

# CALCULUS

## Indeterminate forms

$"1/(0^+) = \infty"$	$"(-\infty) + \infty \text{ is indeterminate}"$
$"1/(0^-) = -\infty"$	$"(-\infty) + (-\infty) = -\infty"$
$"e^\infty = \infty"$	$"\infty + \infty = \infty"$
$"\ln(\infty) = \infty"$	$"\infty - \infty \text{ is indeterminate}"$
$"\sqrt{\infty} = \infty"$	$"c > 0 \Rightarrow c \cdot (-\infty) = -\infty"$
$"(0^+)\infty = 0"$	$"c < 0 \Rightarrow c \cdot (-\infty) = \infty"$
$"1 \pm \infty \text{ is indet.}"$	$"c > 0 \Rightarrow c \cdot \infty = \infty"$
$"(0^+)^0, \infty^0 \text{ indet.}"$	$"c < 0 \Rightarrow c \cdot \infty = -\infty"$
$"0 \cdot \infty \text{ and } 0 \cdot (-\infty) \text{ are indeterminate}"$	

$"0/0, \infty/\infty, (-\infty)/\infty, \infty/(-\infty), (-\infty)/(-\infty)"$   
 "I'Hôpital indeterminate forms"    all indeterminate"

- $"\infty \cdot \infty = \infty"$
- $"\infty \cdot (-\infty) = -\infty"$
- $"(-\infty) \cdot \infty = -\infty"$
- $"(-\infty) \cdot (-\infty) = \infty"$

DETERMINATE  
AND  
INDETERMINATE  
FORMS

## INDETERMINATE FORMS

“ $(-\infty) + \infty$  is indeterminate”

“ $\infty - \infty$  is indeterminate”

“ $1^{\pm\infty}$  is indet.”

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“(0+)^0,  $\infty^0$  indet.”

“ $0 \cdot \infty$  and  $0 \cdot (-\infty)$  are indeterminate”

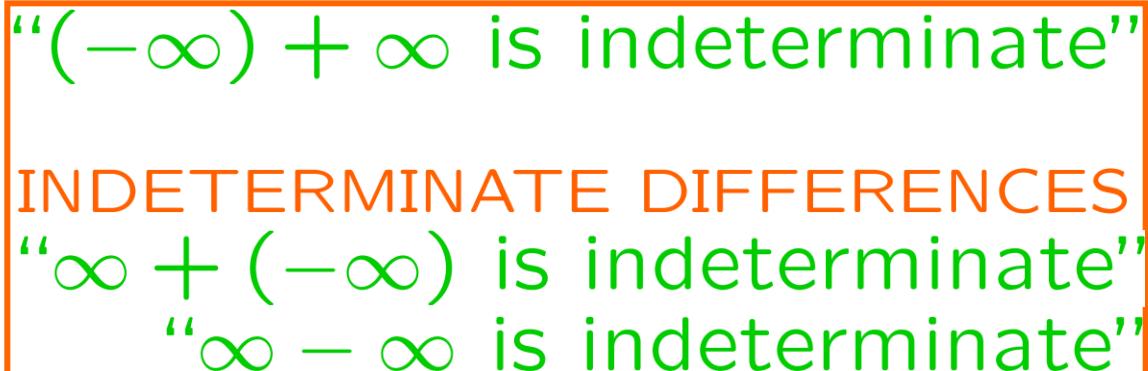
“ $0/0, \infty/\infty, (-\infty)/\infty, \infty/(-\infty), (-\infty)/(-\infty)$ ”

“I'Hôpital indeterminate forms” “all indeterminate”

INDETERMINATE  
FORMS

## INDETERMINATE FORMS

Finally



## INDETERMINATE POWERS

“ $1^{\pm\infty}$  is indet.”

“(0+)^0,  $\infty^0$  indet.”

Then

Next

## INDETERMINATE PRODUCTS

“ $0 \cdot \infty$  and  $0 \cdot (-\infty)$  are indeterminate”

“ $0/0, \infty/\infty, (-\infty)/\infty, \infty/(-\infty), (-\infty)/(-\infty)$ ”

“I'Hôpital indeterminate forms” “all indeterminate”

Already discussed

## INDETERMINATE PRODUCTS:

Given a problem of the form

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)][g(x)],$$

if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0$  and if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \pm\infty$

then the form is  $[0][\pm\infty]$ , which is indeterminate.

