

- Topic: Indeterminate forms and L'Hôpital's Rule
- **Homework:** Watch videos 6.1 and 6.2 for Wednesday.
- **Reminder:** There will be a formula sheet for trig identities on the test so don't stress about memorizing them. Please review the vocabulary sheet for the test.

# An interesting function

Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

- 1 Calculate  $f'(x)$  for any  $x \neq 0$ .
- 2 Using the definition of derivative, calculate  $f'(0)$ .
- 3 Is  $f$  continuous at 0?
- 4 Is  $f$  differentiable at 0?
- 5 Is  $f'$  continuous at 0?

## Warm-up: What's the difference?

Which of the following is in indeterminate form?

①  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [x - x]$ .

②  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x - \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x$ .

What's the difference?

# Indeterminate?

Which of the following are indeterminate forms for limits?

1  $\frac{0}{0}$

2  $\frac{0}{\infty}$

3  $\frac{0}{1}$

4  $\frac{\infty}{0}$

5  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$

6  $\frac{1}{\infty}$

7  $0 \cdot \infty$

8  $\infty \cdot \infty$

9  $\sqrt{\infty}$

10  $\infty - \infty$

11  $1^\infty$

12  $1^{-\infty}$

13  $0^0$

14  $0^\infty$

15  $0^{-\infty}$

16  $\infty^0$

17  $\infty^\infty$

18  $\infty^{-\infty}$

# Proving something is an indeterminate form

- 1 Prove that  $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}, \exists a \in \mathbb{R}$  and functions  $f$  and  $g$  s.t.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = c$$

This is how you show that  $\frac{0}{0}$  is an indeterminate form.

- 2 Show the same way that  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ ,  $0 \cdot \infty$ , and  $\infty - \infty$  are also indeterminate forms.
- 3 Show that  $1^\infty$ ,  $0^0$ , and  $\infty^0$  are indeterminate forms. (You will not be able to get all  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  this time.)

# What's wrong with the following computation?

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + \sin(x)}{x}$  is in indeterminate form,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + \sin(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \cos(x)}{1} \quad \text{by LH.}$$

Therefore,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + \sin(x)}{x}$  DNE since  $1 + \cos(x)$  oscillates between 0 and 2 as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

What does  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + \sin(x)}{x}$  actually equal?

# Infinity minus infinity

Compute:

$$\textcircled{1} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [\ln(x + 2) - \ln(3x + 4)]$$

$$\textcircled{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left[ \sqrt{x^2 + 3x} - \sqrt{x^2 - 3x} \right]$$

$$\textcircled{3} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\csc x}{x} - \frac{\cot x}{x} \right]$$

$$\textcircled{4} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left[ \frac{2}{x^2 - 1} - \frac{1}{x - 1} \right]$$

# Exponential indeterminate forms

Compute:

$$\textcircled{1} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$$

$$\textcircled{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} (\tan x)^{\cos x}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [1 + 2 \sin(3x)]^{4 \cot(5x)}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x+2}{x-2}\right)^{3x}$$

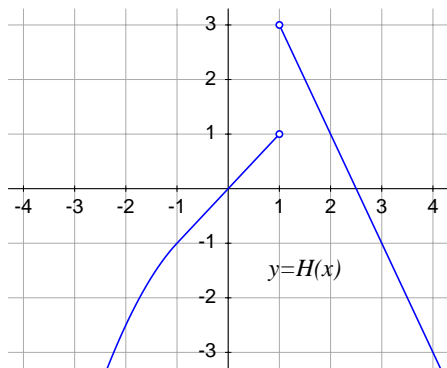
$$\textcircled{5} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{x^2}}$$



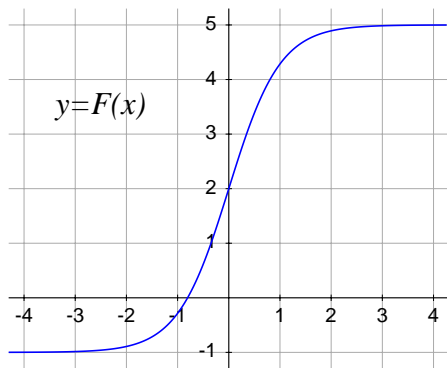
# Limits from graphs

Compute:

$$\textcircled{1} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{H(x)}{H(2 + 3x) - 1}$$



$$\textcircled{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{F^{-1}(x)}{x - 2}$$



- 1 Construct a polynomial  $P$  such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{P(x)}{e^x - e \cdot x} = \frac{1}{e}$$

- 2 Find  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x - ax^n}{x^3}$$

exists. What is the value of the limit?