

Limit Theorems for Functions



Lesson: Limit Theorems for Functions

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1. Learning outcomes:

After studying this chapter you should be able to understand the

- Limit at a point.
- Bounded Function
- Sum, Difference, Product and Quotient of Two Functions
- Algebraic Operations on Limits
- Limit Theorems for Functions



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2. Introduction:

Area of mathematics in which various limiting concepts are used in a systematic way is generally known as Mathematical Analysis. The rudimentary notion of a limiting process emerged in the 1680s as Isaac Newton (1642-1727) and Gotfried Leibnitz (1646-1716) struggled with the creation of the calculus. Initially they were unknown to each other's work and their creative insights were quite different. In their work, they realized the need to formulate a notion of function and the idea of quantities being close to one another. In his work Principia in 1687, Newton discussed limits "to which they approach nearer than by any given difference, but never go beyond nor in effect attain to till the quantities are diminished in infinitum and used the word 'fluent' to denote a relationship between variables. Leibnitz invented "infinitesimally small numbers as a way of handling the concept of a limit and introduced the term function to indicate a quantity that depended on a variable. Leibnitz also introduced the term calculus for this new method of calculation. In this lesson we will study the limit theorems on functions.

3. Limit at a Point:

Let X and Y are two non-empty subsets of the real numbers. A real number L is called the limit of the function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ at a point $x_0 \in X$ for any given $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that for each $x \in X$

$$|f(x) - \ell| < \varepsilon$$

whenever $|x - x_0| < \delta$.

Value Addition: Note

1. Limit of a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ at a point $x_0 \in X$ is denoted by $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \ell$.
2. If ℓ is the limit of the function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ at a point $x_0 \in X$, then the function $f(x)$ is said to converges to ℓ at x_0 .
3. If the limit of the function $f(x)$ at x_0 does not exist then the function $f(x)$ is said to diverges at x_0 .
4. The value of δ in the definition of limit is usually depends on ε .

4. Bounded Function:

A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ where X and Y are non-empty subsets of R is called bounded if there exists a constant $M \in R$ such that

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$$|f(x)| \leq M \text{ for all } x \in X.$$

Theorem 1: Let X and Y are two non-empty subsets of \mathbb{R} and let $f: X \rightarrow Y$. If $f(x)$ has a limit at a point $x_0 \in X$, then $f(x)$ is bounded on some neighborhood of x_0 .

Proof: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ has a limit L at $x_0 \in X$ then for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that for each $x \in X$

$$|f(x) - \ell| < \varepsilon \tag{1}$$

$$\text{whenever } |x - x_0| < \delta \tag{2}$$

from inequality (2) we have

$$|x - x_0| < \delta$$

$$\Rightarrow -\delta < x - x_0 < \delta$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 - \delta < x < x_0 + \delta$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta) \text{ is called } \delta\text{-neighborhood of } x_0.$$

Now if we take $\varepsilon = 1$ in equation (1), we have

$$|f(x) - \ell| < 1 \tag{3}$$

We know that

$$|f(x)| - |\ell| \leq |f(x) - \ell|$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(x)| - |\ell| < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(x)| < |\ell| + 1 \tag{4}$$

Take $M = \sup\{|f(x_0)|, |\ell| + 1\}$

Then we have

$$|f(x)| < M \text{ for each } x \in (x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta)$$

Thus, $f(x)$ is bounded on the neighborhood of x_0 .

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5. Sum, Difference, Product and Quotient of Two Functions:

Let A and B are two non-empty subsets of R and let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are two functions defined on A and B respectively. Then the domain of the sum, difference, product and quotient of f and g is the set $X = A \cap B$.

5.1. Sum of Two Functions:

The sum of the functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ is denoted by $(f + g)(x)$ and defined as follows

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) \text{ for each } x \in X .$$

5.2. Difference of Two Functions:

The difference of the functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ is denoted by $(f - g)(x)$ and defined as follows

$$(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x) \text{ for each } x \in X$$

5.3. Product of Two Functions:

The product of the functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ is denoted by $(f.g)(x)$ and defined as follows

$$(f.g)(x) = f(x).g(x) \text{ for each } x \in X .$$

5.4. Quotient of Two Functions:

The quotient of the functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ is denoted by $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$ and defined as follows

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \text{ provided } g(x) \neq 0 \text{ for each } x \in X .$$