One approach that often works:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)][g(x)] & & \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{1/[g(x)]} & \text{OR:} & \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{g(x)}{1/[f(x)]} \\ \frac{0}{0} \text{ I'H?} & & \frac{\pm\infty}{\pm\infty} \text{ MAYBE} \end{array}$$

Similar idea for:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty}$

## INDETERMINATE PRODUCTS:

Given a problem of the form  $\lim [f(x)][g(x)]$ ,

if  $\lim f(x) = 0$  and if  $\lim g(x) = \pm\infty$

then the form is  $[0][\pm\infty]$ , which is indeterminate.

One approach that often works:

$$\lim [f(x)][g(x)] \quad \text{OR} \quad \lim \frac{f(x)}{1/[g(x)]} \quad \text{OR} \quad \lim \frac{g(x)}{1/[f(x)]}$$

$\frac{0}{0}$  I'H?      I'H?  $\frac{\pm\infty}{\pm\infty}$  MAYBE

$\lim$  stands for one of:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty}$

cf. §4.8, EXAMPLE 4.15, p. 83: Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [x^2(\ln x)]$ .

First step: Check the form.

(0)( $-\infty$ )

INDETERMINATE PRODUCT

Answer:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [x^2(\ln x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \frac{\ln x}{x^{-2}} \right]$  positive, as  $x \rightarrow 0^+$  TRANSCENDENTAL

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \frac{x^2}{(\ln x)^{-1}} \right]$$

tentative  
I'H  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \frac{1/x}{-2x^{-3}} \right]$  RATIONAL

Why not this??

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \frac{x^{32}}{-2x} \right]$$

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(0)( $\pm\infty$ )

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \frac{x^2}{-2} \right] = 0 \quad \blacksquare$$

## INDETERMINATE DIFFERENCES:

$\lim$  stands for one of:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty}$

Given a problem of the form  $\lim [f(x)] - [g(x)]$ ,

if  $\lim f(x) = \infty$  and if  $\lim g(x) = \infty$

then the form is  $\infty - \infty$ , which is indeterminate.

Try to do some algebra

(e.g., common denominator,  
rationalize numerator or denominator,  
factoring out common factor)

to convert the problem to  $0/0$  or  $\pm\infty/\pm\infty$ .

EXAMPLE: Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} ((\csc x) + (\cot x))$ .

First step: Check the form.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} \left( \frac{1}{\sin x} + \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} \left( \frac{1 + \cos x}{\sin x} \right)$$

$\frac{0}{0}$

REWRITE  
IN TERMS OF  
 $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$



$$\stackrel{\text{tentative}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} \left( \frac{-\sin x}{\cos x} \right)$$

$$= \left[ \frac{-\sin x}{\cos x} \right]_{x: \rightarrow \pi^-}$$

$$= \frac{-0}{-1} = 0 \blacksquare$$

## INDETERMINATE POWERS:

Given a problem of the form

$$\lim [f(x)]^{[g(x)]}$$

...

If  $\lim f(x) = 0^+$  and if  $\lim g(x) = 0$   
then the form is  $(0^+)^0$ , which is indeterminate.

If  $\lim f(x) = \infty$  and if  $\lim g(x) = 0$   
then the form is  $\infty^0$ , which is indeterminate.

If  $\lim f(x) = 1$  and if  $\lim g(x) = \infty$   
then the form is  $1^\infty$ , which is indeterminate.

If  $\lim f(x) = 1$  and if  $\lim g(x) = -\infty$   
then the form is  $1^{-\infty}$ , which is indeterminate.

If  $\lim f(x) = 0^+$  and if  $\lim g(x) = \infty$   
then the form is  $(0^+)^{\infty}$ , which is DETERMINATE.  
 $(0^+)^{\infty} = 0$

## INDETERMINATE POWERS:

Given a problem of the form

$$\lim [f(x)]^{[g(x)]}$$

...

