

Math 1220 #14

Indeterminate Forms of Type 0/0

Previously we found the limit of an expression which appeared to approach $\frac{0}{0}$.

Determine this limit. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 2x}{x^2 + 3x - 10}$

We also were able to geometrically determine this limit. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x}$

L'Hopital's Rule:

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$ exists (either finite or $\pm\infty$),

then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$.

This makes both of the previous problems more simple.

EX 1

Determine these limits using the rule above.

1a)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 2x}{x^2 + 3x - 10}$$

1b)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

EX 2

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2 \sin x}$$

EX 3

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{7\sqrt{x} - 1}{2\sqrt{x} - 1}$$

EX 4

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x - \tan x}{x^2 \sin x}$$

EX 5

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x}{x}$$

EX 6

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\int_0^x \sqrt{t} \cos t dt}{x^2}$$

EX 7

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin x + \tan x}{e^x + e^{-x} - 2}$$