

Limits

LIMIT LAWS

If L , M , c , and k are real numbers and

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

1. **Sum Rule:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) + g(x)) = L + M$

The limit of the sum of two functions is the sum of their limits.

2. **Difference Rule:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) - g(x)) = L - M$

The limit of the difference of two functions is the difference of their limits.

3. **Product Rule:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) \cdot g(x)) = L \cdot M$

The limit of a product of two functions is the product of their limits.

4. **Constant Multiple Rule:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (k \cdot f(x)) = k \cdot L$

The limit of a constant times a function is the constant times the limit of the function.

5. **Quotient Rule:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{L}{M}, M \neq 0$

The limit of a quotient of two functions is the quotient of their limits, provided the limit of the denominator is not zero.

6. **Power Rule:** If r and s are integers with no common factor $r, s \neq 0$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x))^{r/s} = L^{r/s}$$

provided that $L^{r/s}$ is a real number. (If s is even, we assume that $L > 0$.)

The limit of a rational power of a function is that power of the limit of the function, provided the latter is a real number.

7. If $P(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$ is a polynomial then $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} P(x) = P(c) = a_n c^n + a_{n-1} c^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$.

8. If $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ are polynomials and $Q(c) \neq 0$, then the rational function $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ has $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} = \frac{P(c)}{Q(c)}$.

USEFUL LIMITS

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} k = k, \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} k = k, (k \text{ constant})$

2. For an integer $n > 0, \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^n = \infty,$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^n = \begin{cases} \infty & (n \text{ even}) \\ -\infty & (n \text{ odd}) \end{cases}, \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{1}{x^n} = 0$$

3. For integers $n, m > 0,$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0}{b_m x^m + b_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + b_0} = \frac{a_n}{b_m} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} x^{n-m}$$

(provided $a_n, b_m \neq 0$)

4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^{\pm}} \frac{1}{(x - c)^n} = \begin{cases} +\infty & (n \text{ even}) \\ \pm\infty & (n \text{ odd}) \end{cases}$

5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1, \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin kx}{x} = k (k \text{ constant}),$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x - 1}{x} = 0$$

Continuity

A function $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = c$ if and only if the following three conditions hold:

- $f(c)$ exists (c lies in the domain of f)
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ exists (f has a limit as $x \rightarrow c$)
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$ (the limit equals the function value)

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Differentiation

DERIVATIVE

The derivative of the function $f(x)$ with respect to the variable x is the function f' whose value at x is

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h},$$

provided the limit exists; equivalently $f'(x) = \lim_{z \rightarrow x} \frac{f(z) - f(x)}{z - x}$.

FINDING THE TANGENT TO THE CURVE $y = f(x)$ AT (x_0, y_0)

- Calculate $f(x_0)$ and $f(x_0 + h)$.
- Calculate the slope $f'(x_0) = m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$.
- If the limit exists, the tangent line is $y = y_0 + m(x - x_0)$.

DIFFERENTIATION RULES

- Constant Rule:** If $f(x) = c$ (c constant), then $f'(x) = 0$.
- Power Rule:** If r is a real number, $\frac{d}{dx} x^r = r x^{r-1}$
- Constant Multiple Rule:** $\frac{d}{dx} (c \cdot f(x)) = c \cdot f'(x)$
- Sum Rule:** $\frac{d}{dx} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = f'(x) \pm g'(x)$
- Product Rule:** $\frac{d}{dx} [f(x)g(x)] = f(x)g'(x) + f'(x)g(x)$
- Quotient Rule:** $\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$
- Chain Rule:** $\frac{d}{dx} [f(g(x))] = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$
if $y = f(u)$ and $u = g(x)$

