

## 2.1 Average Rates of change and secant lines

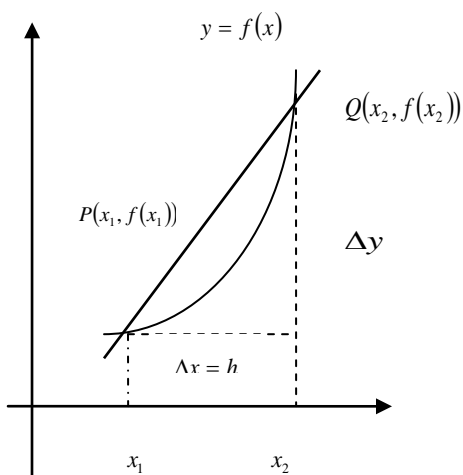
Given an arbitrary function  $y = f(x)$ , we calculate the average rate of change of  $y$  with respect to  $x$  over the interval  $[x_1, x_2]$  by dividing the change in the value of  $y$ ,  $\Delta y = f(x_2) - f(x_1)$ , by the length  $\Delta x = x_2 - x_1 = h$  of the interval over which the change occurs (where  $h$  is  $\Delta x$ ).

### Definition

The Average rate of change of  $y = f(x)$  with respect to  $x$  over the interval  $[x_1, x_2]$  is

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{f(x_1 + h) - f(x_1)}{h}, \quad h \neq 0$$

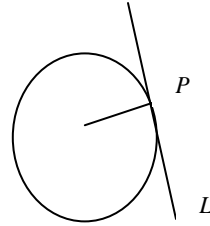
Geometrically, the rate of change of  $f$  over  $[x_1, x_2]$  is the slope of the line through the points  $P(x_1, f(x_1))$  and  $Q(x_2, f(x_2))$ , a line joining two points of a curve is a secant to the curve. The average rate of change of  $f$  from  $x_1$  to  $x_2$  is identical with the slope of secant PQ.



## 2.2 Defining the slope of curve

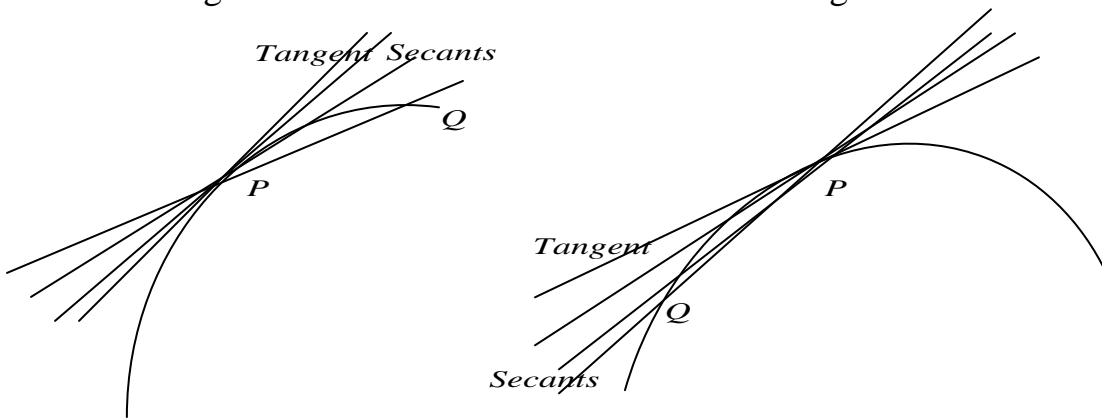
If there is a tangent line to the curve at  $p$ - a line that just touches the curve like the tangent to a circle- it would be reasonable to identify the slope of the tangent as the slope of the curve at  $P$ .

For circles, A line  $L$  is tangent to a circle at a point  $P$  if  $L$  passes through  $P$  perpendicular to the radius  $r$  at  $P$ .



To define tangency for general curves, we need an approach that takes into account the behavior of the secants through  $P$  and nearby points  $Q$  as  $Q$  moves toward  $P$  along the curve.