6. Algebraic Operations on Limits:

Theorem 2: Let X be any non-empty subset of R and let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are functions defined on X such that $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = l_1$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = l_2$ exist. Then

(I) Addition of Limits

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (f + g)(x) = l_1 + l_2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x)$$

(II) Difference of Limits

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (f - g)(x) = \ell_1 - \ell_2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x)$$

(III) Product of Limits

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (f \cdot g)(x) = \ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x)$$

(IV) Reciprocal of Limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \left(\frac{1}{g} \right)(x) = \frac{1}{\ell_2} = \frac{1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x)} \text{ provided } \ell_2 \neq 0 \text{ and } g(x) \neq 0 \text{ for any } x \in X .$$

(V) Quotient of Limits

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \left(\frac{f}{g} \right)(x) = \frac{\ell_1}{\ell_2} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x)} \text{ provided } \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = \ell_2 \neq 0.$$

(VI) Constant Multiple of Limits

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (a \cdot f)(x) = a \cdot \ell_1 = a \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$$

Proof: Let X be any non-empty subset of \mathbb{R} and let

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \ell_1 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = \ell_2 \text{ exist.}$$

(I) Addition of Limits

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \ell_1$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = \ell_2$ exist then by the definition of limit for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exist a numbers $\delta_1 > 0$ and $\delta_2 > 0$ such that

$$\text{if } 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta_1 \text{ then } |f(x) - \ell_1| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad (1)$$

similarly

$$\text{if } 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta_2 \text{ then } |g(x) - \ell_2| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad (2)$$

Now choose $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$ and $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta$ then

$$\begin{aligned} |(f + g)(x) - (\ell_1 + \ell_2)| &= |f(x) + g(x) - (\ell_1 + \ell_2)| \\ &= |(f(x) - \ell_1) + (g(x) - \ell_2)| \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\leq |(f(x) - l_1)| + |(g(x) - l_2)| \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \text{[using equation (1) and (2)]} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |(f + g)(x) - (l_1 + l_2)| < \varepsilon$$

Thus for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exist a numbers $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\text{if } 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta \text{ then } |(f + g)(x) - (l_1 + l_2)| < \varepsilon$$

Hence

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (f + g)(x) = l_1 + l_2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x).$$

(II) Difference of Limits

Proof of this part is similar to (I) therefore left as an exercise to the reader.

(III) Multiplication of Limits

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = l_1$ exist then by the definition of limit for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exist a numbers $\delta_1 > 0$ such that

$$\text{if } 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta_1 \text{ then } |f(x) - l_1| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2l_2} \quad (1)$$

By the boundedness property there exists a number $\delta_2 > 0$ such that

$$|g(x)| \leq l_2 \quad \text{for all } x \in V_{\delta_2}(x_0) \quad (2)$$

Furthermore there exists a numbers $\delta_3 > 0$ such that

$$\text{if } 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta_3 \text{ then } |g(x) - l_2| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2|l_1|} \quad (1)$$

Now choose $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3\}$ and $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta$ then

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$$\begin{aligned} |(f.g)(x) - (l_1.l_2)| &= |f(x).g(x) - l_1g(x) + l_1g(x) - (l_1.l_2)| \\ &= |g(x)(f(x) - l_1) + l_1(g(x) - l_2)| \\ &\leq |g(x)(f(x) - l_1)| + |l_1(g(x) - l_2)| \\ &\leq |g(x)||f(x) - l_1| + |l_1||g(x) - l_2| \\ &< l_2 \frac{\varepsilon}{2l_2} + |l_1| \frac{\varepsilon}{2|l_1|} \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Thus for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exist a numbers $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\text{if } 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta \text{ then } |(f.g)(x) - (l_1.l_2)| < \varepsilon$$

Hence

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (f.g)(x) = l_1.l_2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x). \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x).$$

(IV) Reciprocal of Limits

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = l_2$ exist then by the definition of limit for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exist a number $\delta_2 > 0$ such that

$$\text{if } 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta_2 \text{ then } |g(x) - l_2| < \varepsilon \quad (1)$$

Now choose $\varepsilon = \frac{|l_2|}{2}$ then from equation (1) we have

$$|g(x) - l_2| < \frac{|l_2|}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{|l_2|}{2} < |g(x)| < \frac{3|l_2|}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |g(x)| > \frac{|l_2|}{2}$$

