

It is denoted by

We write $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$,

which is read "the limit of f of x as x approaches c equals L ".

Defn: Existence of a limit

The limit of a function

$f(x)$ exists if and only if the one sided limits of the function are equal.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ if and only if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = L$$

Defn: Continuity:

A function is continuous at c when the following three conditions are hold:

1. $f(c)$ is defined
2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ exists
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$.

Ex: Limit
Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(x+1)}{(x-1)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x+1)$$

$$= 1+1$$

$$= 2.$$

4.1A Defn:

If $f(x)$ approaches L (where $L \in \mathbb{R}$) as x approaches 'a', if given $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|f(x) - L| < \epsilon \quad [0 < |x - a| < \delta]$$

It is denoted by,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$$

(or) $f(x) \rightarrow L$ as $x \rightarrow a$.

Ex: 10 prove that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x^2 + 2x) = 15.$$

Soln: Given, here $f(x) = x^2 + 2x$
and $L = 15$, $a = 3$.

Given $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$,

such that,

$$|f(x) - L| < \epsilon \quad [0 < |x - a| < \delta]$$

(i.e.) $|x^2 + 2x - 15| < \epsilon \quad [0 < |x - 3| < \delta]$.

Q9. Show that $\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ does not approach a limit as $x \rightarrow 0$.

4.1C Theorem:

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ and

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = M$, then

$f(x) + g(x)$ has a limit as $x \rightarrow a$
and, in fact,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] = L + M.$$

Proof: Given $\epsilon > 0$, then

We must find that $\delta > 0$

Such that,

$$| [f(x) + g(x)] - (L + M) | < \epsilon,$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 < |x-a| < \delta \\ 0 < |x-a| < \delta \end{array} \right.$$

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$,

there exists $\delta_1 > 0$ such that

$$|f(x) - L| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad [0 < |x-a| < \delta_1]$$

Similarly, there exists $\delta_2 > 0$

such that,

$$|g(x) - M| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad [0 < |x-a| < \delta_2]$$

Thus, if $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$ and

if $0 < |x-a| < \delta$, then

$$|f(x) - L| < \frac{\epsilon}{2},$$

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

and so we have

$$\begin{aligned} | [f(x) + g(x)] - [L + M] | &= | [f(x) - L] + [g(x) - M] | \\ &\leq |f(x) - L| + |g(x) - M| \end{aligned}$$

$$[\because |x+y| \leq |x| + |y|]$$

$$\therefore | [f(x) + g(x)] - [L + M] | \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$$

$$\therefore | [f(x) + g(x)] - [L + M] | < \epsilon$$

Thus equation (1) holds

for $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$.

Hence the proof is completed.

4.1.9 Theorem:

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ and

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = M$, then

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) - g(x)] = L - M,$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x) = L \cdot M,$$

and if $M \neq 0$,

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{L}{M}.$$

Proof:

(a) Given $\epsilon > 0$, then we

must find that $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|f(x) - g(x) - [L - M]| < \epsilon$$

$$[0 < |x - a| < \delta]$$

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$, there

exists $\delta_1 > 0$ such that

$$|f(x) - L| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad [0 < |x - a| < \delta_1]$$

Similarly, there exists $\delta_2 > 0$

such that,

$$|g(x) - M| < \epsilon \quad [0 < |x - a| < \delta_2]$$

Thus, if $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$ and

if $0 < |x - a| < \delta$, then

$$|f(x) - L| < \frac{\epsilon}{2},$$

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

and so we have,

$$|f(x) - g(x) - [L - M]|$$

$$= |f(x) - L - [g(x) - M]|$$

$$\leq |f(x) - L| + |g(x) - M|$$

$$< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon \quad [\text{by } \textcircled{1} \& \textcircled{2}]$$

$$< \epsilon$$

$$\therefore |f(x) - g(x) - [L - M]| < \epsilon$$

Thus equation (1) holds for $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$.

Hence the proof is complete.

(b) Proof:

Given $\epsilon > 0$, and Assume

$$\text{that } |(fg)(x) - LM| = |f(x)g(x) - Mf(x)|$$

$$= |f(x)[g(x) - M] + M[f(x) - L]|$$

$$\leq |f(x)||g(x) - M|$$

$$+ |M||f(x) - L|$$

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$,

\rightarrow (1)

Therefore, we can choose

$\delta_1 > 0$ such that

$$|f(x) - L| < 1 \quad [0 < |x - a| < \delta_1]$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(x)| \leq |f(x) - L| + |L|$$

$$\leq |f(x) - L| + |L|$$

$$|f(x)| \leq |L| + 1 \quad [0 < |x - a| < \delta_1]$$

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = M$, then we

\rightarrow (2)

can choose $\delta_2 > 0$ such that

$$|g(x) - M| < \frac{\epsilon}{2(1 + |L|)} \quad [0 < |x - a| < \delta_2]$$

\rightarrow (3)

Also, since $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$,

then we can choose $\delta_3 > 0$

such that,

$$|f(x) - L| < \frac{\epsilon}{2(1+M)} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$[0 < |x-a| < \delta_3]$$

Q1 $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3\}$,

Then from (1), (2), (3) and (4) we have,

$$|f(x) - L| \leq (1+|L|) \frac{\epsilon}{2(1+|L|)} + |M| \frac{\epsilon}{2|M|}$$

$$< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$$\therefore |f(x) - L| < \epsilon \quad [0 < |x-a| < \delta]$$

Hence $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (fg)(x) = L$

(c) Proof:

$$\text{Let } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left\{ f(x) \cdot \frac{1}{g(x)} \right\}$$

Since $M \neq 0$, then by our known theorem of $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = M$,

$$\text{and } M \neq 0 \text{ then } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{1}{g(x)} = \frac{1}{M}$$

We have,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{1}{g(x)} \text{ exists and equals } \frac{1}{M}.$$

Again, since $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{1}{g(x)} = \frac{1}{M}.$$

By our known Theorem

" let f and g be defined on 'a'. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$,

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = M$, then

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (fg)(x) = L \cdot M$ "

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \cdot \frac{1}{g(x)} = L \cdot \frac{1}{M}$

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{L}{M}$

Hence the proof.

4.1E Defn:

let $f(x)$ approaches L as

x approaches infinity if given

$\epsilon > 0$ there exists $M \in \mathbb{R}$

such that,

$$|f(x) - L| < \epsilon \quad (x > M)$$

Simply it is written by,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L, \quad (or)$$

$$f(x) \rightarrow L \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty.$$

Ex: To prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) = 0$.

Soln: Given $\epsilon > 0$, we must find $M \in \mathbb{R}$ such that,

$$\left| \frac{1}{x^2} - 0 \right| < \epsilon \quad [x > M] \implies \textcircled{D}$$

Since \textcircled{D} is equivalent to

$$\frac{1}{x} < \sqrt{\epsilon} \quad (x > M)$$

it is clear that \textcircled{D} will hold if to take $M = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon}}$.