Announcements

- Schedule of events now on Canvas. Link on Home Page.

1.3, 1.5, Working with Limits

- Recall Procedure:

  Concept $\longrightarrow$ **Definition** $\longrightarrow$ **Properties** $\longrightarrow$ **Work**

- Our **Definition**: We say that the limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches c equals L, or

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow c} f(x) = L$$

  if for all $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$0 < |x - c| < \delta \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad |f(x) - L| < \epsilon.$$

- ϵ is the is the lower case Greek letter *epsilon*, and δ is the lower case Greek letter *delta*.

Properties:

Main Limit Theorem

- See textbook, page 68.
- Let n be a positive integer, k a constant, and f and g functions that have limits at c. Then:

1. $\lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} k = k.$

2. $\lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} x = c.$

3. $\lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} kf(x) = k \lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} f(x).$

4. $\lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} \big(f(x) + g(x)\big) = \lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} f(x) + \lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} g(x).$

5. $\lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} \big(f(x) - g(x)\big) = \lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} f(x) - \lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} g(x).$

6. $\lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} \big(f(x) \cdot g(x)\big) = \Big(\lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} f(x)\Big) \cdot \Big(\lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} g(x)\Big).$

7. $\lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} \dfrac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \dfrac{\lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} f(x)}{\lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} g(x)}$ provided $\lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} g(x) \neq 0.$

8. $\lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} \big(f(x)\big)^n = \Big(\lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} f(x)\Big)^n.$

9. $\lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} \sqrt[n]{f(x)} = \sqrt[n]{\lim\limits_{x \longrightarrow c} f(x)}$ provided $f(x) \geq 0$ when n is even.

- Consequence of Main Limit Theorem:

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow c} f(x) = f(x)$$

  if f is a polynomial or a rational function with a non-zero denominator at $x = c$.

- **Example**

  $\lim_{x \longrightarrow 1} \dfrac{x+4}{x^2+1} =$

- subtle point, and frequent source of errors: when combining two functions the limit may exist even if the individual limits do not.
- simple example:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$$

What happens to $f(x)+g(x)$ as x goes to zero? The individual limits do not exist, but the limit of the sum is zero.

- We proved item 4 of the main limit theorem in class.
- Proof of the other parts is in the textbook in section 1.3.
- Another major fact is

The Squeeze Theorem. Suppose f, g, and h are functions such that

$$f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$$

for all x near c except possibly *at* $x = c$. Also assume that

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \longrightarrow c} h(x) = L$$

Then

$$\lim g(x) = L$$

- This is geometrically very plausible. See Figure 2 on page 72.

- Exercise for the ambitious: Prove the Squeeze Theorem using the $\epsilon - \delta$ definition of limits.

- Example:

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow 0} x \sin \frac{1}{x} = 0.$$

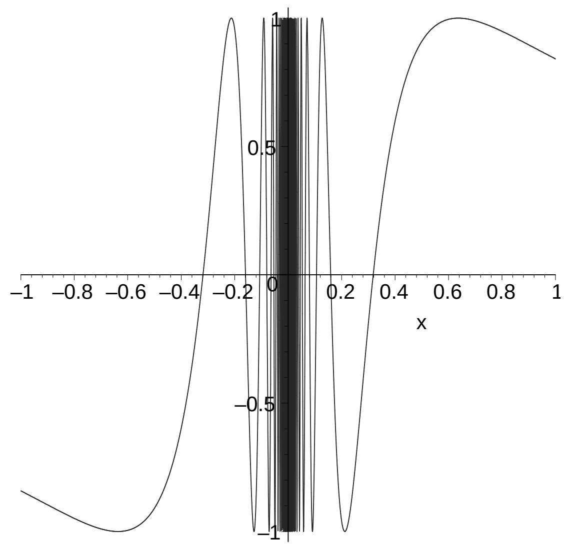

Figure 1. Graph of $y = \sin \frac{1}{x}$.

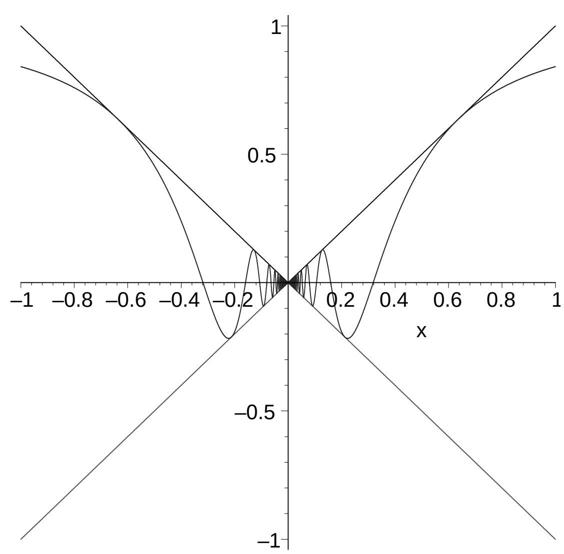

Figure 2. Graph of $y = x \sin \frac{1}{x}$ and $y = \pm|x|$.

One Sided Limits

- the limit properties we have discussed so far also apply to one sided limits.
- Examples:
- Recall

  $[\![x]\!]$ = the greatest integer $\leq x$.
- For example:

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow 2^-} [\![x]\!]^2 + 1 =$$

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow 2^+} [\![x]\!]^2 + 1 =$$

Limits and Infinity

- There are also the concepts of "*limits at infinity*" and "*infinite limits*".
- Some examples:

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} =$$

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow \infty} \arctan x =$$

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow -\infty} \arctan x =$$

- The next two examples are written as "infinite" limits, but actually are examples of non-existent limits.

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow 1^+} \frac{x}{x-1} =$$

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow 1^-} \frac{x}{x-1} =$$

- Also note that
$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{x-1} =$$

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^2} =$$

More Examples

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} =$$

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3+3x^2-\pi x+4}{3x^3+2x^2-4x+1} =$$

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow \infty} \frac{x+\ln x}{x} =$$

- View ahead to Math 1220 (Ex. 4, page 74), limits of sequences: Suppose

$$a_n = \sqrt{\frac{n+1}{n+2}}, \qquad n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots$$

Then

$$\lim_{n \longrightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \longrightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{n+1}{n+2}} =$$

Yet more Examples

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow 2^+} \frac{x-1}{x-2} =$$

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow 2^-} \frac{x-1}{x-2} =$$

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow 1} \frac{x-1}{x-2} =$$

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{2^x} =$$

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2}{2^x} =$$

$$\lim_{n \longrightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{1}{2^k} =$$

Yet More Examples

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow 1} \frac{x^2+6x-7}{x-1} =$$

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow -7} \frac{x^2+6x-7}{x-1} =$$

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow 0} \frac{x^2+6x-7}{x-1} =$$

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow 4} \frac{x-4}{\sqrt{x}-2} =$$

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow 3} \frac{x-3}{x+3} =$$

$$\lim_{x \longrightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2x)}{x} =$$