Also there exist a number $\delta_3 > 0$ such that

$$\text{if } 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta_3 \text{ then } |g(x) - l_2| < \frac{\varepsilon |l_2|^2}{2} \quad (2)$$

Now choose $\delta = \min\{\delta_2, \delta_3\}$ and $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta$ then

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$$\begin{aligned}\left|\left(\frac{1}{g}\right)(x) - \frac{1}{\ell_2}\right| &= \left|\left(\frac{1}{g(x)}\right) - \frac{1}{\ell_2}\right| \\ &= \left|\frac{\ell_2 - g(x)}{g(x)\ell_2}\right| \\ &\leq \frac{|g(x) - \ell_2|}{|\ell_2 \cdot g(x)|} \\ &\leq \frac{|g(x) - \ell_2|}{|\ell_2 \cdot g(x)|} \\ &\leq \frac{2}{|\ell_2|^2} |g(x) - \ell_2| \\ &< \frac{2}{|\ell_2|^2} \cdot \frac{\varepsilon \cdot |\ell_2|^2}{2} = \varepsilon\end{aligned}$$

Thus for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exist a number $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\text{if } 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta \text{ then } \left|\left(\frac{1}{g}\right)(x) - \frac{1}{\ell_2}\right| < \varepsilon$$

Hence

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \left(\frac{1}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{\ell_2} = \frac{1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x)}.$$

(V) Reciprocal of Limits

Proof of this part is application of part (III) and part (IV).

(IV) Constant Multiple of Limit

If $a = 0$ then this case is trivially true as both sides becomes zero.

If $a \neq 0$, then by the definition of limit for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exist a number $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\text{if } 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta \text{ then } |f(x) - \ell_1| < \frac{\varepsilon}{|a|} \text{ where } a \neq 0 \quad (1)$$

Now if $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta$ then

$$\begin{aligned}|(a.f)(x) - a.\ell_1| &= |a(f(x) - \ell_1)| \\ &= |a(f(x) - \ell_1)|\end{aligned}$$

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$$= |a|(f(x) - \ell_1)|$$

$$< |a| \frac{\varepsilon}{|a|} = \varepsilon$$

Thus for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exist a number $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\text{if } 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta \text{ then } |(a.f)(x) - a.\ell_1| < \varepsilon$$

Hence

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (a.f)(x) = a.\ell_1 = a. \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x).$$

Example 1: Determine the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^3 - 5), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Solution: We have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^3 - 5) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^3) - \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (5) && \text{[using the theorem of limits]} \\ &= (2^3) - 5 \\ &= 8 - 5 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^3 - 5) = 3, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$

Example 2: Determine the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x+2)(3x-1), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Solution: We have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x+2)(3x-2) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x+2) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (3x-2) && \text{[using the theorem of limits]} \\ &= (1+2)(3-2) \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x+2)(3x-1) = 3, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$

Example 3: Determine the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{1}{(x+1)} - \frac{1}{2x} \right), \quad x > 0.$$

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Solution: We have

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{1}{(x+1)} - \frac{1}{2x} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{1}{(x+1)} \right) - \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{1}{2x} \right) \quad [\text{using the theorem of limits}] \\ &= \frac{1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x+1)} - \frac{1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (2x)} \quad [\text{using the theorem of limits}] \\ &= \frac{1}{(2+1)} - \frac{1}{2 \times 2} = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \\ &= \frac{1}{12}\end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{1}{(x+1)} - \frac{1}{2x} \right) = \frac{1}{12}$, $x > 0$.

Alternative Method:

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{1}{(x+1)} - \frac{1}{2x} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{2x - (x+1)}{(x+1)2x} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{x-1}{(x+1)2x} \right) \quad [\text{using the theorem of limits}] \\ &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x-1)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x+1)2x} \quad [\text{using the theorem of limits}] \\ &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x-1)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x+1) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (2x)} \quad [\text{using the theorem of limits}] \\ &= \frac{(2-1)}{(2+1)(2 \times 2)} = \frac{1}{12}\end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{1}{(x+1)} - \frac{1}{2x} \right) = \frac{1}{12}$, $x > 0$.

