

Limit 2

1. Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos 3x}{x}$.

Method 1

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos 3x}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 + \cos 3x)(1 - \cos 3x)}{x(1 + \cos 3x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos^2 3x}{x(1 + \cos 3x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 3x}{x(1 + \cos 3x)} \\&= 3 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin 3x}{3x} \right) (\sin 3x) \left(\frac{1}{1 + \cos 3x} \right) = 3 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin 3x}{3x} \right) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\sin 3x) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{1 + \cos 3x} \right) = 3(1)(0) \left(\frac{1}{1+1} \right) \\&= \underline{\underline{0}}\end{aligned}$$

Method 2

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos 3x}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin^2 \frac{3x}{2}}{x(1 + \cos 3x)} = \frac{9}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \left(\frac{\sin \frac{3x}{2}}{\frac{3x}{2}} \right)^2 \frac{1}{1 + \cos 3x} \\&= \frac{9}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin \frac{3x}{2}}{\frac{3x}{2}} \right)^2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1 + \cos 3x} = \frac{9}{2} (0)(1)^2 \left(\frac{1}{1+1} \right) = \underline{\underline{0}}\end{aligned}$$

Method 3 (L'Hôpital's rule)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos 3x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(1 - \cos 3x)}{\frac{d}{dx}x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 \sin 3x}{1} = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

2. Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6x^4 + \sin x}{x^4 + 1}$.

Since $-1 \leq \sin x \leq 1$

$$-\frac{1}{x^4} \leq \frac{\sin x}{x^4} \leq \frac{1}{x^4}$$

$$-\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^4} \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x^4} \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^4}$$

By the Squeeze Principle, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x^4} = 0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6x^4 + \sin x}{x^4 + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6 + \frac{\sin x}{x^4}}{1 + \frac{1}{x^4}} = \frac{6+0}{1+0} = \underline{\underline{6}}$$

3. Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{x} \left[1 + \sin^2 \left(\frac{2\pi}{x} \right) \right]$.

$$0 \leq \sin^2 \left(\frac{2\pi}{x} \right) \leq 1$$

$$1 \leq 1 + \sin^2 \left(\frac{2\pi}{x} \right) \leq 2$$

$$\sqrt{x} \leq \sqrt{x} \left[1 + \sin^2 \left(\frac{2\pi}{x} \right) \right] \leq 2\sqrt{x}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{x} \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{x} \left[1 + \sin^2 \left(\frac{2\pi}{x} \right) \right] \leq 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{x}$$

By the Squeeze Principle, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{x} \left[1 + \sin^2 \left(\frac{2\pi}{x} \right) \right] = \underline{\underline{0}}$

4. Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1^1 + 2^2 + 3^3 + \dots + (n-1)^{n-1} + n^n}{n^n}$.

$$\text{Let } L = \frac{1^1 + 2^2 + 3^3 + \dots + (n-1)^{n-1} + n^n}{n^n}$$

$$L > \frac{0+0+0+\dots+0+n^n}{n^n} = 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L \geq 1$$

$$L < \frac{n^1 + n^2 + n^3 + \dots + n^{n-1} + n^n}{n^n} = \frac{n \frac{n^{n-1}-1}{n-1}}{n^n} = \frac{n^{n-1}-1}{n^{n-1}(n-1)} = \frac{n^{n-1}-1}{n^n - n^{n-1}} = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{n^n}}{1 - \frac{1}{n}} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - \frac{1}{n^n}}{1 - \frac{1}{n}} = 1$$

By the Squeeze Principle, $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} L = \underline{\underline{1}}$

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

$$\text{Let } L = (\sin x)^{\frac{1}{\ln x}}$$

$$\ln L = \frac{\ln \sin x}{\ln x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln L &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln \sin x}{\ln x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(\ln \sin x)}{\frac{d}{dx}(\ln x)} \quad \left(\frac{\infty}{\infty} \text{ form, L'hospital Rule} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{\cos x}{\sin x}}{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x \cos x}{\sin x} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \cos x}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin x}{x}} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} L = e^1 = \underline{\underline{e}}$$