1. Start with what we can calculate, namely the slope of the secant  $PQ$ .
2. Investigate the limiting value of the secant slope as  $Q$  approaches  $P$  along the curve.
3. If the limit exists, take it to be the slope of the curve at  $P$  and define the tangent to the curve at  $P$  to be the line through  $P$  with this slope.



### Example 1 :

Find the speed of the falling rock from the top of a tall cliff at  $t=1$  and  $t=2$  sec, where  $y= 4.9 t^2$  .

**Solution :**

We calculate the average speed of the rock over a time interval  $(t_0, t_0 + h)$ ,

where  $h = \Delta t$

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} = \frac{4.9(t_0 + h)^2 - 4.9(t_0)^2}{h} \quad \text{average speed}$$

We cannot use this formula to calculate speed at  $h=0$ , since  $\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} = \infty$ , we can

use it to calculate average speeds  $\left(\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t}\right)$  for increasing short time

$\Delta t = h = 0.00001$  etc.  $\Delta t \neq 0$  starting at  $t_0 = 1$  and  $t_0 = 2$  show as table below

Interval time (h)	Average speed $\left(\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t}\right)$ starting at $t_0 = 1$	Average speed $\left(\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t}\right)$ starting at $t_0 = 2$
1	14.7	24.5
0.1	10.29	20.09
0.01	9.849	19.649
0.001	9.8049	19.6049
0.0001	9.80049	19.60049
	$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} = 9.8 + 4.9h$	$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} = 19.6 + 4.9h$

**Example 2 :**

Find the slope of the parabola  $y=x^2$  at the point P(2,4). Write an equation for the tangent to the parabola at this point.

**Solution :**

We begin with a secant line through P(2,4) and Q(2+h, (2+h)<sup>2</sup>) nearby.

$$\text{Secant slope} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{(2+h)^2 - (2)^2}{h} = \frac{h^2 + 4h + 4 - 4}{h} = \frac{h^2 + 4h}{h} = h + 4$$

In the curve Q approaches P along the curve, h approaches zero and the secant slope (h+4) approaches 4 .

The tangent to the parabola at P is the line through P with slope 4 .

$$y = 4 + 4(x-2)$$

$$y = 4x - 4$$

### **2.3 Limit of function values**

Suppose  $f(x)$  is defined on an open interval about  $x_0$  , except possibly at  $x_0$  , itself. If  $f(x)$  is arbitrarily close to  $L$  (as close to  $L$  as we like) for all  $x$  sufficiently close to  $x_0$  . we say that  $f$  approaches the limit  $L$  as  $x$  approaches  $x_0$  , and write.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L \quad , \quad \text{which is read "the limit of } f(x) \text{ as } x \text{ approaches } x_0 \text{ is } L \text{"}$$

#### **Example 3 :**

How does the function  $f(x) = \frac{(x^2 - 1)}{(x - 1)}$  behaves near  $x=1$ ?

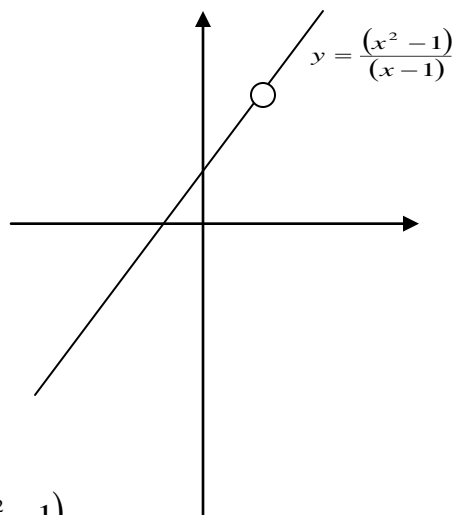
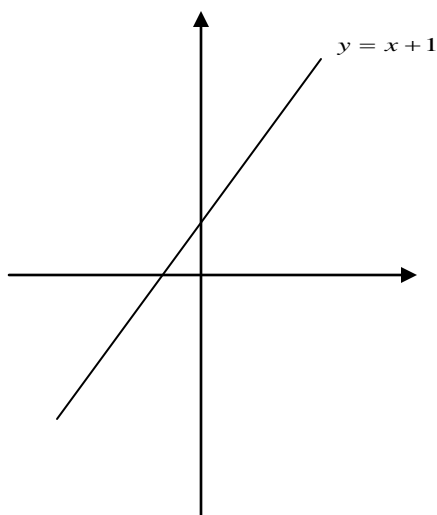
#### **Solution :**