Example 4: Determine the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{x^2 + 3}{x^2 - 3} \right), \quad x > 0.$$

Solution: We have

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{x^2 + 3}{x^2 - 3} \right) = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^2 + 3)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^2 - 3)} \quad \text{[using the theorem of limits]}$$

$$= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^2) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (3)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^2) - \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (3)} \quad \text{[using the theorem of limits]}$$

$$= \frac{1 + 3}{1 - 3}$$
$$= \frac{4}{-2} = -2$$

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{x^2 + 3}{x^2 - 3} \right) = -2, x > 0.$

Example 5: Determine the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x-1}{x^2-2} \right).$$

Solution: We have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x-1}{x^2-2} \right) = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x-1)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x^2-2)} \quad \text{[using the theorem of limits]}$$

$$= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x^2) - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (2)} \quad \text{[using the theorem of limits]}$$

$$= \frac{0-1}{0-2}$$
$$= \frac{-1}{-2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x-1}{x^2-2} \right) = \frac{1}{2}.$

Example 6: Determine the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \sqrt{\frac{4x+1}{x+2}}.$$

Solution: We have

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \sqrt{\frac{4x+1}{x+2}} = \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{4x+1}{x+2} \right)} \quad \text{[using the theorem of limits]}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (4x+1)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x+2)}} \quad \text{[using the theorem of limits]}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (4x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (1)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (2)}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{(4 \cdot 2 + 1)}{(2 + 2)}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{9}{4}} = \frac{3}{2}$$

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \sqrt{\frac{4x+1}{x+2}} = \frac{3}{2}$.

Example 7: Determine the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left(\frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} \right).$$

Solution: Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x - 3) = 0$ therefore we cannot apply the limit theorems directly. Thus, we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left(\frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left(\frac{x^2 - 3^2}{x - 3} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left(\frac{(x - 3)(x + 3)}{(x - 3)} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x + 3)$$

$$= (3 + 3) = 6$$

[using the theorem of limits]

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left(\frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} \right) = 6$.

Example 8: Determine the limit

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x}-1}{x-1} \right).$$

Solution: Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x-1) = 0$ therefore we cannot apply the limit theorems directly. Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x}-1}{x-1} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{(\sqrt{x}-1) \cdot (\sqrt{x}+1)}{(x-1) \cdot (\sqrt{x}+1)} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{(x-1) \cdot 1}{(x-1) \cdot (\sqrt{x}+1)} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{x}+1)} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (\sqrt{x}+1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(1+1)} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{[using the theorem of limits]} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x}-1}{x-1} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$.

Example 9: Determine the limit

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

Solution: Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x) = 0$ therefore we cannot apply the limit theorems directly. Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{(x+1)^2 - 1}{x} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{(x^2 + 2x + 1) - 1}{x} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x(x+2)}{x} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x+2) \\ &= (0+2) \quad \text{[using the theorem of limits]} \end{aligned}$$

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$$=2$$

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{(x+1)^2 - 1}{x} \right) = 2.$

Example 10: Determine the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+2x} - \sqrt{1+3x}}{x+2x^2} \right).$$

Solution: Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x+2x^2) = 0$ therefore we cannot apply the limit theorems directly. Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+2x} - \sqrt{1+3x}}{x+2x^2} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{(\sqrt{1+2x} - \sqrt{1+3x}) (\sqrt{1+2x} + \sqrt{1+3x})}{x+2x^2 (\sqrt{1+2x} + \sqrt{1+3x})} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{((1+2x) - (1+3x))}{(x+2x^2)} \cdot \frac{1}{(\sqrt{1+2x} + \sqrt{1+3x})} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{-x}{x(1+2x)} \cdot \frac{1}{(\sqrt{1+2x} + \sqrt{1+3x})} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{-1}{(1+2x)} \cdot \frac{1}{(\sqrt{1+2x} + \sqrt{1+3x})} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{-1}{(1+2x)} \right) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{1+2x} + \sqrt{1+3x})} \right) \\ &= \frac{-1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+2x)} \cdot \frac{1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\sqrt{1+2x} + \sqrt{1+3x})} \\ &= \frac{-1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+2x)} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{1+2x} + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{1+3x} \right)} \\ &= \frac{-1}{(1+2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x)} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+2x)} + \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+3x)} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{-1}{(1+0)} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt{(1+0)} + \sqrt{(1+0)}\right)} \\ &= -1 \cdot \frac{1}{(1+1)} \\ &= -1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+2x} - \sqrt{1+3x}}{x+2x^2} \right) = \frac{-1}{2}$.

