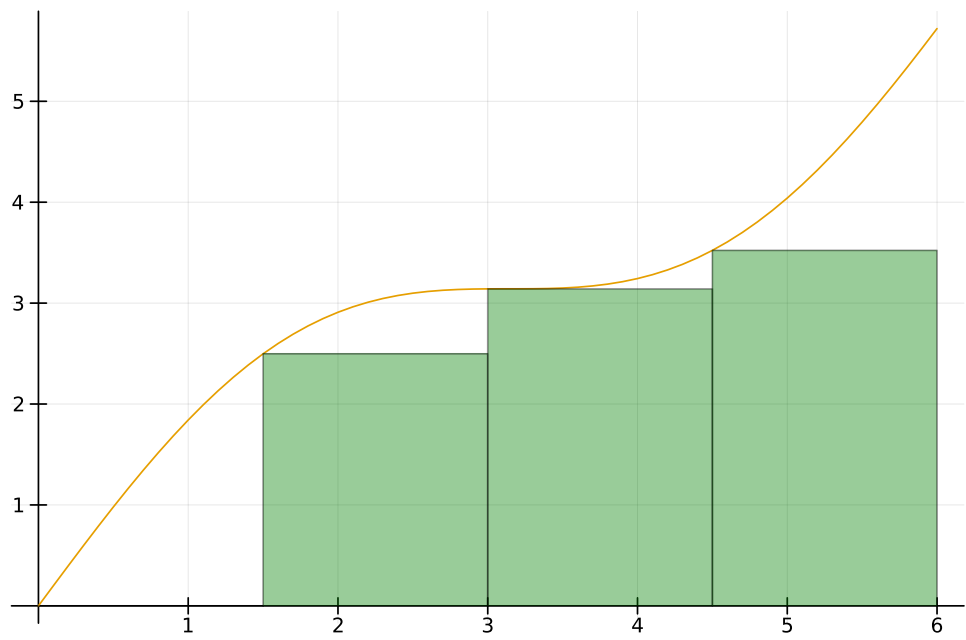
$$m_{sec} = \frac{f(c + \Delta x) - f(c)}{\Delta x} = 1.2$$

The Area Problem

Find the area under the curve?



$n =$ $a =$ $b =$ method =



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2.2: Finding Limits Graphically and Numerically

Objectives

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- Estimate a limit using a **numerical** or **graphical approach**.
- Learn different ways that a limit can fail to exist.
- <s>Study and use a formal definition of limit</s>.

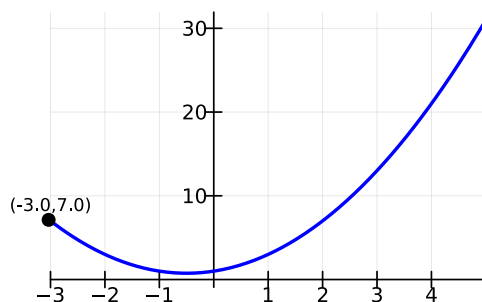
An Introduction to Limits

Consider the function

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

$\Delta x =$

x approaches 1 from



x approaches 1 (from left)	$f(x)$ approaches
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Remark

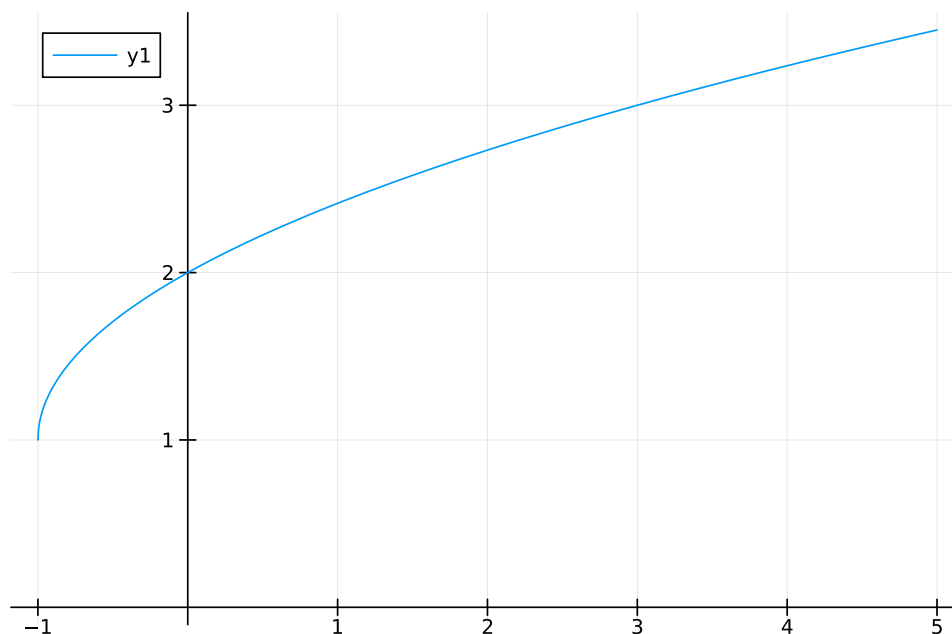
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3 - 1}{x - 1} = 3$$

