

# Limits

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□ - lim

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lim_{vX → a} f := [ f := f x := vX Clear(XLIM) ans := "" ] Initialize
δ := str2num(concat("δ", num2str(x)))
r(f, x, v) := [ x := concat("re(", num2str(x), "):", num2str(f)) Replace functions
               | tmp := str2num(x) (could equrep or at)
               | re(v)
R(f) := num2str(r(f, x, 0)) Convert to string for better work with try
if ¬(num2str(d/d XLIM := x f) = "0") Check if f depends of x
  if (num2str(a) = "∞") ∨ (num2str(a) = "-∞")
    f := r(f, x, 1/x) Convert ∞ to x -> 0
  else
    if ¬(num2str(a) = "0") Convert a to x -> 0
      f := r(f, x, x + a)
    else
      0
  try
    [ ans := R(f) Try to substitute, then f is continue
      | str2num(ans)
  on error
    H(f) := N := numden(f)
    if ¬lim_{LH} ^ try
      ((R(N_1) = "0") ∧ (R(N_2) = "0")) = 0 Check L'Hôpital conditions, lim.LH helps
      on error
        1
    else
      try
        [ ans := R(f)
          | str2num(ans)
      on error
        Try to apply LH rule some few times
        for k ∈ [1..MaxI_lim]
          try
            ans := R(
              (
                d^k / (d XLIM := x)^k N_1
                /
                d^k / (d XLIM := x)^k N_2
              )
            )
          on error
            0
          if ans = ""
            continue
          else
            break
        ans
    if (L := H(f)) = ""
      if (L := H(ln(f))) = ""
        if (L := H(e^f)) = ""
          try
            L := r(f, x, el)
          on error

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<pre> L := r(f, x, delta) if num2str(IsDefined(L)) = "1"   if  L  &gt; 0.01 e1^-1     infinity   else     if  L  &lt; 100 e1       0     else       L   else     L else   ln(str2num(L)) else   e^str2num(L) else   str2num(L) else   f </pre>	<p>Try to see if lim is 0 or infinity numerically</p> <p>Fails all attempts. return delta as infinitesimal.</p> <p>LH rule of exp(f) works</p> <p>LH rule of ln(f) works</p> <p>LH rule works</p> <p>f indep of x case</p>
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Defaults       $\text{MaxI}_{\text{lim}} := 8$        $\epsilon_1 := 10^{-8}$        $\text{lim}_{\text{LH}} := 0$

☐ - lim examples

**Extended real number line**      SMath rules assumes  $a > 1$  finite number, and have some bugs.

$a + \infty = \infty$        $a - \infty = -\infty$       But this two cases are wrong:

$a \cdot \infty = \infty$        $\frac{a}{\infty} = 0$        $0.5^\infty = \infty$

$\infty^a = \infty$        $\infty^{-a} = 0$        $0.5^{-\infty} = 0$

$a^\infty = \infty$        $a^{-\infty} = 0$

**Trivial cases**

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$        $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = \frac{\sin(a)}{a}$        $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} a \cdot x^2 + x = a \cdot (1 + a^2)$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 5 \cdot x = \infty$        $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 4 \cdot x^2 - 5 \cdot x = \infty$        $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} a \cdot x^2 - b \cdot x = \frac{a - b \delta x}{\delta x^2}$

where  $\delta x \rightarrow 0$

**Quotient of polynomials**

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{x^2 - 25}{x^2 + 2 \cdot x - 15} = \frac{5}{4}$        $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 \cdot x + 3}{3 \cdot x^2 - 2 \cdot x} = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 5 \cdot x + 6}{x - 3} = 1$        $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 \cdot x^2 + 3}{3 \cdot x^2 - 2 \cdot x} = \frac{5}{3}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 4 \cdot x - 12}{x^2 - 2 \cdot x} = 4$        $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 \cdot x^3 + 3}{3 \cdot x^2 - 2 \cdot x} = \infty$

With another unknown sometimes can get the result, and sometimes returns the **infinitesimal form**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^3 - 8 \cdot x^2 + 21 \cdot x - 18}{2 \cdot x^2 - 12 \cdot x + 18} = \frac{1}{2} \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^3 - 8 \cdot x^2 + a \cdot x - 18}{2 \cdot x^2 - 12 \cdot x + b} = \frac{3 \cdot (-21 + a)}{-18 + b}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cdot (x - 3)^2}{x} = \infty \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cdot (x - 3 \cdot a)^2}{x} = \frac{2 \cdot (\delta x - 3 \cdot a)^2}{\delta x} \qquad \text{where } \delta x \rightarrow 0$$

### Infinity and numerical limits

If there are not other variables, and L'Hôpital rule fails, try to simplify the expression to **zero** or **infinity** in a numerical **approximated** way, so, it can result in a wrong value. But I can't get any example of that.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 \cdot x^2 - 2 \cdot x}{5 \cdot x + 3} = \infty \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{(x - 2)^3} = \infty \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cdot (x - 3)^2}{x} = \infty \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 2 \cdot x}{x + 3} = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{\ln(x)} = \infty \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(x)}{x} = \infty \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(a \cdot x)}{a \cdot x} = \frac{\ln(a \cdot \delta x)}{a \cdot \delta x}$$

