

## Lesson 7 Practice Problem Solutions

### L'Hôpital's Rule

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1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 \sin(4x)}{5x}$

**Solution:**

Since  $\frac{3 \sin(0)}{5(0)} = \frac{0}{0} \Rightarrow \text{Indeterminate Form } \frac{0}{0}$

So we can use L'Hôpital's Rule directly

Evaluating the limit

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 \sin(4x)}{5x} & \stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{12 \cos(4x)}{5} \\ & = \frac{12 \cos(0)}{5} \\ & = \frac{12(1)}{5} \\ & = \frac{12}{5} \end{aligned}$$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{3x}}{3e^{3x} + 5}$

**Solution:**

Since  $\frac{e^{\infty}}{3e^{\infty} + 5} = \frac{\infty}{\infty} \Rightarrow \text{Indeterminate Form } \frac{\infty}{\infty}$

So we can use L'Hôpital's Rule directly

Evaluating the limit

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{3x}}{3e^{3x} + 5} & = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cancel{3e^{3x}}}{\cancel{3e^{3x}} + 5} \\ & = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{5} \\ & = \frac{3}{5} \\ & = \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$3. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sin(x) \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Since } \sin(0) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1-0}{0}} = 0 \cdot \infty \Rightarrow \text{Indeterminate Form } 0 \cdot \infty$$

This is Not  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$

We must rewrite so we get the proper form to use L'Hopital's Rule

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rewriting: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sin(x) \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sin(x) \sqrt{\frac{x(1-x)}{x^2}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sin(x) \frac{\sqrt{x(1-x)}}{\sqrt{x^2}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} \sqrt{x(1-x)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sqrt{x(1-x)} \end{aligned}$$

For the first limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\cos(x)}{1} = \cos(0) = 1$$

For the second limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sqrt{x(1-x)} = \sqrt{0(1-0)} = 0$$

Combining these two facts we then have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sin(x) \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sqrt{x(1-x)} \\ &= 1 \cdot 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$

**Solution:**

Since  $\left(1 + \frac{1}{\infty}\right)^{\infty} = 1^{\infty} \Rightarrow \text{Indeterminate Form: } 1^{\infty}$   
 This is Not  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$

This is a Fcn of form  $y = f(x)^{g(x)}$  Limits of this type are handled in a way similar to how we took derivatives.

Apply Properties of Logs.

Let  $y = \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$

take  $\ln$  of each side

$$\ln(y) = \ln\left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(y) = x \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

So our limit becomes

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) \Rightarrow \text{Indet. Form } 0 \cdot \infty$$

So we rewrite again

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)}{\frac{1}{x}} \Rightarrow \text{Now has indet. Form } \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$\stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) \left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right)}{-\frac{1}{x^2}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 1 + \frac{1}{x}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{\infty} = 1 + 0 = 1$$

So we have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln(y) = 1$

Exponentiating each side:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{\ln(y)} = e^1 \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} y = e$

So our final result is:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = e$

Alternatively you can also let  $y = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$   
 $\Rightarrow \ln(y) = \ln\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x\right)$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x\right)$

Recall we can move this limit "outside" since  $\ln(x)$  is a continuous fcn! Then proceed similarly

5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^{1/\ln(x)}$

**Solution:**

Since  $(0)^{\frac{1}{0}} = 0^{\infty} \Rightarrow$  Indeterminate Form:  $0^{\infty}$   
 This is Not  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$

This is a Fcn of Form  $y = f(x)^{g(x)}$  Limits of this type are handled in a way similar to how we took derivatives.

Let  $y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^{\frac{1}{\ln(x)}}$  taking natural log of both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(y) &= \ln\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^{\frac{1}{\ln(x)}}\right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln(x^{\frac{1}{\ln(x)}}) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{1}{\ln(x)} \ln(x)\right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} 1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Note that this process is equivalent to the one used in #4. We're just starting a little differently. Use whichever way you prefer/makes more sense to your brain

So we have

$$\ln(y) = 1$$

Exponentiating both sides

$$e^{\ln(y)} = e^1 \Rightarrow y = e$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^{\frac{1}{\ln(x)}} = e$$

$$6. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \left( \frac{1}{\ln(x)} - \frac{1}{x-1} \right)$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Since } \frac{1}{\ln(1)} - \frac{1}{1-1} = \frac{1}{0} - \frac{1}{0} \Rightarrow \text{Indeterminate Form: } \infty - \infty$$

$$= \infty - \infty$$

This is Not  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$

We cannot use L'Hopital's Rule  
We must rewrite so we get  
the proper form

Write as a single fraction by giving a common denom.

$$\text{Note: } \frac{1}{\ln(x)} \left( \frac{x-1}{x-1} \right) - \frac{1}{(x-1)} \left( \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(x)} \right) = \frac{x-1-\ln(x)}{(x-1)\ln(x)}$$

So limit becomes

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x-1-\ln(x)}{(x-1)\ln(x)} \quad \text{Since } \frac{1-1-\ln(1)}{(1-1)\ln(1)} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Indeterminate Form:  $\frac{0}{0}$

Now we can apply L'Hopital's Rule

Evaluating the limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x-1-\ln(x)}{(x-1)\ln(x)} \stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \left( \frac{1 - \frac{1}{x}}{\ln(x) + \frac{1}{x}(x-1)} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1 - \frac{1}{x}}{\ln(x) + 1 - \frac{1}{x}}$$

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x-1}{x\ln(x) + x - 1}$$

We still have an indet. form  $\frac{0}{0}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  use Hopital's again

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{\ln(x) + x(\frac{1}{x}) + 1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{\ln(x) + 1 + 1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\ln(1) + 1 + 1} = \frac{1}{2}$$