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Theorem 3: If $f(x)$ is a polynomial function, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0).$$

Proof: Let $f(x)$ be a polynomial function of degree n in x on \mathbb{R} such that

$$f(x) = a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + a_2x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}x + a_n \quad (a_0 \neq 0) \quad (1)$$

thus $f(x_0) = a_0x_0^n + a_1x_0^{n-1} + a_2x_0^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}x_0 + a_n \quad (a_0 \neq 0) \quad (2)$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + a_2x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}x + a_n), \quad (a_0 \neq 0) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (a_0x^n) + \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (a_1x^{n-1}) + \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (a_2x^{n-2}) + \dots + \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (a_{n-1}x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (a_n) \\ &= a_0 \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (x^n) + a_1 \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (x^{n-1}) + a_2 \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (x^{n-2}) + \dots + a_{n-1} \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (a_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = a_0x_0^n + a_1x_0^{n-1} + a_2x_0^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}x_0 + a_n \quad (3)$$

Using equation (2) and (3) we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$$

Hence for a polynomial $f(x)$ of degree n

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0).$$

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Theorem 4: If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are polynomial function on \mathbb{R} and if $g(x_0) \neq 0$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{f(x_0)}{g(x_0)}.$$

Proof: Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are two polynomial functions on \mathbb{R} of degrees n and m respectively such that

$$f(x) = a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + a_2x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}x + a_n \quad (a_0 \neq 0)$$

and $g(x) = b_0x^m + b_1x^{m-1} + b_2x^{m-2} + \dots + b_{m-1}x + b_m \quad (b_0 \neq 0)$

Then

$$f(x_0) = a_0x_0^n + a_1x_0^{n-1} + a_2x_0^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}x_0 + a_n \quad (a_0 \neq 0) \quad (1)$$

and $g(x_0) = b_0x_0^m + b_1x_0^{m-1} + b_2x_0^{m-2} + \dots + b_{m-1}x_0 + b_m \quad (b_0 \neq 0) \quad (2)$

Since $g(x)$ is a polynomial function of degree m , then by the theorem in algebra there are at most m distinct numbers $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \dots, \beta_m$ exist such that

$$g(\beta_1) = g(\beta_2) = g(\beta_3) = \dots = g(\beta_m) = 0$$

Now, for any $x \notin (\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \dots, \beta_m)$ and $g(x) \neq 0$

Hence if $x \notin (\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \dots, \beta_m)$ we can define

$$r(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \quad (3)$$

Given that $g(x_0) \neq 0$ this implies that

$$x_0 \notin (\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \dots, \beta_m)$$

Thus applying the theorem 3 on equation (3), we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} r(x) = r(x_0)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x)} \\ &= \frac{f(x_0)}{g(x_0)} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{f(x_0)}{g(x_0)}$.

Value Addition: Note

Let X be a non-empty subset of \mathbb{R} and let $f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, f_n$ are functions defined on X on \mathbb{R} such that $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f_k(x)$ for $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ exists such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f_k(x) = \ell_k \text{ for } k = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (f_1(x) + f_2(x) + \dots + f_n(x)) = \ell_1 + \ell_2 + \dots + \ell_n$$

And $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (f_1(x) \cdot f_2(x) \cdot \dots \cdot f_n(x)) = \ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 \cdot \dots \cdot \ell_n$

In particular, if $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \ell$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [f(x)]^n = \ell^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Theorem 5: Let X be a non-empty subset of \mathbb{R} and let $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. If $a \leq f(x) \leq b$ for all $x \in X, x \neq x_0$ and if $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$ exists. Then $a \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) \leq b$.

Proof: Let $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$ exists and let

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \ell \tag{1}$$

Then by the sequential criteria it follows that if $\langle x_n \rangle$ is any sequence of real numbers such that $x_0 \neq x_n \in X$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and if the sequence $\langle x_n \rangle$ converges to x_0 , then the sequence $f(x_n)$ converges to ℓ .

Since

$$a \leq f(x_n) \leq b \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Then using the theorem that if $\langle x_n \rangle$ is a convergent sequence and if $a \leq x_n \leq b$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $a \leq \lim(x_n) \leq b$.

$$\Rightarrow a \leq \lim f(x_n) \leq b$$

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or we can say that

$$a \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) \leq b.$$

Hence Proved.

