

1.6 Videos Guide

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- Limit laws

- Suppose that c is a constant and the limits $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$ exist. Then

- $\blacksquare \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$ (Sum/Difference Laws)

- $\blacksquare \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [cf(x)] = c \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ (Constant Multiple Law)

- $\blacksquare \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$ (Product Law)

- $\blacksquare \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)}$ if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \neq 0$ (Quotient Law)

- $\blacksquare \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^n = \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right]^n$ (Power Law)

- $\blacksquare \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \sqrt[n]{f(x)} = \sqrt[n]{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}$ (Root Law)

[If n is even, we assume that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) > 0$.]

- $\blacksquare \lim_{x \rightarrow a} c = c$ (Limit of a Constant)

- $\blacksquare \lim_{x \rightarrow a} x = a$ (Identity Limit)

Exercise:

- Evaluate the limit and justify each step by indicating the appropriate Limit Law(s).

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x^4 - 3x)(x^2 + 5x + 3)$$

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Exercises:

- Evaluate the limit, if it exists.

- $\circ \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{2x^2+3x+1}{x^2-2x-3}$

- $\circ \lim_{u \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{4u+1}-3}{u-2}$

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- $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{t} - \frac{1}{t^2+t} \right)$
- Find the limit, if it exists. If the limit does not exist, explain why.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -6} \frac{2x+12}{|x+6|}$$

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Theorem (statement):

- The Squeeze Theorem: If $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$ on some interval containing a (except possibly at a) and if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = L$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L$.

Exercise:

- Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}$.