Example 1:**Estimating a Limit Numerically**

Evaluate the function $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x+1} - 1}$ at several x -values near **0** and use the results to estimate the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x+1} - 1}$$

Graph



1.9999995001202078

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1 begin
2     whatever(x)=x/(sqrt(x+1)-1)
3     whatever(-0.000001)
4 end
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Example 2:**Finding a Limit**

Find the limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches **2**, where

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \neq 2, \\ 0, & x = 2 \end{cases}$$

Remark**Problem solving**

1. Numerical values (using table of values)
2. Graphical (drawing a graph by hand or by technology: MATLAB, python, Julia)
3. Analytical (using algebra or of course **calculus**)

Limits That Fail to Exist

Example 3:**Different Right and Left Behavior**

Show that the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x|}{x}$ does not exist.

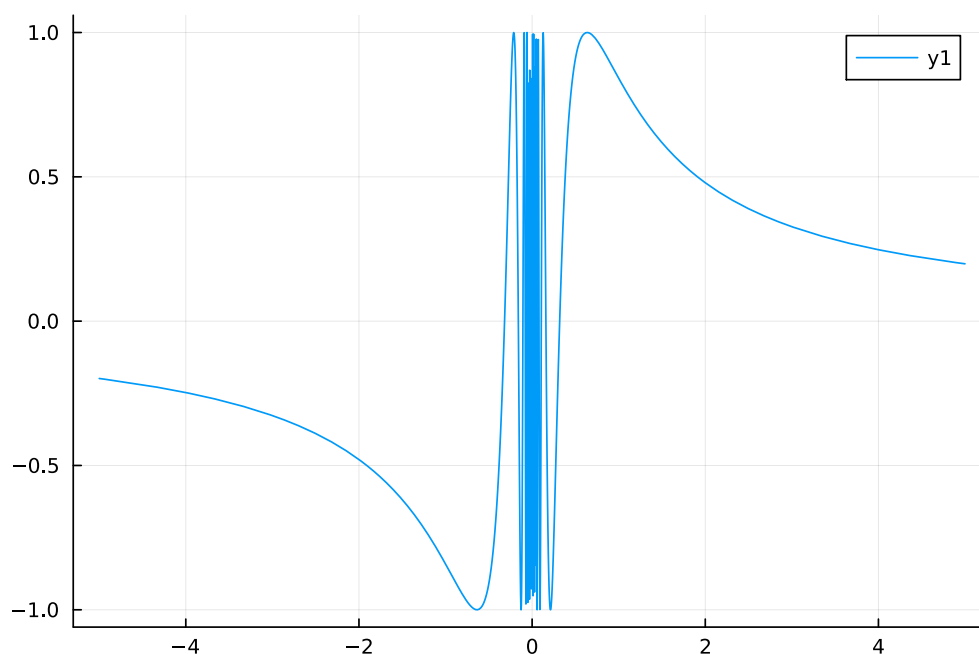
Example 4:**Unbounded Behavior**

Discuss the existence of the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^2}$

Example 5:**Oscillating Behavior**

Discuss the existence of the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

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1 plot(x->sin(1/x))
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A Formal Definition of Limit (Redaing Only)

Definition of Limit

Let f be a function defined on an open interval containing c (except possibly at c), and let L be a real number. The statement

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

means that for each $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that if

$$0 < |x - c| < \delta$$

then

$$|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

Remark

Throughout this text, the expression

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

implies two statements—the limit exists and the limit is L .