Value Addition: Sequential Criterion:

Let $f: X \rightarrow R$ then the statement $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \ell$ is equivalent to the statement that for every sequence $\langle x_n \rangle$ in X that converges to x_0 such that $x_n \neq x_0$ for all $n \in N$, the sequence $f(x_n)$ converges to ℓ .

Theorem 6 (Squeeze Theorem): Let X be a non-empty subset of R and $f(x)$, $g(x)$ and $h(x)$ are three functions defined on X , such that $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$ for all $x \in X$.

And if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \ell = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} h(x)$$

Then,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = \ell.$$

Proof: Given that

$$f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x) \text{ for all } x \in X \quad (1)$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \ell \quad (2)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} h(x) = \ell \quad (3)$$

By the definition of limit, for a given $\varepsilon > 0$ there exist positive numbers δ_1 and δ_2 such that if

$$0 < |x - x_0| < \delta_1$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(x) - \ell| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow -\varepsilon < f(x) - \ell < \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \ell - \varepsilon < f(x) < \ell + \varepsilon \quad (4)$$

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and $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta_2$

$$\Rightarrow |h(x) - \ell| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow -\varepsilon < h(x) - \ell < \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \ell - \varepsilon < h(x) < \ell + \varepsilon \quad (5)$$

Now let $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$

Then if

$$0 < |x - x_0| < \delta$$

Then using equation (1), (4) and (5), we have

$$\ell - \varepsilon < f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x) < \ell + \varepsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \ell - \varepsilon < g(x) < \ell + \varepsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |g(x) - \ell| < \varepsilon$$

Therefore

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = \ell.$$

Theorem 7: Let X be a non-empty subset of \mathbb{R} . Suppose that $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$ in a deleted neighborhood of x_0 and if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \ell = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} h(x)$$

Then,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = \ell.$$

Proof: Let δ is a positive number, then consider

$$S = (x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta)$$

$\Rightarrow S$ is a neighborhood of x_0 .

Given that

$$f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x) \text{ in deleted neighborhood of } x_0$$

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$$\Rightarrow f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x) \text{ for all } x \in A \text{ and } x \neq x_0$$

Now to show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = \ell$$

We have to show that if x_n is any sequence which converges to x_0 , then $g(x_n)$ is a sequence which converges to ℓ .

Let $\langle x_n \rangle$ is a sequence such that

$$x_n \rightarrow x_0 \text{ and } x_n \neq x_0 \text{ for all } n$$

Then

$$f(x_n) \rightarrow \ell$$

and $h(x_n) \rightarrow \ell$

Since

$$f(x_n) \leq g(x_n) \leq h(x_n) \text{ for all } n.$$

Thus, applying the squeeze theorem for sequence we conclude that

$$g(x_n) \rightarrow \ell$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = \ell.$$

Example 11: Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} x^{3/2} = 0, (x > 0).$

Solution: Let $f(x) = x^{3/2}$ for $x > 0$

Now we know that the inequality

$$x \leq x^{1/2} \leq 1 \text{ holds for } 0 < x \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \leq x^{3/2} \leq x \text{ for } 0 < x \leq 1$$

Since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 = 0$$

and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x = 0$

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Thus applying the squeeze theorem on equation (1), we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^{3/2} = 0.$$

Example 12: Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin x = 0$.

Solution: We know that

$$-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1 \quad \text{for all } x \geq 0$$

on integrating both sides w.r.t. x , between the limits 0 and x .

$$\Rightarrow -\int_0^x dx \leq \int_0^x \cos dx \leq \int_0^x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow -x \leq \sin x \leq x \quad \text{for all } x \geq 0$$

since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (-x) = -\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x) = 0$$

and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x) = 0$

thus applying the squeeze theorem we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\sin x) = 0.$$

Example 13: Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos x = 1$.

Solution: We know that

$$-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1 \quad \text{for all } x \geq 0$$

on integrating both sides w.r.t. x , between the limits 0 and x .

$$\Rightarrow -\int_0^x dx \leq \int_0^x \cos dx \leq \int_0^x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow -x \leq \sin x \leq x \quad \text{for all } x \geq 0$$

on again integrating both sides w.r.t. x , between the limits 0 and x .

$$-\int_0^x x dx \leq \int_0^x \sin dx \leq \int_0^x x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{x^2}{2} \leq [-\cos x]_0^x \leq \frac{x^2}{2}$$

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$$\Rightarrow -\frac{x^2}{2} \leq -\cos x + 1 \leq \frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 - \frac{x^2}{2} \leq -\cos x \leq -1 + \frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} \geq \cos x \geq 1 - \frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} \leq \cos x \leq 1 + \frac{x^2}{2}$$

Since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2}\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x^2) = 1 - 0 = 1$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{2}\right) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x^2) = 1 + 0 = 1$$

thus applying the squeeze theorem we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\cos x) = 1.$$

Example 14: Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right) = 1$.