$(0^+)^0$  is indeterminate.

$\infty^0$  is indeterminate.

$1^\infty$  is indeterminate.

$1^{-\infty}$  is indeterminate.

$\infty^0$  is indeterminate.

Standard approach to indeterminate powers:

$$[f(x)]^{[g(x)]}$$

$1^\infty$  is indeterminate.

$1^{-\infty}$  is indeterminate.

## INDETERMINATE POWERS:

Given a problem of the form

$$\lim [f(x)]^{g(x)}$$

...

$(0^+)^0$  is indeterminate.

Colloquially:

$$\ln((0^+)^0) = 0(\ln(0^+))$$

$\infty^0$  is indeterminate.

$$\ln(\infty^0) = 0(\ln(\infty))$$

$1^\infty$  is indeterminate.

$$\ln(1^\infty) = \infty(\ln(1))$$

$1^{-\infty}$  is indeterminate.

$$\ln(1^{-\infty}) = -\infty(\ln(1))$$

Standard approach to indeterminate powers:

$$\lim \ln([f(x)]^{g(x)}) = \lim [g(x)][\ln(f(x))]$$

is an indeterminate product.

Do that indeterminate product problem, then exponentiate:

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(\lim \ln([f(x)]^{g(x)})) &= \lim \cancel{\exp(\ln([f(x)]^{g(x)}))} \\ &= \lim [f(x)]^{g(x)} \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE: Calculate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + (\sin(7x)))^{\cot x}$ . 1 $\infty$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + (\sin(7x)))^{\cot x} = e^7 \blacksquare$$

SKILL  
indet. power

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln[(1 + (\sin(7x)))^{\cot x}]$

Next: another approach

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [\cot x] (\ln[1 + (\sin(7x))]) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln[1 + (\sin(7x))]}{\tan x} \end{aligned}$$

ASYMPTOTICS? ASYMPTOTICS?  
positive, as  $x \rightarrow 0^+$

$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{\text{tentative}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{[1/[1 + (\sin(7x))]][\cos(7x)][7]}{\sec^2 x} \\ &= \frac{[1/[1 + (0)]][1][7]}{1^2} = 7 \end{aligned}$$

**EXAMPLE: Calculate**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + (\sin(7x)))^{\cot x}$ .

Fact:  $p(x) \underset{x \rightarrow 0^+}{\sim} q(x) \underset{x \rightarrow 0^+}{\rightarrow} 0 \Rightarrow \ln[1 + (p(x))] \underset{x \rightarrow 0^+}{\sim} q(x)$ .  
 pf omitted  
 In and 1+ cancel  
 (Works for  $x \rightarrow a$ ,  $x \rightarrow a^-$ ,  $x \rightarrow a^+$ ,  
 $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ .)

$$\sin(7x) \underset{x \rightarrow 0^+}{\sim} 7x \underset{x \rightarrow 0^+}{\rightarrow} 0$$

Up to asymptotics,  
 In and 1+ cancel,  
 and sin can be ignored.

$$\cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \underset{x \rightarrow 0^+}{\sim} \frac{1}{x}$$

MULTIPLY  
 $\cos x \underset{x \rightarrow 0^+}{\sim} 1$   
 $\sin x \underset{x \rightarrow 0^+}{\sim} x$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\cot x)(\ln [1 + (\sin(7x))]) \underset{x \rightarrow 0^+}{\sim} 7 \underset{x \rightarrow 0^+}{\rightarrow} 7 \\
 & \quad || \\
 & \ln [(1 + (\sin(7x)))^{\cot x}]
 \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE: Calculate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + (\sin(7x)))^{\cot x}$ .

$$\ln [(1 + (\sin(7x)))^{\cot x}] \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0^+} 7$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\cot x)(\ln [1 + (\sin(7x))]) \underset{x \rightarrow 0^+}{\sim} 7 \quad \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0^+} 7 \\ & \parallel \\ & \ln [(1 + (\sin(7x)))^{\cot x}] \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE: Calculate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + (\sin(7x)))^{\cot x}$ .