The given formula defines  $f$  for all real numbers  $x$  except  $x=1$  (we cannot divide by zero). For any  $x \neq 1$ , we can simplify the formula by factoring the numerator and canceling common factors :

$$f(x) = \frac{(x^2 - 1)}{(x - 1)} = x + 1 \quad \text{for } x \neq 1$$

The graph of  $f$  is the line  $y = x+1$  with the point  $(1,2)$  removed, This removed point is shown as a "hole" in figure.

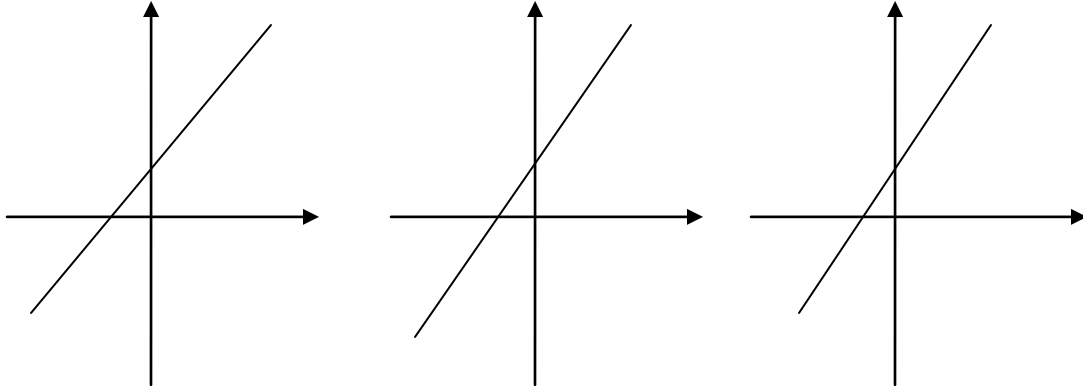
Even  $f(1)$  is not defined, it is clear that we can make the value of  $f(x)$  as close as we want to 2 by choosing  $x$  close enough to 1



The closer  $x$  gets to 1, the closer  $f(x) = \frac{(x^2 - 1)}{(x - 1)}$  seems to get to 2

Value of $x$ below and above 1	$f(x) = \frac{(x^2 - 1)}{(x - 1)} = x + 1$ for $x \neq 1$
0.9	1.9
1.1	2.1
0.99	1.99
1.01	2.01
0.999	1.999
1.001	2.001
0.999999	1.999999
1.000001	2.000001

**Example 4 :** this illustrates that the limit value of a function does not depend on how the function is defined at the point being approached. There are three function as below when  $f$  has limit as  $x \rightarrow 1$  even though  $f$  is not defined at  $x=1$



$$f(x) = \frac{(x^2 - 1)}{(x - 1)}$$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x^2 - 1)}{(x - 1)} & x \neq 1 \\ 1 & x = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$h(x) = x + 1$$

The limits of  $f(x)$ ,  $g(x)$  and  $h(x)$  all equal 2 as  $x$  approaches 1. only  $h(x)$  has the same function value as its limit at  $x=1$ .

### **Example 5 :**

a- if  $f$  is the identity function  $f(x) = x$ , then for any value of  $x_0$

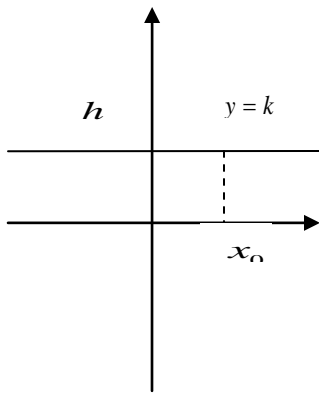
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} x = x_0$$

b- if  $f$  is the constant function  $f(x) = k$  (function with the constant value  $k$ ), then for any value of  $x_0$

