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Example Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 7x + 11}{3x^2 + 10}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 7x + 11}{3x^2 + 10} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - \frac{7}{x} + \frac{11}{x^2}}{3 + \frac{10}{x^2}} = \frac{1 - 0 + 0}{3 + 0} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Example Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{\sin 5x}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{\sin 5x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{3x} \cdot \frac{3x}{5x} \cdot \frac{5x}{\sin 5x} \cdot \frac{1}{5x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{3x} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{\sin 5x}{5x}} \cdot \frac{3x}{5x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{3x} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{\sin 5x}{5x}} \cdot \frac{3}{5}$$

$$= 1 \cdot \frac{1}{1} \cdot \frac{3}{5} = \frac{3}{5}.$$

Example Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1-x}{(\cos^{-1} x)^2}$.

Let $y = \cos^{-1} x$. Then $y \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow 1$ and $x = \cos y$.

$$\text{So } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1-x}{(\cos^{-1} x)^2} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1-\cos y}{y^2} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1-\cos y)(1+\cos y)}{y^2 (1+\cos y)}$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1-\cos^2 y)}{y^2 (1+\cos y)} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{y} \cdot \frac{\sin y}{y} \cdot \frac{1}{1+\cos y} = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Example $\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$ when $f(x) = \sin 2x$. ②

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2(x+\Delta x)) - \sin 2x}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2x+2\Delta x) - \sin 2x}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x \cos 2\Delta x + \cos 2x \sin 2\Delta x - \sin 2x}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \sin 2x \frac{(\cos 2\Delta x - 1)}{\Delta x} + \cos 2x \frac{\sin 2\Delta x}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \sin 2x \frac{\cos 2\Delta x - 1}{2\Delta x} \cdot 2 + \cos 2x \frac{\sin 2\Delta x}{2\Delta x} \cdot 2$$

$$= \sin 2x \cdot 0 \cdot 2 + \cos 2x \cdot 1 \cdot 2 = 2 \cos 2x.$$

Example $\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$ when $f(x) = \cos x^2$. (3)

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x+\Delta x)^2 - \cos x^2}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x^2 + 2x\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2) - \cos x^2}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x^2 \cos(2x\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2) - \sin x^2 \sin(2x\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2) - \cos x^2}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x^2 (\cos(2x\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2) - 1) - \sin x^2 \sin(2x\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2)}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x^2 (\cos(2x\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2) - 1) (2x\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2)^{-1}}{2x\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2}$$

$$- \frac{\sin x^2 \sin(2x\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2) (2x\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2)^{-1}}{2x\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x^2 (\cos(\text{STUFF}) - 1) (2x + \Delta x) - \sin x^2 \frac{\sin(\text{STUFF})}{\text{STUFF}} \cdot (2x + \Delta x)}{\text{STUFF}}$$

$$= \cos x^2 \cdot 0 \cdot 2x - \sin x^2 \cdot 1 \cdot 2x = -2x \sin x^2$$

Example $\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$ when $f(x) = x^x$. (4)

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+\Delta x)^{x+\Delta x} - x^x}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(e^{\ln(x+\Delta x)})^{x+\Delta x} - (e^{\ln x})^x}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{(x+\Delta x)\ln(x+\Delta x)} - e^{x\ln x}}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} e^{x\ln x} \left(\frac{e^{(x+\Delta x)\ln(x+\Delta x) - x\ln x} - 1}{\Delta x} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} e^{x\ln x} \left(\frac{e^{(x+\Delta x)\ln(x+\Delta x) - x\ln x} - 1}{(x+\Delta x)\ln(x+\Delta x) - x\ln x} \right) \frac{(x+\Delta x)\ln(x+\Delta x) - x\ln x}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} e^{x\ln x} \left(\frac{\text{STUFF} - 1}{\text{STUFF}} \right) \left(\frac{x\ln(x+\Delta x) - x\ln x}{\Delta x} + \ln(x+\Delta x) \right)$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} e^{x\ln x} \left(\frac{\text{STUFF} - 1}{\text{STUFF}} \right) \left(\frac{x\ln(x(1 + \frac{\Delta x}{x})) - x\ln x}{\Delta x} + \ln(x+\Delta x) \right)$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} e^{x\ln x} \left(\frac{\text{STUFF} - 1}{\text{STUFF}} \right) \left(\frac{x(\ln x + \ln(1 + \frac{\Delta x}{x})) - x\ln x}{\Delta x} + \ln(x+\Delta x) \right)$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} e^{x\ln x} \left(\frac{\text{STUFF} - 1}{\text{STUFF}} \right) \left(\frac{x \ln(1 + \frac{\Delta x}{x})}{\Delta x} + \ln(x+\Delta x) \right)$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} e^{x\ln x} \left(\frac{\text{STUFF} - 1}{\text{STUFF}} \right) \left(\frac{\ln(1 + \frac{\Delta x}{x})}{\frac{\Delta x}{x}} + \ln(x+\Delta x) \right) = e^{x\ln x} \cdot 1 \cdot (1 + \ln x) = x^x + x^x \ln x$$