$$\ln [(1 + (\sin(7x)))^{\cot x}] \xrightarrow[x \rightarrow 0^+]{ } 7$$

$$(1 + (\sin(7x)))^{\cot x} \xrightarrow[x \rightarrow 0^+]{ } e^7 \blacksquare$$

SKILL  
indet. power

DON'T forget to exponentiate at the end!

cf. §4.8, EXAMPLE 4.15, p. 83: Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [x^2(\ln x)]$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [x^2(\ln x)] = 0 \quad \blacksquare$$

EXAMPLE: Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^{(x^2)}$ .

$$\ln [x^{(x^2)}] = (x^2) (\ln[x]) \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0^+$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^{(x^2)} = e^0 = 1 \quad \blacksquare$$

SKILL  
indet. power

DON'T forget to exponentiate at the end!

EXAMPLE: Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(5x)}{\tan(9x)}$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(5x)}{\tan(9x)} \stackrel{\text{tentative L'H}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{[\cos(5x)][5]}{[\sec^2(9x)][9]}$$

REWRITE  
IN TERMS OF  
 $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$



$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{[\cos(5x)][5]}{[1/(\cos^2(9x))][9]}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{[\cos(5x)][5]}{[1/(\cos^2(9x))][9]} \right]_{x: \rightarrow 0}$$

$$= \frac{[1][5]}{[1/1][9]} = \frac{5}{9}$$

EXAMPLE: Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(5x)}{\tan(9x)}$ .

$5x \rightarrow 0$ , as  $x \rightarrow 0$

$x : \rightarrow 5x$

$$\begin{array}{l} \sin x \\ \cos x \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} x \sim 0 \\ x \sim 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} x \\ 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \sin(5x) \\ \tan(9x) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} x \sim 0 \\ x \sim 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 5x \\ 9x \end{array}$$

DIVIDE

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$$\begin{array}{l} \tan x \\ x \sim 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} x \\ x \end{array}$$

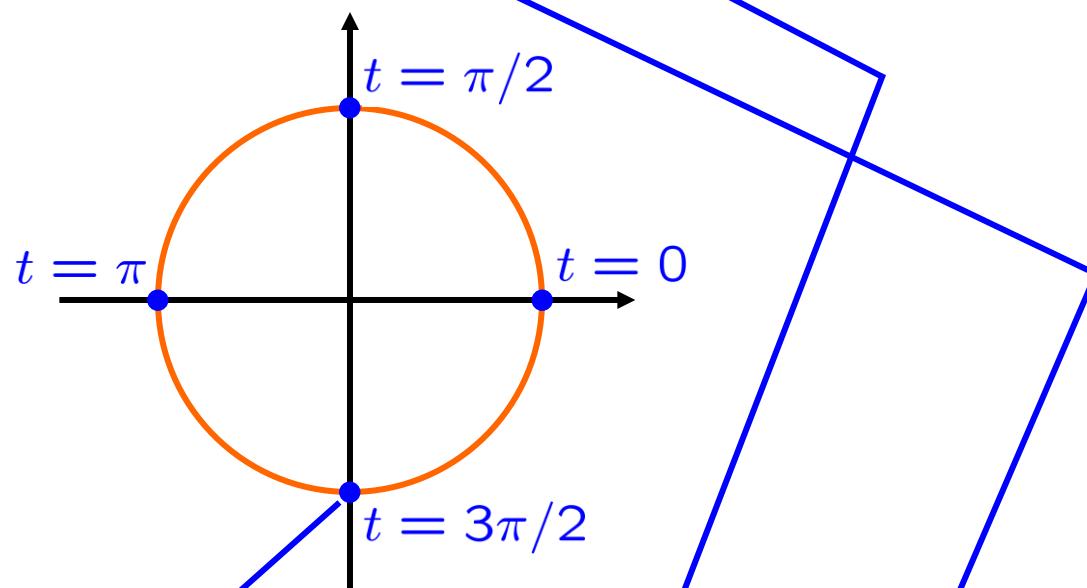
$$\begin{array}{l} \tan(9x) \\ x \sim 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 9x \\ 9x \end{array}$$