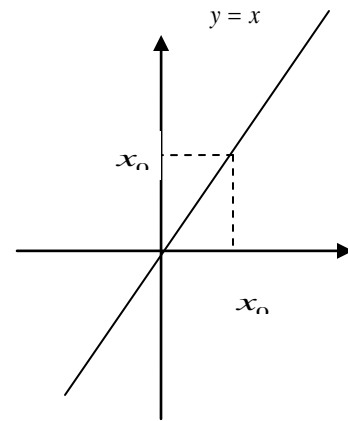
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} k = k$$

For instances of each of these rules we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -7} 4 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 4 = 4$$



Constant function



identity function

**Example 6 :**

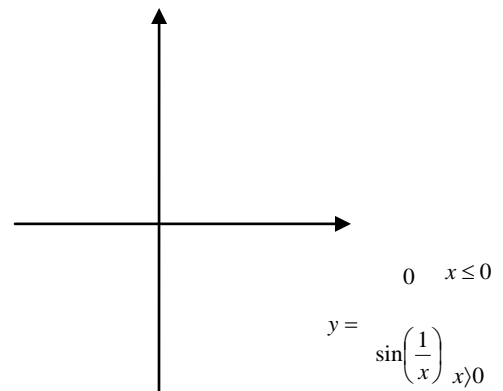
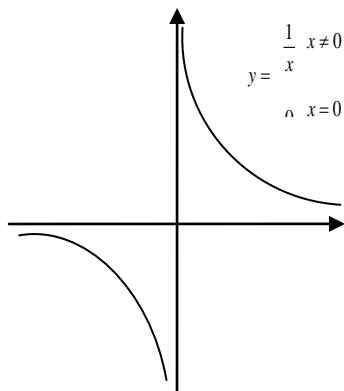
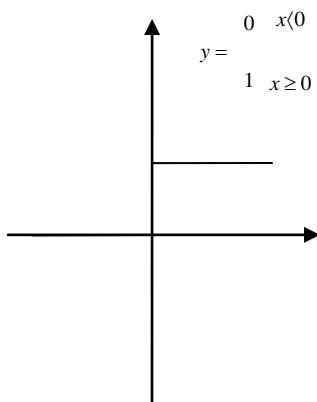
Discuss the behavior of the following functions as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

a-  $U(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$

b-  $g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$

$\begin{cases} 0 & x = 0 \\ 0 & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$

c-  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & x > 0 \end{cases}$



- a- It jumps: the unit step function  $U(x)$  has no limit as  $x \rightarrow 0$  because its values jump at  $x=0$ . for negative values of  $x$  arbitrarily close to zero,  $U(x)=0$ . for positive values of  $x$  arbitrarily close to zero,  $U(x) = 1$ . there is no single value  $L$  approached by  $U(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ , see figure above.
- b- It grows too “ large ” to have a limit :  $g(x)$  has no limit as  $x \rightarrow 0$  because the values of  $g(x)$  grow arbitrarily large in absolute value as  $x \rightarrow 0$  and do not stay close to any fixed real number, see figure above.
- c- It oscillates too much to have a limit:  $f(x)$  has no limit as  $x \rightarrow 0$  because the function’s values oscillate between  $+1$  and  $-1$  in every open interval containing  $0$ . the values do not stay close to any one number as  $x \rightarrow 0$ , see figure above.

## 2.4 The Limit Laws

To calculate limits of functions (when  $x \rightarrow x_0$ ,  $x \rightarrow c$ ,  $x \rightarrow a$ ,  $x_0, c, a$  are constant values) that are arithmetic combinations of functions having known limits, we can use several easy rules.

