

Limit Laws

$\exists c \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ & $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$

both exist. Then

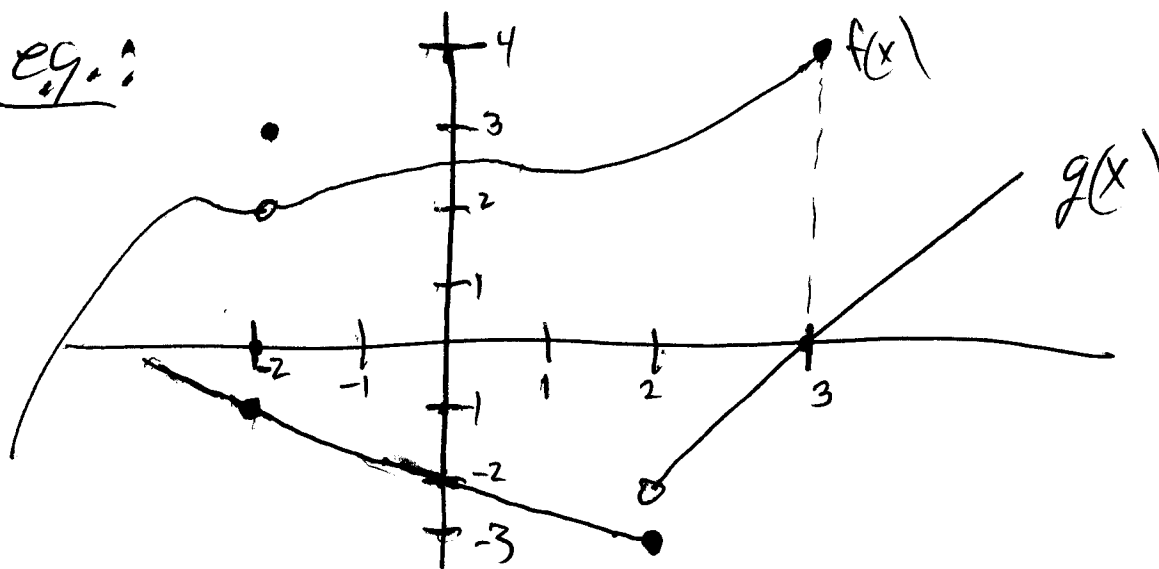
$$(1) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

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

$$(3) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (c f(x)) =$$

$$(4) \lim [f(x) g(x)]$$

$$(5) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)} \quad \text{provided } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \neq 0$$

eg.:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (f + 5g) = ? \quad \text{POSITIVE}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} fg = ?$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \left(\frac{f}{g} \right) = ?$$

More limit laws:

$$6.) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [(f(x))^n] = \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right]^n \quad (n \text{ is a positive integer})$$

$$7.) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} c = c$$

$$8. \lim_{x \rightarrow a} x = a$$

$$9.) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} x^n = \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow a} x \right]^n = a^n$$

where n is a positive integer.

$$10.) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \sqrt[n]{x} = \sqrt[n]{a}$$

(where n is a positive integer. If n , even, $a > 0$.)

$$11.) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \sqrt[n]{f(x)} = \sqrt[n]{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}$$

where n is a positive integer.

(If n , even $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ must be ≥ 0 .)

eg.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 2x^2 + 3x + 5 = ?$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left[\frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x + 6}{5x + 3} \right] = ?$$

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Quickly!

Fact: If f is a poly. ~~then~~ or a rational function (i.e. ratio of poly.'s) and a is in the domain of f (i.e. the bottom is not zero) then

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

Note: Such fc.'s are called cont.

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

Fact: If $f(x) = g(x)$ when $x \neq a$ then

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

eg: $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1 & \text{if } x \neq 1 \\ \pi & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases}$

maybe skip.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x+1 = 2$$

eg:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\sqrt{t^2+9} - 3}{t^2} \right] &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\sqrt{t^2+9} - 3}{t^2} \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{t^2+9} + 3)}{(\sqrt{t^2+9} + 3)} \right] \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{t^2 + 9 - 9}{t^2(\sqrt{t^2+9} + 3)} \right] = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{t^2+9} + 3} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Thm: $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ iff $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$

~~eg.~~

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} |x| = ?$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} |x| = ?$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|x|}{x} =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|x|}{x} = ?$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x|}{x}$$

• See other examples in book !!!

Thm: If $|f(x)| \leq g(x)$ ^{when x near a} except at $x=a$
 then

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

Squeeze Thm:

If $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$ when x is
 near a except possibly at $x=a$, and

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

then

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

Ex:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} = ?$$

Note: $-x^2 \leq x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} \leq x^2$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -x^2 = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} \right] = 0$$