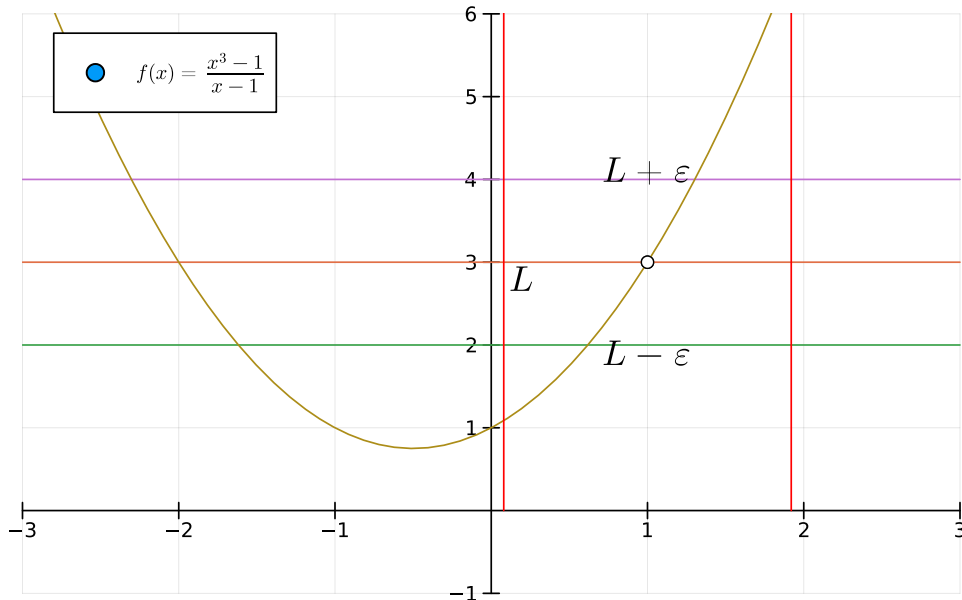
Example:

Prove that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3 - 1}{x - 1} = 3$$

$\epsilon =$  1.0 $\delta =$  0.92

Example 1 (Graph)



2.3: Evaluating Limits Analytically

Objectives

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- Evaluate a limit using properties of limits.
- Develop and use a strategy for finding limits.
- Evaluate a limit using the dividing out technique.
- Evaluate a limit using the rationalizing technique.
- Evaluate a limit using the Squeeze Theorem.

Properties of Limits

Theorem

Some Basic Limits

Let b and c be real numbers, and let n be a positive integer.

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} b = b$
2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x = c$
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^n = c^n$

Theorem**Properties of Limits**

Let b and c be real numbers, and let n be a positive integer, and let f and g be functions with the limits

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L, \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = K$$

1. **Scalar multiple** $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [bf(x)] = bL$
2. **Sum or difference** $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = L \pm K$
3. **Product** $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)g(x)] = LK$
4. **Quotient** $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{L}{K}, \quad K \neq 0$
5. **Power** $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)]^n = L^n$

Example 2:**The Limit of a Polynomial**

Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (4x^2 + 3)$.

Theorem**Limits of Polynomial and Rational Functions**

If p is a polynomial function and c is a real number, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} p(x) = p(c).$$

If r is a rational function given by $r(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$ and c is a real number such that $q(c) \neq 0$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} r(x) = r(c) = \frac{p(c)}{q(c)}.$$

Example 3:**The Limit of a Rational Function**

Find

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + x + 2}{x + 1}.$$

Theorem The Limit of a Function Involving a Radical

Let n be a positive integer. The limit below is valid for all c when n is **odd**, and is valid for $c > 0$ when n is **even**.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sqrt[n]{x} = \sqrt[n]{c}$$

Theorem The Limit of a Composite Function

If f and g are functions such that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(L)$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(g(x)) = f\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)\right) = f(L).$$

Theorem Limits of Transcendental Functions

Let c be a real number in the domain of the given transcendental function.