**Theorem 1** limit Laws if  $L, M, c$  and  $k$  are real numbers and

$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = M$ , then the properties of limits are :

1. Sum Rule :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) + g(x)) = L + M$
2. Difference Rule :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) - g(x)) = L - M$
3. Constant Multiple Rule :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (k \cdot f(x)) = k \cdot L$
4. Product Rule :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) \cdot g(x)) = L \cdot M$
5. Quotient Rule :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left( \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) = \frac{L}{M}$ ,  $M \neq 0$



6. Power Rule :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)]^n = L^n$  , n a positive integer

7. Root Rule :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sqrt[n]{f(x)} = \sqrt[n]{L} = L^{1/n}$  , n a positive integer

( if n is even, we assume that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L > 0$  )

### **Example 7 :**

Use the observations  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} k = k$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x = c$  , and the properties of limits to

find the following limits.

a-  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x^3 + 4x^2 - 3)$     b-  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{(x^4 + x^2 - 1)}{x^2 + 5}$     c-  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \sqrt{(4x^2 - 3)}$

### **Solution :**

a-  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x^3 + 4x^2 - 3) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x^3) + \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (4x^2) - \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (3)$   
 $= c^3 + 4c^2 - 3$

b-

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{(x^4 + x^2 - 1)}{x^2 + 5} &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x^4 + x^2 - 1)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x^2 + 5)} \\ &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x^4) + \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x^2) - \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (1)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x^2) + \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (5)} \\ &= \frac{c^4 + c^2 - 1}{c^2 + 5} \end{aligned}$$

c-

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \sqrt{(4x^2 - 3)} &= \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (4x^2 - 3)} \\ &= \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (4x^2) - \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (3)} \\ &= \sqrt{4(-2)^2 - 3} \\ &= \sqrt{16 - 3} \\ &= \sqrt{13} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2** limits of Polynomials

if  $P(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + a_{n-2} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_0$  is the polynomial function, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} P(x) = P(c) = a_n c^n + a_{n-1} c^{n-1} + a_{n-2} c^{n-2} + \dots + a_0$$

**Theorem 3** limits of Rational functions

if  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$  are polynomial functions and  $Q(c) \neq 0$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} = \frac{P(c)}{Q(c)}$$

**Example 8 :**

The following calculation illustrates Theorems 2 and 3 :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(x^3 + 4x^2 - 3)}{x^2 + 5} = \frac{(-1)^3 + 4(-1)^2 - 3}{(-1)^2 + 5} = \frac{0}{6} = 0$$

**Example 9 :**

Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(x^2 + x - 2)}{x^2 - x}$

**Solution :**

We cannot substitute  $x=1$  because it makes the denominator zero. We test the numerator to see if it, too, is zero at  $x=1$ . It is, so it has a factor of  $(x-1)$  in common with the denominator. Canceling the  $(x-1)$ 's given a simpler fraction with the same values as the original for  $x \neq 1$ :

$$\frac{(x^2 + x - 2)}{x^2 - x} = \frac{(x-1)(x+2)}{x(x-1)} = \frac{(x+2)}{x}, \quad \text{if } x \neq 1$$

Using the simpler fraction, we find the limit of these values as  $x \rightarrow 1$  by substitution :

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

**Example 10 :**

Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{(x^2 + 100)} - 10}{x^2}$

**Solution**

We can create a common factor by multiplying both numerator and denominator by the conjugate radical expression  $(\sqrt{(x^2 + 100)} + 10)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sqrt{(x^2 + 100)} - 10}{x^2} &= \frac{\sqrt{(x^2 + 100)} - 10}{x^2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{(x^2 + 100)} + 10}{\sqrt{(x^2 + 100)} + 10} \\ &= \frac{x^2 + 100 - 100}{x^2(\sqrt{(x^2 + 100)} + 10)} = \frac{x^2}{x^2(\sqrt{(x^2 + 100)} + 10)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{(x^2 + 100)} + 10)} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore;

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{(x^2 + 100)} - 10}{x^2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{(x^2 + 100)} + 10)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{(0^2 + 100)} + 10)} \\ &= \frac{1}{20} = 0.05 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4** The Sandwich Theorem

Suppose that  $g(x) \leq f(x) \leq h(x)$  for all  $x$  in some open interval containing  $c$ , except possibly at  $x = c$  itself. Suppose also that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x) = L$$

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

The Sandwich Theorem is also called the Squeeze Theorem or Pinching Theorem.