$x : \rightarrow 9x$   
 $9x \rightarrow 0$ , as  $x \rightarrow 0$

$$\frac{\sin(5x)}{\tan(9x)} \quad \begin{array}{c} x \sim 0 \\ 5 \\ 9 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0} \\ \xrightarrow{5/9} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 9 \end{array} \quad \boxed{\phantom{0}}$$

EXAMPLE: Find  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 3\pi/2} \frac{1 - \sin \theta}{\csc \theta}$ . DETERMINATE FORM SKILL  
general limits

$$\left[ \frac{1 - \sin \theta}{\csc \theta} \right]_{\theta \rightarrow 3\pi/2} = \frac{1 - (-1)}{-1} = -2 \quad \blacksquare$$



$$(\cos(3\pi/2), \sin(3\pi/2)) = (0, -1)$$

$$\sin(3\pi/2) = -1$$

$$\csc(3\pi/2) = \frac{1}{\sin(3\pi/2)} = \frac{1}{-1} = -1$$

EXAMPLE: Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{\ln(x/2)}{\sin(\pi x)} \right]$ .

$$\frac{0}{0}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{\ln(x/2)}{\sin(\pi x)} \right] \stackrel{\text{positive, as } x \rightarrow 2}{\stackrel{\text{tentative}}{=}} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{[1/(x/2)][1/2]}{[\cos(\pi x)][\pi]} \right]$$

$$= \left[ \frac{[1/(x/2)][1/2]}{[\cos(\pi x)][\pi]} \right]_{x \rightarrow 2}$$

$$\cos(2\pi) = \cos(0) = 1$$

$$= \frac{[1/(2/2)][1/2]}{[\cos(2\pi)][\pi]}$$

$$= \frac{[1/1][1/2]}{[1][\pi]} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \blacksquare$$

EXAMPLE: Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{\ln(x/2)}{\sin(\pi x)} \right]$ .

$\frac{0}{0}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{\ln(x/2)}{\sin(\pi x)} \right] &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\ln[1 + (t/2)]}{\sin(2\pi + \pi t)} \right] && \text{sin is } 2\pi\text{-periodic} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\ln[1 + (t/2)]}{\sin(\pi t)} \right] && \text{ASYMPTOTICS?} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{1/2}{\pi t} \right] = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{1/2}{\pi} \right] && \text{ASYMPTOTICS?} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &\rightarrow 2 + t \\ (x \rightarrow 2) &\rightarrow (t \rightarrow 0) \\ x/2 &\rightarrow 1 + (t/2) \\ \pi x &\rightarrow 2\pi + \pi t \end{aligned}$$

Fact:  $p(t) \sim q(t) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \ln[1 + (p(t))] \sim q(t)$ .

$$\begin{matrix} t/2 & t \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} t/2 & t \rightarrow 0 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$\ln[1 + (t/2)] \quad t \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} t/2$$

$$\sin u \quad u \xrightarrow{u \rightarrow 0} 0 \quad u$$

$$\sin(\pi t) \quad t \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} 0 \quad \pi t$$

EXAMPLE: Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{\ln(x/2)}{\sin(\pi x)} \right]$ .  $\frac{0}{0}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{\ln(x/2)}{\sin(\pi x)} \right] &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\ln[1 + (t/2)]}{\sin(2\pi + \pi t)} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\ln[1 + (t/2)]}{\sin(\pi t)} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{1/2}{\pi t} \right] = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{1/2}{\pi} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1/2}{\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \quad \blacksquare
 \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE: Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^3 e^x$ . (-∞) · 0

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general limits

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^3 e^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^3}{e^{-x}}$$

$\frac{-\infty}{\infty}$

tentative  
I'H

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x^2}{-e^{-x}}$$

$\frac{\infty}{-\infty}$

tentative  
I'H

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{6x}{e^{-x}}$$

$\frac{-\infty}{\infty}$

tentative  
I'H

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{6}{-e^{-x}}$$

$\frac{6}{-\infty}$

DETERMINATE

$$= 0$$

EXAMPLE: Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/4} (1 - \cot x)(\csc x)$ .