USEFUL DERIVATIVES

- $\frac{d}{dx} (\sin x) = \cos x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\cos x) = -\sin x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\tan x) = \sec^2 x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\cot x) = -\csc^2 x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\sec x) = \sec x \tan x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\csc x) = -\csc x \cot x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (e^x) = e^x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (a^x) = (\ln a)a^x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\ln x) = \frac{1}{x}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\log_a x) = \frac{1}{x \ln a}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\sin^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\cos^{-1} x) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\tan^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\cot^{-1} x) = \frac{-1}{1+x^2}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\sec^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\csc^{-1} x) = \frac{-1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\sinh x) = \cosh x$
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- $\frac{d}{dx} (\tanh x) = \text{sech}^2 x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\coth x) = -\text{csch}^2 x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\text{sech } x) = -\text{sech } x \tanh x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\text{csch } x) = -\text{csch } x \coth x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\sinh^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\cosh^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\tanh^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{1-x^2}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\coth^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{1-x^2}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\text{sech}^{-1} x) = \frac{-1}{x\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
- $\frac{d}{dx} (\text{csch}^{-1} x) = \frac{-1}{|x|\sqrt{1+x^2}}$

Applications of Derivatives

FIRST DERIVATIVE TEST FOR MONOTONICITY

Suppose that f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) .

If $f'(x) > 0$ at each $x \in (a, b)$, then f is increasing on $[a, b]$.

If $f'(x) < 0$ at each $x \in (a, b)$, then f is decreasing on $[a, b]$.

FIRST DERIVATIVE TEST FOR LOCAL EXTREMA

Suppose that c is a critical point ($f'(c) = 0$) of a continuous function f that is differentiable in some open interval containing c , except possibly at c itself. Moving across c from left to right,

- if f' changes from negative to positive at c , then f has a local minimum at c ;
- if f' changes from positive to negative at c , then f has a local maximum at c ;

- if f' does not change sign at c (that is, f' is positive on both sides of c or negative on both sides), then f has no local extremum at c .

SECOND DERIVATIVE TEST FOR CONCAVITY

Let $y = f(x)$ be twice-differentiable on an interval I .

- If $f'' > 0$ on I , the graph of f over I is concave up.
- If $f'' < 0$ on I , the graph of f over I is concave down.

INFLECTION POINT

If $f''(c) = 0$ and the graph of $f(x)$ changes concavity across c then f has an inflection point at c .

SECOND DERIVATIVE TEST FOR LOCAL EXTREMA

Suppose f'' is continuous on an open interval that contains $x = c$.

- If $f'(c) = 0$ and $f''(c) < 0$, then f has a local maximum at $x = c$.
- If $f'(c) = 0$ and $f''(c) > 0$, then f has a local minimum at $x = c$.
- If $f'(c) = 0$ and $f''(c) = 0$, then the test fails. The function f may have a local maximum, a local minimum, or neither.

L'HÔPITAL'S RULE

Suppose that $f(a) = g(a) = 0$, that f and g are differentiable on an open interval I containing a , and that $g'(x) \neq 0$ on I if $x \neq a$. Then

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

assuming that the limit on the right side exists.

Integration

THE FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM OF CALCULUS

If f is continuous on $[a, b]$ then $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$ is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) and

(1) $\frac{dF}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(t) dt = f(x), \quad a \leq x \leq b.$

If f is continuous at every point of $[a, b]$ and F is any antiderivative of f on $[a, b]$, then

(2) $\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a).$

INTEGRATION BY PARTS FORMULA

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

USEFUL INTEGRATION FORMULAS

- $\int du = u + C$
- $\int k du = ku + C$ (any number k)
- $\int (du + dv) = \int du + \int dv$
- $\int u^n du = \frac{u^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$ ($n \neq -1$)
- $\int \frac{du}{u} = \ln|u| + C$
- $\int \sin u du = -\cos u + C$
- $\int \cos u du = \sin u + C$
- $\int \sec^2 u du = \tan u + C$
- $\int \csc^2 u du = -\cot u + C$
- $\int \sec u \tan u du = \sec u + C$

11. $\int \csc u \cot u du = -\csc u + C$

12. $\int \tan u du = -\ln|\cos u| + C$
 $= \ln|\sec u| + C$

13. $\int \cot u du = \ln|\sin u| + C$
 $= -\ln|\csc u| + C$

14. $\int e^u du = e^u + C$

15. $\int a^u du = \frac{a^u}{\ln a} + C, (a > 0, a \neq 1)$

16. $\int \sinh u du = \cosh u + C$

17. $\int \cosh u du = \sinh u + C$

18. $\int \frac{du}{\sqrt{a^2 - u^2}} = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{u}{a}\right) + C$