**Example 11 :**

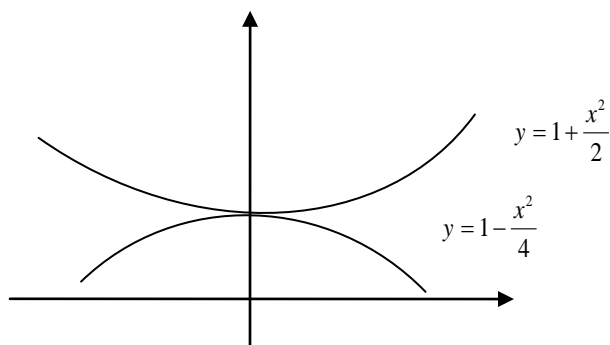
Given that  $1 - \frac{x^2}{4} \leq u(x) \leq 1 + \frac{x^2}{2}$  for all  $x \neq 0$

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} u(x)$ , no matter how complicated  $u$  is.

**Solution**

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{4}\right) = 1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{2}\right) = 1$

The Sandwich Theorem implies that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} u(x) = 1$ , see figure above

**Example 12 :**

The Sandwich Theorem help us establish several important limit rules:

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \theta} \sin(\theta) = 0$     (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \theta} \cos(\theta) = 1$

(c) for any function  $f$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} |f(x)| = 0$  implies  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = 0$

**Solution**

(a) we established that  $-|\theta| \leq \sin \theta \leq |\theta|$  for all  $\theta$  (see fig.)

Since  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} (-|\theta|) = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} (|\theta|) = 0$ , we have  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \sin(\theta) = 0$

(b) from  $0 \leq 1 - \cos \theta \leq |\theta|$  for all  $\theta$  (see fig.), and we have

$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} (1 - \cos(\theta)) = 0$  or  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} (\cos(\theta)) = 1$

(c) since  $-|f(x)| \leq f(x) \leq |f(x)|$  and  $-|f(x)|$  and  $|f(x)|$  have limit 0 as  $x \rightarrow c$  it follows that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} |f(x)| = 0$ .

**Theorem 5** if  $f(x) \leq g(x)$  for all  $x$  in some open interval containing  $c$ , except possibly at  $x = c$  itself, and the limits of  $f$  and  $g$  both exist as  $x$  approaches  $c$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$$

**Example 13 :** what values of  $x$  satisfy the inequality  $|2x - 8| < 2$ ?

**Solution**

To find out, we solve the inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} |2x - 8| < 2 \\ -2 < 2x - 8 < 2 \\ 6 < 2x < 10 \\ 3 < x < 5 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 6**

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1 \quad (\theta \text{ in radians}) \quad (\text{the proof page 70 in book})$$

**Example 14 :** show that

$$\text{a- } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{b- } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{5x} = \frac{2}{5}$$

**Solution**

a- Using the half-angle formula  $\cos(h) = 1 - 2\sin^2(h/2)$ , we calculate

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -\frac{2 \sin^2(h/2)}{h} \\ &= -\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\theta} \sin \theta \quad \text{let } \theta = h/2 \\ &= -(1)(0) = 0\end{aligned}$$

b- we produce it by multiplying numerator and denominator by  $(2/5)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2x)}{5x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{2}{5}\right) \cdot \sin(2x)}{\left(\frac{2}{5}\right) \cdot 5x} \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{5}\right) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2x)}{2x} \quad \text{let } \theta = 2x \quad \text{since } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2x)}{2x} = 1 \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)(1) = \frac{2}{5}\end{aligned}$$

**Example 15 :** find  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(t) \sec(2t)}{3t}$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(t) \sec(2t)}{3t} &= \frac{1}{3} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(t)}{t} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos(t)} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos(2t)} \quad \text{when } \tan(t) = \frac{\sin(t)}{\cos(t)} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} (1)(1)(1) = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{also } \sec(2t) = \frac{1}{\cos(2t)}\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 7**

All the limit laws in **Theorem 1** are true when we replace  $\lim$  by  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c}$  or  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty}$  or  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty}$ .