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sin(x) = \sin(c)$
2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \cos(x) = \cos(c)$
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \tan(x) = \tan(c)$
4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \cot(x) = \cot(c)$
5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sec(x) = \sec(c)$
6. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \csc(x) = \csc(c)$
7. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} a^x = a^c, \quad a > 0$
8. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \ln(x) = \ln(c)$



A Strategy for Finding Limits

Theorem

Functions That Agree at All but One Point

Let c be a real number, and let $f(x) = g(x)$ for all $x \neq c$ in an open interval containing c . If the limit of $g(x)$ as x approaches c exists, then the limit of $f(x)$ also exists and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x).$$

Remarks

A Strategy for Finding Limits

1. Learn to recognize which limits can be evaluated by direct substitution.
2. When the limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches c cannot be evaluated by direct substitution, try to find a function $g(x)$ that agrees with f for all other x than c .

Dividing Out Technique

Example 7:

Dividing Out Technique

Find the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x + 3}$.

Rationalizing Technique

Recall

- **rationalizing** the numerator (denominator) means **multiplying** the numerator and denominator by **the conjugate** of the numerator (denominator)

Example 8:

Rationalizing Technique

Find the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+1} - 1}{x}$.

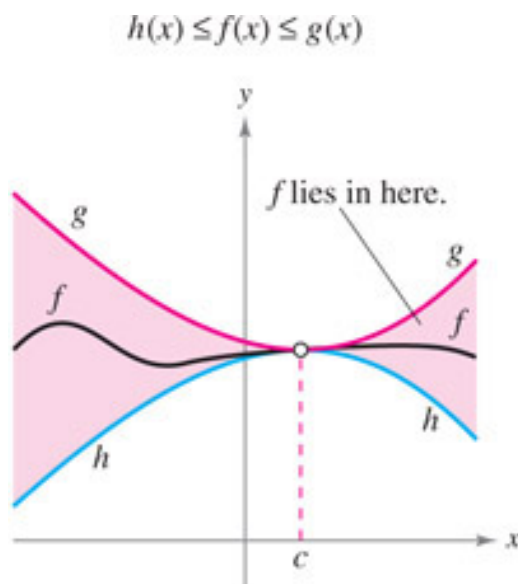
The Squeeze Theorem

Theorem The Squeeze Theorem

if $h(x) \leq f(x) \leq g(x)$ for all x in an open interval containing c , except possibly at c itself, and if

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

then $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ exists and equal to L .



Theorem Three Special Limits

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1.$
2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = 0.$
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 + x)^{1/x} = e.$

Example 9: A Limit Involving a Trigonometric Function

Find the limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x}.$

Example 10: A Limit Involving a Trigonometric Function

Find the limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 4x}{x}.$



2.5: Infinite Limits

Objectives

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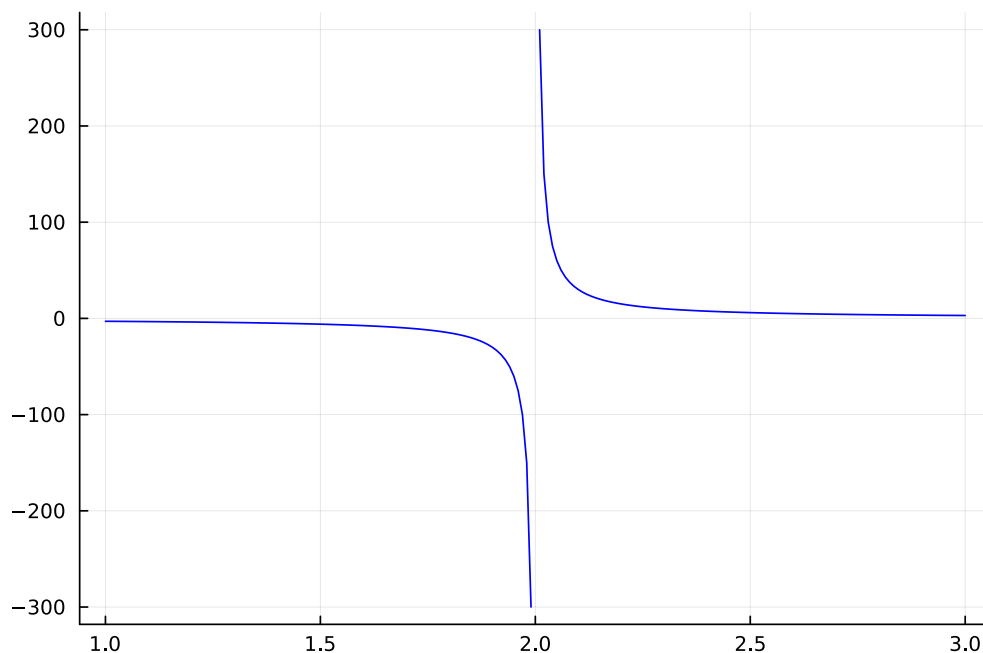
- Determine infinite limits from the left and from the right.
- Find and sketch the vertical asymptotes of the graph of a function.