Solution: We know that

$$-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1 \quad \text{for all } x \geq 0 \tag{1}$$

on integrating both sides w.r.t. x , between the limits 0 and x .

$$\Rightarrow -\int_0^x dx \leq \int_0^x \cos dx \leq \int_0^x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow -x \leq \sin x \leq x \quad \text{for all } x \geq 0$$

on again integrating both sides w.r.t. x , between the limits 0 and x .

$$-\int_0^x x dx \leq \int_0^x \sin dx \leq \int_0^x x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{x^2}{2} \leq -\cos x + 1 \leq \frac{x^2}{2}$$

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$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} \leq \cos x \leq 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} \quad (2)$$

using equation (1) and (2), we have

$$1 - \frac{x^2}{2} \leq \cos x \leq 1 \quad (3)$$

On integrating equation (3) w.r.t. x , between the limits 0 and x , we have

$$x - \frac{x^3}{6} \leq \sin x \leq x \quad \text{for all } x \geq 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\text{and } x \leq \sin x \leq x - \frac{x^3}{6} \quad \text{for all } x < 0 \quad (5)$$

Thus from (4) and (5) we conclude that

$$1 - \frac{x^2}{6} \leq \frac{\sin x}{x} \leq 1 \quad \text{for all } x \neq 0$$

Since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{6}\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{6} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x^2) = 1 - 0 = 1$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1) = 1$$

thus applying the squeeze theorem we conclude that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right) = 1.$$

Example 15: Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\cos x - 1}{x}\right) = 0.$

Solution: We know that

$$-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1 \quad \text{for all } x \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 \leq \cos x - 1 \leq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \geq 0 \quad (2)$$

on integrating both sides of inequality (1) w.r.t. x , between the limits 0 and x .

$$\Rightarrow -\int_0^x dx \leq \int_0^x \cos dx \leq \int_0^x dx$$

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$$\Rightarrow -x \leq \sin x \leq x \text{ for all } x \geq 0$$

on again integrating both sides w.r.t. x , between the limits 0 and x .

$$-\int_0^x x dx \leq \int_0^x \sin dx \leq \int_0^x x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{x^2}{2} \leq -\cos x + 1 \leq \frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{2} \geq \cos x - 1 \geq -\frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{x^2}{2} \leq \cos x - 1 \leq \frac{x^2}{2} \quad (3)$$

Using equation (2) and (3), we have

$$-\frac{x^2}{2} \leq \cos x - 1 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{x}{2} \leq \frac{\cos x - 1}{x} \leq 0 \text{ for all } x > 0$$

and $-\frac{x}{2} \geq \frac{\cos x - 1}{x} \geq 0 \text{ for all } x < 0$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq \frac{\cos x - 1}{x} \leq -\frac{x}{2} \text{ for all } x < 0$$

Now let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{x}{2} & \text{for } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

and $h(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x \geq 0 \\ -\frac{x}{2} & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases}$

Then, we have

$$f(x) \leq \frac{\cos x - 1}{x} \leq h(x) \text{ for all } x \neq 0$$

Since

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$$

and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} h(x) = 0$

Thus, using the squeeze theorem, we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\cos x - 1}{x} \right) = 0.$$

Example 16: Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(x \cos \frac{1}{x} \right) = 0$.

Solution: We know that

$$|\cos z| \leq 1 \quad \text{for all } z \in \mathbb{R}$$

Let $z = \frac{1}{x}$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \cos \frac{1}{x} \right| \leq 1 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |x| \left| \cos \frac{1}{x} \right| \leq |x| \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| x \cos \frac{1}{x} \right| \leq |x| \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -|x| \leq x \cos \frac{1}{x} \leq |x| \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 0$$

Since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} |x| = 0$$

Thus, using the squeeze theorem, we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(x \cos \frac{1}{x} \right) = 0.$$

Example 16: Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{\sin 5x}$.