That is, the variable  $x$  may approach a finite number  $c$  or  $\pm \infty$ .

**Example 16 :** find

$$\text{a- } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(5 + \frac{1}{x}\right) \quad \text{b- } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left(\frac{\pi \sqrt{3}}{x^2}\right)$$

**Solution**

$$\text{a- } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( 5 + \frac{1}{x} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (5) + \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) = 5 + 0 = 5$$

b-

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

**Example 17 :** find

$$\text{a- } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{5x^2 + 8x - 3}{3x^2 + 2} \right) \quad \text{b- } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left( \frac{11x + 2}{2x^3 - 1} \right)$$

**Solution**a- (divide numerator and denominator by  $x^2$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{5x^2 + 8x - 3}{3x^2 + 2} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{5 + (8/x) - (3/x^2)}{3 + (2/x^2)} \right) \\ &= \frac{5 + 0 - 0}{3 + 0} = \frac{5}{3} \end{aligned}$$

b- (divide numerator and denominator by  $x^3$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left( \frac{11x + 2}{2x^3 - 1} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left( \frac{(11/x^2) + (2/x^3)}{2 - (1/x^3)} \right) \\ &= \frac{0 + 0}{2 - 0} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 18 :** find a-  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  and b-  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} x \cdot \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ **Solution**

a- We introduce the new variable  $t = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ , we know that  $t \rightarrow 0^+$  as

$x \rightarrow \infty$  therefore,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \sin(t) = 0$$

b- By the same way, we calculate the limits as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x \cdot \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{\sin t}{t}\right) = 1 \quad \text{and}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x \cdot \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} \left(\frac{\sin t}{t}\right) = 1$$

**Example 19:** find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x - \sqrt{x^2 + 16})$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x - \sqrt{x^2 + 16}) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x - \sqrt{x^2 + 16}) \frac{(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 16})}{(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 16})} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x^2 - (x^2 + 16))}{(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 16})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-16}{(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 16})} \end{aligned}$$

As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , the denominator becomes large, therefore dividing numerator and denominator by (x).

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-16}{(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 16})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{-16}{x}}{\left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{x^2}{x^2} + \frac{16}{x^2}}\right)} = \frac{0}{(1 + \sqrt{1+0})} = 0$$

**Infinite limits**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \infty$$

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



**Example 20 :** find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{x-1}$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1}{x-1}$

**Solution**

Think about the number  $(x-1)$  and its reciprocal. As  $x \rightarrow 1^+$ , we have  $(x-1) \rightarrow 0^+$  and  $1/(x-1) \rightarrow \infty$ . As  $x \rightarrow 1^-$ , we have  $(x-1) \rightarrow 0^-$  and  $1/(x-1) \rightarrow -\infty$ . As shown below:

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

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

**Example 21 :** find the limit of the rational functions a-  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)^2}{(x^2-4)}$

b-  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)}{(x^2-4)}$  c-  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{(x-3)}{(x^2-4)}$  d-  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{(x-3)}{(x^2-4)}$  e-  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-3)}{(x^2-4)}$  f-  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(2-x)}{(x-2)^3}$

**Solution**

$$\text{a- } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)^2}{(x^2-4)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x-2)}{(x-2)(x+2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)}{(x+2)} = \frac{0}{4} = 0$$

$$\text{b- } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)}{(x^2-4)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)}{(x-2)(x+2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{(x+2)} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{c- } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{(x-3)}{(x^2-4)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{(x-3)}{(x-2)(x+2)} = -\infty \quad \text{the value are negative for } x > 2, x \text{ near } 2$$

$$\text{d- } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{(x-3)}{(x^2-4)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{(x-3)}{(x-2)(x+2)} = \infty \quad \text{the value are negative for } x < 2, x \text{ near } 2$$

$$\text{e- } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-3)}{(x^2-4)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-3)}{(x-2)(x+2)} \quad \text{does not exist}$$

$$\text{f- } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(2-x)}{(x-2)^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{-(x-2)}{(x-2)(x-2)(x-2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{-1}{(x-2)^2} = -\infty$$