19. $\int \frac{du}{a^2 + u^2} = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{u}{a}\right) + C$

20. $\int \frac{du}{u\sqrt{u^2 - a^2}} = \frac{1}{a} \sec^{-1}\left|\frac{u}{a}\right| + C$

21. $\int \frac{du}{\sqrt{a^2 + u^2}} = \sinh^{-1}\left(\frac{u}{a}\right) + C (a > 0)$

22. $\int \frac{du}{\sqrt{u^2 - a^2}} = \cosh^{-1}\left(\frac{u}{a}\right) + C (u > a > 0)$

23. $\int \sin^2 x dx = \frac{x}{2} - \frac{\sin 2x}{4} + C$

24. $\int \cos^2 x dx = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{\sin 2x}{4} + C$

25. $\int \sec u du = \ln|\sec u + \tan u| + C$

26. $\int \csc u du = -\ln|\csc u + \cot u| + C$

27. $\int \sec^3 x dx = \frac{1}{2} \sec x \tan x + \frac{1}{2} \ln|\sec x + \tan x| + C$

Volume of Solid of Revolution

DISK $V = \int_a^b \pi[f(x)]^2 dx$

SHELL $V = \int_a^b 2\pi xf(x) dx$

LENGTH OF PARAMETRIC CURVE

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{[f'(t)]^2 + [g'(t)]^2} dt$$

where $x = f(t)$, $y = g(t)$

LENGTH OF $y = f(x)$

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} dx$$

LENGTH OF $x = g(y)$

$$L = \int_c^d \sqrt{1 + [g'(y)]^2} dy$$

Numerical Integration

TRAPEZOID RULE

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} (y_0 + 2y_1 + 2y_2 + \dots + 2y_{n-1} + y_n)$$

where $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$ and $y_i = a + i\Delta x$, $y_0 = a$, $y_n = b$

SIMPSON'S RULE

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} (y_0 + 4y_1 + 2y_2 + 4y_3 + \dots + 2y_{n-2} + 4y_{n-1} + y_n)$$

where $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$, n is even and $y_i = a + i\Delta x$, $y_0 = a$, $y_n = b$

Polar Coordinates

EQUATIONS RELATING POLAR AND CARTESIAN COORDINATES

$$x = r \cos \theta \quad y = r \sin \theta, \quad x^2 + y^2 = r^2, \quad \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

SLOPE OF THE CURVE $r = f(\theta)$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(r, \theta)} = \frac{f'(\theta) \sin \theta + f(\theta) \cos \theta}{f'(\theta) \cos \theta - f(\theta) \sin \theta}$$

provided $dx/d\theta \neq 0$ at (r, θ) .

CONCAVITY OF THE CURVE $r = f(\theta)$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(r, \theta)} \right)}{f'(\theta) \cos \theta - f(\theta) \sin \theta}$$

provided $\frac{dx}{d\theta} \neq 0$ at (r, θ) .

LENGTH OF POLAR CURVE

$$L = \int_\alpha^\beta \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta$$

AREA OF REGION BETWEEN ORIGIN AND POLAR CURVE $r = f(\theta)$

$$A = \int_\alpha^\beta \frac{1}{2} r^2 d\theta = \int_\alpha^\beta \frac{1}{2} [f(\theta)]^2 d\theta$$

AREA OF A SURFACE OF REVOLUTION OF A POLAR CURVE (ABOUT x-AXIS)

$$S = \int_\alpha^\beta 2\pi r \sin \theta \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta$$

Infinite Sequences and Series

FACTORIAL NOTATION

$$0! = 1, \quad 1! = 1, \quad 2! = 1 \cdot 2, \quad 3! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3, \\ n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdots n$$

USEFUL CONVERGENT SEQUENCES

- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n} = 0$
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = 1$
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^{1/n} = 1 \quad (x > 0)$
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^n = 0 \quad (|x| < 1)$
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n = e^x$
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 0$

SEQUENCE OF PARTIAL SUMS

Let $s_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$.

