

Finite Two-sided (& One-sided) Limits

Part II

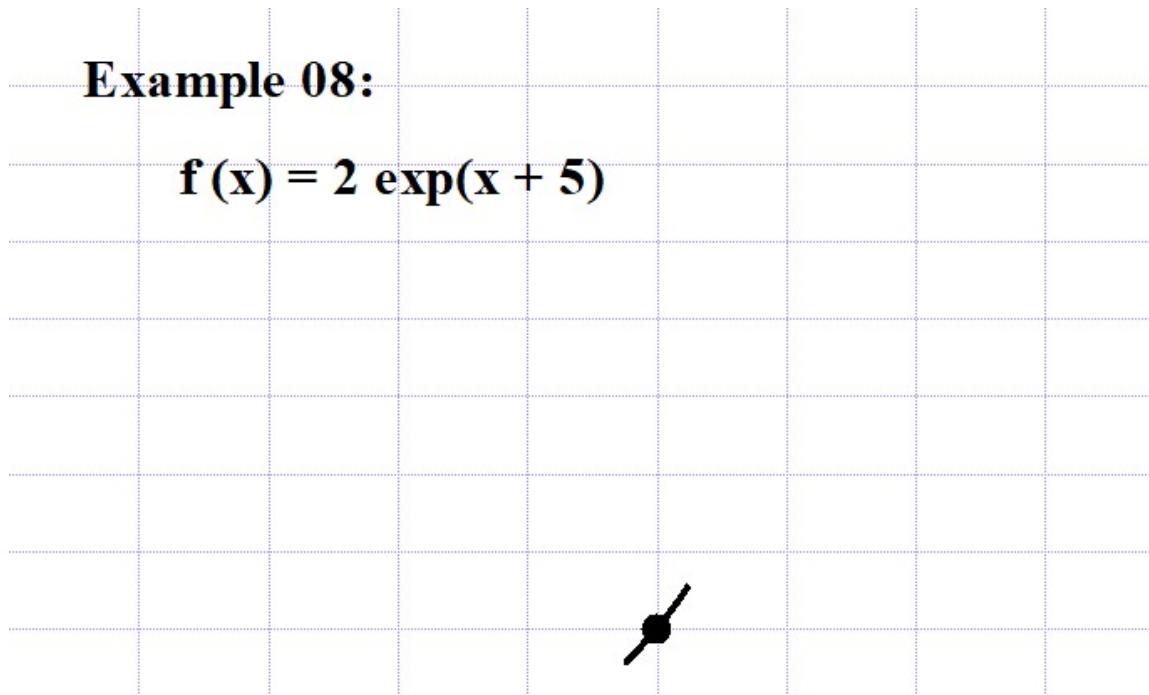
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More good news: The limits of exponential, logarithmic, and their related functions as x approaches values in their domains is just the value of these functions at these domain values:

Example 08: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5} 2e^{x+5} = L$

Solution: We have

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} 2e^{x+5} = 2e^{-5+5} = 2e^0 = 2$$



Example 09: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \log_4(x^4 - 2x - 11) = L$

Solution: We have

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \log_4(x^4 - 2x - 11) = \log_4 64 = \log_4 4^3 = 3 \log_4 4 = 3$$

Example 09:

$$f(x) = \ln(x^4 - 2x - 11) / \ln(4)$$

Also good news: The limits of the six trigonometric functions and their related functions as x approaches values in their domains is just the value of these functions at these domain values:

Example 10: Find ????

Solution: We have

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \sin x = 1$$

Example 10:

$$f(x) = \sin(x)$$

Example 11: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \sin x}{\cos x} = L$

Solution: Since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 - \sin x) = 1 \text{ & } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos x = 1$$

the Quotient Theorem yields $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \sin x}{\cos x} = 1$

Example 11:

$$f(x) = (1 - \sin(x)) / \cos(x)$$

Within Calculus I (& Calculus II especially), the following trigonometric Identities are required:

$$\text{FUNdamental Trigonometric Identity: } \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$$

$$\text{FUNdamental Inverse Trigonometric Identity: } \arcsin x + \arccos x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

In addition, the following limit, presented without proof, is fundamental in evaluating certain limits:

$$\text{FUNdamental Trigonometric Limit:}$$

$$\text{a. } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 ; \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin x} = 1 \text{ {Standard Form}}$$

$$\text{b. } \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin u}{u} = 1 ; \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{u}{\sin u} = 1 \text{ {Substitution Form}}$$

Example 12: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{\sin 4x}$?

Solution: Note the two (2) applications of the **Substitution Form**:

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{\sin 4x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{3x} \cdot \frac{4x}{\sin 4x} \cdot \frac{3x}{4x} \\ &= \lim_{3x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{3x} * \lim_{4x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4x}{\sin 4x} * \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x}{4x} \\ &= 1 * 1 * \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3}{4} \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \text{ Converges "C"} \end{aligned}$$

We used both the Product and Constant Theorems in our evaluation.

Example 12:

$$f(x) = \sin(3x)/\sin(4x)$$

Example 13: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{\sin(x-2)} = L$

Solution: We use the Substitution Form:

Set $u = x - 2$ so that $x \rightarrow 2 \Rightarrow x - 2 \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow u \rightarrow 0$

$$\Rightarrow L = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{u}{\sin u} = 1 \text{ Converges "C"}$$

Example 13:

$$f(x) = (x - 2)/\sin(x - 2)$$

Example 14: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sin(x - 3)}{x^2 - 5x + 6} = L$

Solution: We use factoring and the Substitution Form:

Since $x^2 - 5x + 6 = (x - 3)(x - 2)$, we set

$$u = x - 3 \Rightarrow x = u + 3 \Rightarrow x - 2 = u + 1$$

Thus $x \rightarrow 3 \Rightarrow x - 3 \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow u \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sin(x - 3)}{x^2 - 5x + 6} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sin(x - 3)}{(x - 3)(x - 2)} \\ &= \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin u}{u(u + 1)} \\ &= \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin u}{u} * \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{u + 1} \\ &= 1 \text{ Converges "C"} \end{aligned}$$

Example 14:

$$f(x) = \sin(x - 3)/(x^2 - 5x + 6)$$