Example:

Infinite Limit

Consider

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



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1 plot(1:0.01:1.99,x->3/(x-2),label=nothing,c=:blue);plot!(2.01:0.01:3,x->3/(x-2),label=nothing,c=:blue)
```

Vertical Asymptotes

Definition of Vertical Asymptote

If $f(x)$ approaches infinity (or negative infinity) as x approaches c from the right or the left, then the line $x = c$ is a **vertical asymptote** of the graph of f .

Remark

If the graph of a function f has a vertical asymptote at $x = c$, then f is not continuous at c .

Theorem Vertical Asymptotes

Let f and g be continuous on an open interval containing c . If $f(c) \neq 0$, $g(c) = 0$, and there exists an open interval containing c such that $g(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \neq c$ in the interval, then the graph of the function

$$h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

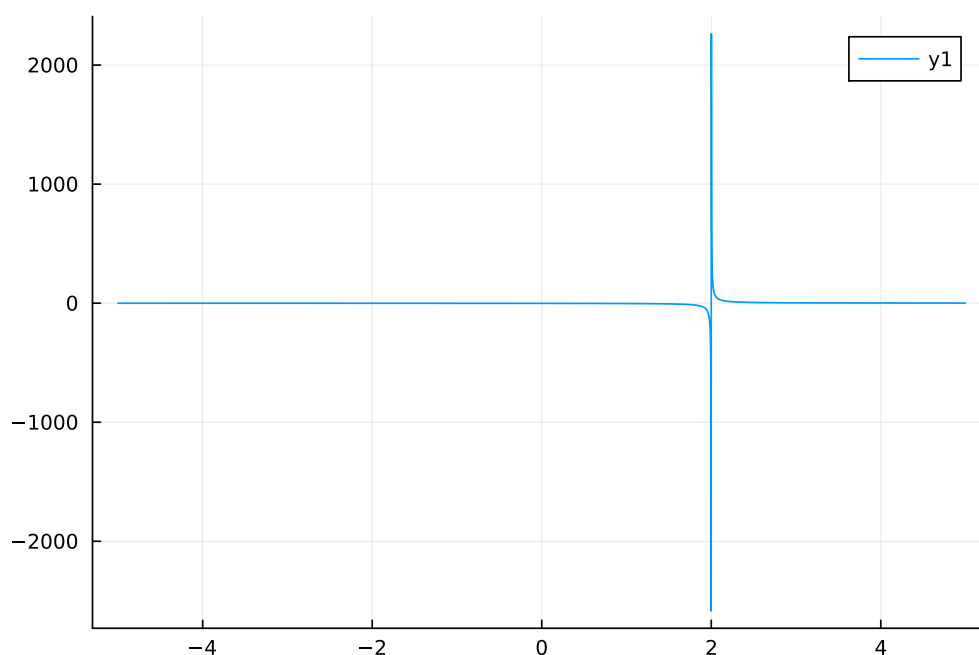
has a vertical asymptote at c .

Example 2:**Finding Vertical Asymptotes**

1. $h(x) = \frac{1}{2(x+1)}.$

$$2. h(x) = \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 1}.$$

$$3. h(x) = \cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}.$$



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1 plot(x->3/(x-2))
```

Remark

There are good online graphing tools that you use

- [desmos.com](https://www.desmos.com)
- [geogebra.org](https://www.geogebra.org)

Example 3: A Rational Function with Common Factors

Determine all vertical asymptotes of the graph of

$$h(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2x - 8}{x^2 - 4}.$$

Example 4: Determining Infinite Limits

Find each limit.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x^3 - 3x}{x - 1} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x^3 - 3x}{x - 1}$$

Theorem**Properties of Infinite Limits**

Let c and L be real numbers, and let f and g be functions such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L$$

1. **Sum or difference:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = \infty$

2. **Product:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)g(x)] = \infty, \quad L > 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)g(x)] = -\infty, \quad L < 0$$