- $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$ exists.
- $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$ does not exist.

GEOMETRIC SERIES

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1} = \frac{a}{1-r}, \quad |r| < 1, \text{ and diverges if } |r| \geq 1.$$

THE n th-TERM TEST FOR DIVERGENCE

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ fails to exist or is different from zero.

THE INTEGRAL TEST

Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of positive terms. Suppose that $a_n = f(n)$, where f is a continuous, positive decreasing function for all $x \geq N$ (N a positive integer). Then the series $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$ and the improper integral $\int_N^{\infty} f(x) dx$ both converge or both diverge.

p-SERIES

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ converges if $p > 1$, diverges if $p \leq 1$.

COMPARISON TEST

Let $\sum a_n$ be a series with no negative terms.

- $\sum a_n$ converges if there is a convergent series $\sum c_n$ with $a_n \leq c_n$ for all $n > N$, for some integer N .
- $\sum a_n$ diverges if there is a divergent series of nonnegative terms $\sum d_n$ with $a_n \geq d_n$ for all $n > N$, for some integer N .

LIMIT COMPARISON TEST

Suppose that $a_n > 0$ and $b_n > 0$ for all $n \geq N$ (N an integer).

- If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = c > 0$, then $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ both converge or both diverge.
- If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 0$ and $\sum b_n$ converges, then $\sum a_n$ converges.
- If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \infty$ and $\sum b_n$ diverges, then $\sum a_n$ diverges.

THE RATIO TEST

$a_n \geq 0$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \rho$, then $\sum a_n$ converges if $\rho < 1$, diverges if $\rho > 1$, and the test is inconclusive if $\rho = 1$.

THE ROOT TEST

$a_n \geq 0$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n} = \rho$, then $\sum a_n$ converges if $\rho < 1$, diverges if $\rho > 1$, and the test is inconclusive if $\rho = 1$.

ALTERNATING SERIES TEST

$a_n \geq 0$, $\sum (-1)^{n+1} a_n$ converges if a_n is monotone decreasing and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$.

ABSOLUTE CONVERGENCE TEST

If $\sum |a_n|$ converges, then $\sum a_n$ converges.

TAYLOR SERIES

Let f be a function with derivatives of all orders throughout some interval containing a as an interior point. Then the Taylor Series generated by f at $x = a$ is

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) +$$

$$\frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n + \dots$$

If $a = 0$, we have a Maclaurin Series for $f(x)$.

USEFUL SERIES

- $\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n, |x| < 1$
- $\frac{1}{1+x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^n, |x| < 1$
- $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}, \text{ all } x$
- $\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}, \text{ all } x$
- $\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}, \text{ all } x$
- $\ln(1+x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^n}{n}, -1 < x \leq 1$
- $\tan^{-1} x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}, |x| \leq 1$
- (Binomial Series) $(1+x)^m = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \binom{m}{k} x^k, |x| < 1$

$$\text{where } \binom{m}{1} = m, \binom{m}{2} = \frac{m(m-1)}{2},$$

$$\binom{m}{k} = \frac{m(m-1)\cdots(m-k+1)}{k!}, k \geq 3$$

FOURIER SERIES

The Fourier Series for $f(x)$ is $a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx)$ where $a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx$, $a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos kx dx$,

$$b_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin kx dx, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

TESTS FOR CONVERGENCE OF INFINITE SERIES

- The n th-Term Test:** Unless $a_n \rightarrow 0$, the series diverges.
- Geometric series:** $\sum ar^n$ converges if $|r| < 1$; otherwise it diverges.
- p-series:** $\sum 1/n^p$ converges if $p > 1$; otherwise it diverges.
- Series with nonnegative terms:** Try the Integral Test, Ratio Test, or Root Test. Try comparing to a known series with the Comparison Test or the Limit Comparison Test.
- Series with some negative terms:** Does $\sum |a_n|$ converge? If yes, so does $\sum a_n$ since absolute convergence implies convergence.
- Alternating series:** $\sum a_n$ converges if the series satisfies the conditions of the Alternating Series Test.