Solution: We have

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$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{\sin 5x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin 3x}{x} \cdot \frac{x}{\sin 5x} \right) \\ \Rightarrow &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{3 \sin 3x}{3x} \cdot \frac{5x}{5 \sin 5x} \right) \\ \Rightarrow &= \frac{3}{5} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin 3x}{3x} \cdot \frac{5x}{\sin 5x} \right) \\ \Rightarrow &= \frac{3}{5} \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin 3x}{3x} \right) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{5x}{\sin 5x} \right) \right] \\ \Rightarrow &= \frac{3}{5} \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin 3x}{3x} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{5x}} \right) \right] \\ \Rightarrow &= \frac{3}{5} (1) \cdot (1) = \frac{3}{5}\end{aligned}$$

Hence

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

Example 17: Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{x}}$.

Solution: We have

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{x}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{x}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\sqrt{x} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{x} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\sqrt{x}) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x} \right) \\ &= 0 \times 1 = 0\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{x}} = 0.$$

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Theorem 8: Let X be a non-empty subset of \mathbb{R} . If $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) > 0$ (or $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) < 0$), then there exists a neighborhood $V_\delta(x_0)$ of x_0 such that $f(x) > 0$ (or $f(x) < 0$) for all $x \in X \cap V_\delta(x_0)$, $x \neq x_0$.

Proof: Let

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \ell$$

and suppose that $\ell > 0$

now take $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}\ell > 0$

then there exists a number $\delta > 0$ such that

if $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta$ and $x \in X$

then $|f(x) - \ell| < \frac{1}{2}\ell$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}\ell < f(x) - \ell < \frac{1}{2}\ell$$

$$\Rightarrow \ell - \frac{1}{2}\ell < f(x) < \ell + \frac{1}{2}\ell$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\ell < f(x) < \frac{3}{2}\ell$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < \frac{1}{2}\ell < f(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) > 0$$

Thus, if $x \in X \cap V_\delta(x_0)$, $x \neq x_0$, then

$$f(x) > \frac{1}{2}\ell > 0$$

Similarly, it can be proved that if $\ell < 0$ then $f(x) < 0$.

Exercise:

1. Apply algebra of limits to determine the following limits

$$(I) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [(x^2 + 3) + \sqrt{x + 7}]$$

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$$(II) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} [(x-1)(3x-4)]$$

$$(III) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + 5}{x^2 - 5} \quad (x > 0)$$

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

$$(V) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \sqrt{\frac{2x+2}{x+3}}, \quad x > 0$$

2. Evaluate the following limits and state which theorem is used

$$(I) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x + 2}$$

$$(II) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{2}}{x + 2}$$

$$(III) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x+1)^2 - 4x}{x - 1}$$

$$(IV) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 6} \frac{\sqrt{x-2} - 2}{x - 6}$$

$$(V) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^n - 1}{x^m - 1}, \quad (n > m)$$

$$(VI) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - \sqrt{1+2x}}{x - 2x^2}$$

3. Using the fact that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$, evaluate the following limits

$$(I) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin x$$

$$(II) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\tan x}$$

$$(III) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x}$$

$$(IV) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin \sqrt{x}$$

4. Determine whether the following limits exists in R.

$$(I) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(x \sin \frac{1}{x^2} \right), \quad (x \neq 0)$$

$$(II) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(x \cos \frac{1}{x^2} \right), \quad (x \neq 0)$$

$$(III) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\sqrt{x} \sin \frac{1}{x^2} \right), \quad (x > 0)$$

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$$(IV) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\cos \frac{1}{x^2} \right), \quad (x \neq 0)$$

5. Let X be a non-empty subset of \mathbb{R} and let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are two functions defined on X .

(I) Show that if both $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f + g)(x)$ exist then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$ exist.

(II) If both $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f \cdot g)(x)$ exist, does it follow that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$ exist.

6. Let X be a non-empty subset of \mathbb{R} . If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ exists and if $|f(x)|$ denotes the function defined for $x \in X$ by $|f|(x) = |f(x)|$. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} |f(x)| = \left| \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right|$.

Summary:

In this lesson we have emphasized on the followings

- Limit at a point.
- Bounded Function
- Sum, Difference, Product and Quotient of Two Functions
- Algebraic Operations on Limits
- Limit Theorems for Functions

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