3. **Quotient:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left[\frac{g(x)}{f(x)} \right] = 0$

Remark

2. is **not true** if $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = 0$

Exercises

4.5: Limits at Infinity

Objectives

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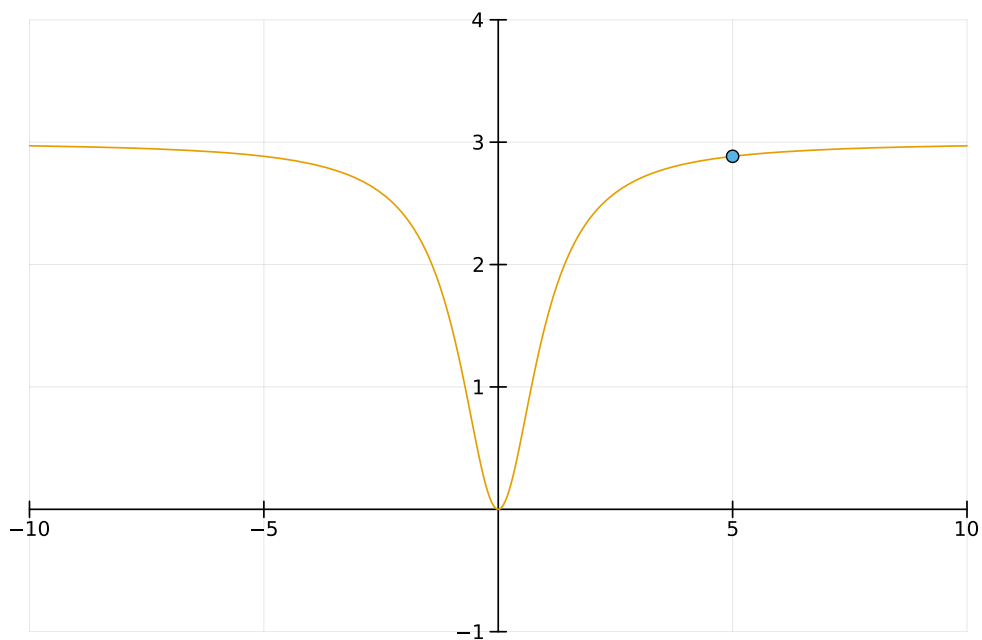
- Determine (finite) limits at infinity.
- Determine the horizontal asymptotes, if any, of the graph of a function.
- Determine infinite limits at infinity.

Consider

$$f(x) = \frac{3x^2}{x^2 + 1}$$

$$x = \text{5}$$

$$f(x) = 2.8846153846153846$$



we write

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^2}{x^2 + 1} = 3, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x^2}{x^2 + 1} = 3$$

Horizontal Asymptotes

Definition of a Horizontal Asymptote

The line $y = L$ is a **horizontal asymptote** of the graph of f when

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = L \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$$

Remarks

- Limits at infinity have many of the same properties of limits discussed in Section 2.3.
- For example, if $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x)$ both exist, then
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x)$
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [f(x)g(x)] = \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) \right] \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) \right]$
- Similar properties hold for limits at $-\infty$.

Theorem Limits at Infinity

- If r is a positive rational number and c is any real number, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c}{x^r} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{c}{x^r} = 0$$

The second limit is valid only if x^r is defined when $x < 0$.

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

Guidelines for Finding Limits at $\pm\infty$ of Rational Functions

$$h(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$$

- $\deg p < \deg q$, then the limit is **0**.
- $\deg p = \deg q$, then the **limit** of the rational function is the **ratio** of the **leading coefficients**.
- $\deg p > \deg q$, then the **limit** of the rational function **does not exist**.



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1 # begin
2 #   xx=symbols("xx",real=true)
3 #   limit(xx*sin(1/xx),xx,0)
4 # end
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Infinite Limits at Infinity

Remark

Determining whether a function has an infinite limit at infinity is useful in analyzing the “**end behavior**” of its graph. You will see examples of this in Section 4.6 on curve sketching.

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1 begin
2   using CommonMark, ImageIO, FileIO, ImageShow
3   using PlutoUI
4   using Plots, PlotThemes, LaTeXStrings, Random
5   using PGFPlotsX
6   using SymPy
7   using HypertextLiteral: @html, @html_str
8   using ImageTransformations
9   using Colors
10 end
```

