

Week 2) ↓ Limit Rules & Methods

0) When $f(x)$ is continuous, $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_1} f(x) = f(x_1)$ } $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} 4 = 4$

1) When $f(x_1)$ gives $\frac{0}{0}$, try to factor and cancel the common factor before taking limit.

2, 3, 4) Combinations with $+$, \times , \div can be done a piece at a time. (no division by 0)

→ Piece wise { : Make sure to use the correct formulas for $x \rightarrow x_1^+$, $x \rightarrow x_1^-$. } Match for total limit.

→ v.a.) When $f(x_1)$ gives $\frac{\text{non zero}}{0}$, test x_1^- and x_1^+ by factoring (if possible) and compare sides of chart. If match, then ∞ or $-\infty$, no match means total limit = $\boxed{\text{DNE}}$

→ v.a.) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \log_b x = -\infty$ | h.a.) $f(x) = \frac{\text{root}}{\text{root}}$ > divide top and bottom by power of x

→ h.a.) • For $f(x) = \frac{\text{polynomial}}{\text{polynomial}}$
 degrees same $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} f(x) = \text{ratio of high power coeffs}$
 deg. on top larger $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} f(x) = \pm \infty$ (chart!)
 degree on top smaller $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} f(x) = \boxed{0}$

→ h.a.) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^x = e^\infty = \boxed{\infty}$ | $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^x = e^{-\infty} = \boxed{0}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 2^x = 2^\infty = \boxed{\infty}$ | $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} 5^x = 5^{-\infty} = \boxed{0}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \infty = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{2}}$ | $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \tan^{-1} x = \tan^{-1}(-\infty) = \boxed{-\frac{\pi}{2}}$

→ composition Ex: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1}(e^{(x^2/(1+x))}) = \tan^{-1}(e^\infty) = \tan^{-1} \infty = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{2}}$

Continuous functions include:

• $y = 3x + 7$; all lines

• $y = x^4 + 2x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 5$; all polynomials

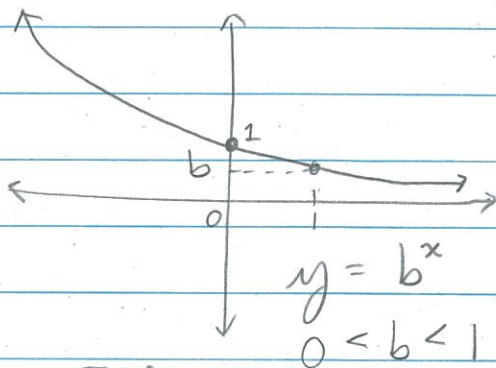
• $y = 7$; constants

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 10} 7 = 7$$

• $y = e^x$

• $y = 5^x$

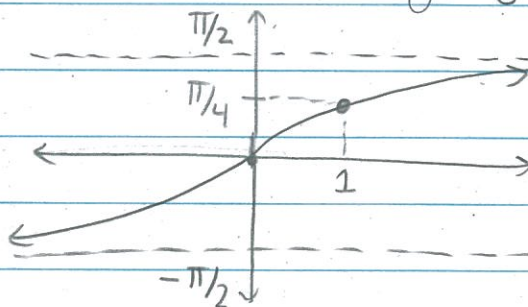
• $y = 2^{-x} = \frac{1}{2^x} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$



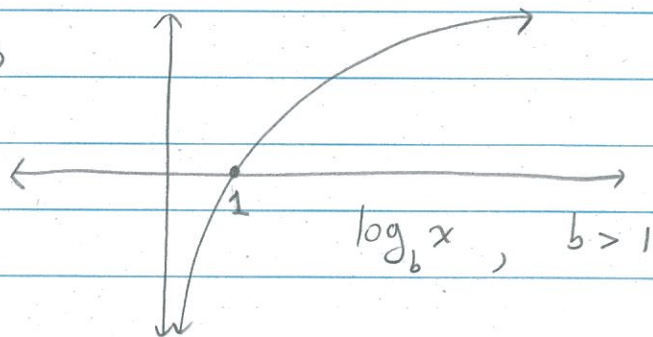
• $y = \sin x$

• $y = \cos x$

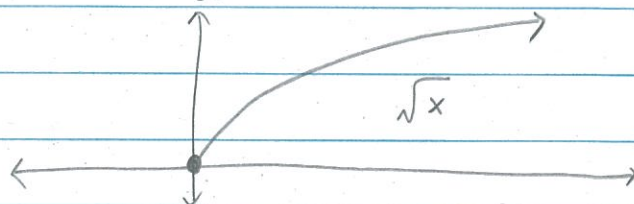
• $y = \tan^{-1} x = \arctan x$



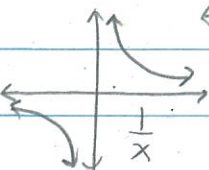
• $y = \ln x, x > 0$



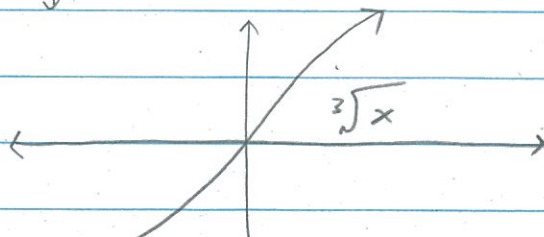
• $y = \sqrt{x}, x > 0$



• $y = \frac{1}{x}, x \neq 0$



• $y = \sqrt[3]{x} = x^{1/3}$



Rules for combining functions:

$$2) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow x_1} (f(x) + g(x)) = \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow x_1} f(x) \right) + \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow x_1} g(x) \right)$$

$$3) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow x_1} f(x)g(x) = \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow x_1} f(x) \right) \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow x_1} g(x) \right)$$

specifically

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_1} cf(x) = c \lim_{x \rightarrow x_1} f(x)$$

for c any real constant

$$4) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow x_1} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

$$= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow x_1} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow x_1} g(x)}$$

when $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_1} g(x) \neq 0$

Ex: Find limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^{10}(x-3)e^x}{4x^{10}} \quad \left(= \frac{0}{0} \right)$$

(cancel)

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x-3)e^x}{4}$$

$$= \frac{(0-3)e^0}{4} = \boxed{\frac{-3}{4}}$$

Ex: Find limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5(x-1)}{2(x-1)^3} \quad \left(= \frac{0}{0} \right)$$

(cancel)

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5}{2(x-1)^2} \quad \left(= \frac{5}{0} \right)$$

$\frac{\text{nonzero}}{0} \Rightarrow \text{v.a.}$, so limit is ∞ , $-\infty$, or DNE

test near $x_1 = 1$

$$x \leftarrow \begin{array}{ccc} 1^- & 1 & 1^+ \\ \hline (0.9) & | & (1.1) \end{array} \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f(x) & & \\ = \frac{5}{2(x-1)^2} & \begin{array}{ccc} \oplus & & \oplus \\ \oplus & & \oplus \\ = \oplus & & = \oplus \end{array} & \end{array}$$

matching positives, so answer = $\boxed{\infty}$