6. Evaluate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2n} \right)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2n} \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{n}} + \frac{1}{1+\frac{2}{n}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{1+\frac{n}{n}} \right) = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x} dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^{x=1} \frac{1}{1+x} d(1+x) = \ln(1+x) \Big|_0^1 = \underline{\underline{\ln 2}} \end{aligned}$$

7. Evaluate $\lim_{n \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3n}{\sqrt{n^2+1}}$.

Let $m = -n$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3n}{\sqrt{n^2+1}} = \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{3(-m)}{\sqrt{(-m)^2+1}} = - \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{3m}{\sqrt{m^2+1}} = - \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{3}{\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{m^2}}} = \underline{\underline{-3}}$$

8. Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left(\frac{2}{7^2} + \frac{2^3}{7^3} + \frac{2^5}{7^4} + \cdots + \frac{2^{2n-1}}{7^{n+1}} \right)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left(\frac{2}{7^2} + \frac{2^3}{7^3} + \frac{2^5}{7^4} + \cdots + \frac{2^{2n-1}}{7^{n+1}} \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{7} \left(\frac{2^2}{7} + \frac{2^4}{7^2} + \frac{2^6}{7^3} + \cdots + \frac{2^{2n}}{7^n} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{14} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left(\frac{4}{7} + \frac{4^2}{7^2} + \frac{4^3}{7^3} + \cdots + \frac{4^n}{7^n} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{14} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left[\frac{4}{7} + \left(\frac{4}{7} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{4}{7} \right)^3 + \cdots + \left(\frac{4}{7} \right)^n \right], \text{ which is an infinite geometric series.} \\ &= \frac{1}{14} \frac{\frac{4}{7}}{1 - \frac{4}{7}} = \underline{\underline{\frac{2}{21}}} \end{aligned}$$

9. Show that the limit of the sequence $\left\{ \frac{n}{2n+1} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ exists.

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\frac{n+1}{2n+3}}{\frac{n}{2n+1}} = \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)}{(n)(2n+3)} = \frac{(2n^2+3n)+1}{2n^2+3n} > 1$$

$\therefore a_{n+1} > a_n$, $\therefore$ The sequence a_n is monotonic increasing.

Note: Strictly increasing implies monotonic increasing, as monotonic increasing means “**>or=**”. Monotonic increasing does not imply strictly increasing.

$$\frac{n}{2n+1} < \frac{2n+1}{2n+1} = 1, \text{ the sequence is upper bounded.}$$

By the Monotone bounded theorem, $\left\{ \frac{n}{2n+1} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ exists.

10. Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x+1}{\sqrt{4x^2-1}}$.

$$\text{Let } L = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x+1}{\sqrt{4x^2-1}}$$

Put $y = -x$. When $x \rightarrow -\infty, y \rightarrow +\infty$.

$$L = \lim_{y \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{3(-y)+1}{\sqrt{4(-y)^2-1}} = \lim_{y \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{-3y+1}{\sqrt{4y^2-1}} = \lim_{y \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{-3+\frac{1}{y}}{\sqrt{4-\frac{1}{y^2}}} = \frac{-3+0}{\sqrt{4-0}} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

11. Use L'hospital Rule to evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + 6x} - x)$.

Method 1

As $x \rightarrow -\infty, \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + 6x} - x) = +\infty$. We take $x \rightarrow +\infty$, and we assume $x > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + 6x} - x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(x \sqrt{1 + \frac{6}{x}} - x \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + \frac{6}{x}} - 1}{\frac{1}{x}} \right), \quad \frac{0}{0} \text{ form} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{-\frac{3}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{6}{x}}}}{-\frac{1}{x^2}} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{6}{x}}} \right) = 3 \quad (\text{by L'hospital Rule}) \end{aligned}$$

Method 2

Put $y = \frac{1}{x}$, as $x \rightarrow +\infty, y \rightarrow 0^+$.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + 6x} - x) &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{y^2} + \frac{6}{y}} - \frac{1}{y} \right) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+6y}-1}{y} \right), \quad \left(\frac{0}{0} \text{ form} \right) \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{\frac{6}{2\sqrt{1+6y}}}{1} \right) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{1+6y}} \right) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{1+6(0)}} = 3. \end{aligned}$$

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