SKILL  
general limits

## DETERMINATE FORM

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/4} (1 - \cot x)(\csc x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/4} \frac{1 - \cot x}{\sin x}$$

REWRITE IN TERMS OF  
 $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$



$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/4} \frac{1 - [(\cos x)/(\sin x)]}{\sin x}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{1 - [(\cos x)/(\sin x)]}{\sin x} \right]_{x: \rightarrow \pi/4}$$

$$\sin(\pi/4) = \sqrt{2}/2 = \cos(\pi/4)$$

$$= \frac{1 - [(\sqrt{2}/2)/(\sqrt{2}/2)]}{\sqrt{2}/2}$$

$$= \frac{1 - 1}{\sqrt{2}/2} = 0 \quad \blacksquare$$

EXAMPLE: Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} [(\sec x) - (\tan x)]$ .

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general limits

$\infty - \infty$ , as  $x \rightarrow (\pi/2)^-$

$(-\infty) - (-\infty)$ , as  $x \rightarrow (\pi/2)^+$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} [(\sec x) - (\tan x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \left[ \frac{1}{\cos x} - \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \right]$$

REWRITE IN TERMS OF  
 $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$



$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \frac{1 - \sin x}{\cos x} \quad \frac{0}{0}$$

$$\cos(\pi/2) = 0$$

$$\sin(\pi/2) = 1$$

tentative  
I'H

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \frac{+ \cos x}{+ \sin x}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \right]_{x: \rightarrow \pi/2} = \frac{0}{1} = 0 \quad \blacksquare$$

EXAMPLE: Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{5/[7-(\ln x)]}$ .  $\infty^0$

SKILL  
general limits

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [\ln(x^{5/[7-(\ln x)]})] = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5}{7 - (\ln x)} [\ln(x)]$$

positive, as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5[\ln x]}{7 - (\ln x)}$$

tentative  
~~I'H~~

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5[1/x]}{-(1/x)1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5}{-1} = -5$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{5/[7-(\ln x)]} = \exp \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [\ln(x^{5/[7-(\ln x)]})] \right]$$

$$= e^{-5}$$

EXAMPLE: Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (e^{2x} + x^3)^{1/x}$ .  $\infty^0$

SKILL  
general limits

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [\ln((e^{2x} + x^3)^{1/x})] = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} [\ln(e^{2x} + x^3)]$$

LOG DERIV

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(e^{2x} + x^3)}{x}$$

positive, as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

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

tentative L'H

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2e^{2x} + 3x^2)/(e^{2x} + x^3)}{1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2e^{2x} + 3x^2}{e^{2x} + x^3}$$

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

tentative L'H

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4e^{2x} + 6x}{2e^{2x} + 3x^2} \quad \begin{aligned} &\text{tentative L'H} \\ &\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8e^{2x} + 6}{4e^{2x} + 6x} \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} &\text{tentative L'H} \\ &\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{16e^{2x}}{8e^{2x} + 6} \end{aligned}$$

~~tentative L'H~~

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{32e^{2x}}{16e^{2x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{32}{16} = 2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (e^{2x} + x^3)^{1/x} = \exp \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [\ln((e^{2x} + x^3)^{1/x})] \right]$$

$= e^{2?}$

EXAMPLE: Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (\cos x)^{1/\sqrt{x}}$ . 1 $\infty$

SKILL  
general limits

$$\begin{aligned}
 ?? &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} [\ln(\cos x)] \\
 \text{LOG DERIV} &\quad \text{positive, as } x \rightarrow 0^+ \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(\cos x)}{x^{1/2}} \quad \frac{0}{0} \\
 \text{tentative L'H} &\quad \frac{(-\sin x)/(\cos x)}{(1/2)x^{-1/2}} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(-\sin x)(x^{1/2})}{(1/2)(\cos x)} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{2(-\sin x)(\sqrt{x})}{\cos x} \\
 &= \left[ \frac{2(-\sin x)(\sqrt{x})}{\cos x} \right]_{x \rightarrow 0^+} = \frac{2(-0)(0)}{1} = 0 \\
 e^{??} &= e^0 = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

## SKILL

general limits

Whitman problems

§4.8, p. 84, #1-6

## SKILL

horizontal asymptotes

Whitman problems

§4.8, p. 84, #7