### Potential, exponential and logarithmic functions

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-b \cdot x \sqrt{1 + a \cdot x}}{b \sqrt[e]{a}} = \frac{1}{b \sqrt[e]{a}} \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{b}{x} \sqrt{\frac{x}{x + a}}}{b \sqrt[e]{a}} = \frac{1}{b \sqrt[e]{a}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{b \sqrt{1 + a \cdot x}} = e^{a \cdot b} \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{a}{x}\right)^{b \cdot x} = e^{a \cdot b}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} a \cdot x \sqrt{x + 1} = a \sqrt{e} \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a}{x} \sqrt{\frac{x + 1}{x}} = a \sqrt{e}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{a \sqrt{x + 1}} = e^a \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x + 1}{x}\right)^{a \cdot x} = e^a$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{a \cdot x} - 1}{x} = a \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \cdot \left(\frac{x}{a \sqrt{e}} - 1\right) = a$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1 + a \cdot x)}{x} = a \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \cdot \ln\left(1 + \frac{a}{x}\right) \cdot x = -\frac{a^2}{2} \qquad \text{Wrong due a bug in ln, see below.}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{x^2} = 0 \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{\ln(x)} = \infty \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{x^2} = 0 \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^2 \cdot \ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \infty$$

### Trigonometric functions

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(a \cdot x)}{b \cdot x} = \frac{a}{b} \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(a \cdot x)}{b \cdot x^2} = \frac{a^2}{2 \cdot b} \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(a \cdot x)}{b \cdot x} = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x^2)}{x^2} = 1$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(a \cdot x)}{b \cdot x} = 0$$

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

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \cdot \sin(x) = \infty$$

### Gallery

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^3} \cdot \left( \left( \frac{2 + \cos(x)}{3} \right)^x - 1 \right) = -\frac{1}{6}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\sin(2 \cdot x)}{\sin(x)} = -2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(x) - x}{x^3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 + \sin(5 \cdot x))^{\frac{1}{\tan(x)}} = e^5$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^3 - x^2} + 3 \cdot x}{\sqrt{x^3} - \sqrt{x^2} + \sqrt{3 \cdot x}} = 1.0001$$

Numeric approximation. Can control the precision with  $\epsilon!$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} = 1$$

Notice that for this example L'Hôpital rule fails, but the code can find the correct value.

### Indeterminate forms

All error messages are ok, except for  $0/0$ :

$$\frac{0}{0} = \blacksquare \quad \text{lastError} = \text{"Division by zero."} \quad \infty - \infty = \blacksquare \quad \text{lastError} = \text{"Uncertainty."}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x) - a \cdot x}{x^3} = -\frac{1}{6}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 4 \cdot x - \ln(x^2) = \infty$$

$$\frac{\infty}{\infty} = \blacksquare \quad \text{lastError} = \text{"Uncertainty."}$$

$$\infty^0 = \blacksquare \quad \text{lastError} = \text{"Uncertainty."}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{x^3} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[x]{x} = 1 \quad \text{Not a big news}$$

$$0 \cdot \infty = \blacksquare \quad \text{lastError} = \text{"Uncertainty."}$$

$$1^\infty = \blacksquare \quad \text{lastError} = \text{"Uncertainty."}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \cdot \ln(x) = 0$$

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

$$0^0 = \blacksquare \quad \text{lastError} = \text{"Uncertainty."}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^{x \cdot \ln(x)} = 1$$

### Derivatives

This is more or less obvious just because  $\lim$  is based on diff.

$$f(x) := x \cdot \cos(a \cdot x) \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = -a \cdot \sin(a \cdot x) \cdot x + \cos(a \cdot x)$$

$$f(x) := \sqrt{a \cdot x + b} \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \frac{a}{2 \cdot \sqrt{b + a \cdot x}}$$

### Using the infinitesimal $\delta x$

We can study the behaviour of the limit when it returns  $\delta$ 's

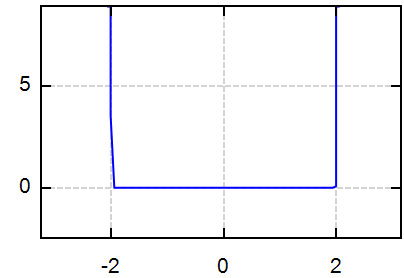
$$y := t \sqrt{t^2 + \frac{a}{2}} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} y = \delta t \sqrt{\frac{a + 2 \delta t^2}{2}} \quad \delta t := 10^{-3}$$

From the plot and this case

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} y \Big|_{a=2} = 1$$

we conclude:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} y = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } a < 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } a = 2 \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} y$$

### Known issues

- If a function gives an error with diff, it will be given an error with lim too.

$$x0 := 4.5 \quad \frac{d}{dx} \text{Gamma}(x0) = \blacksquare \quad \text{lastError} = "x0 - not defined."$$

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x - \sqrt{3 \cdot x + 4}}{4 - x} = -\frac{10485761}{16777216}$  SMath can't simplify for check L'Hôpital rules, and return an approximate value. We help with

$$\lim_{LH} := 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x - \sqrt{3 \cdot x + 4}}{4 - x} = -\frac{-3 + 2 \cdot \sqrt{16}}{2 \cdot \sqrt{16}}$$

Problem here is that  $\sqrt{16}$  isn't simplify to 4

$$\lim_{LH} := 0$$

- $y := \frac{-x \sqrt{1 + a \cdot (e^{-x} - 1)}}{e^{2-a}}$  Wrong. Correct value is  $e^a$

The bug is here:  $\ln(y) = -\frac{\ln(e^x + a \cdot (-e^x + 1)) + x}{x}$

correct value:  $\ln(y) = -\frac{\ln(1 + a \cdot (e^{-x} - 1))}{x}$

- The code can't handle very well complex expressions or some other expressions, returning numerical approximations instead exact values

$$u := (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} \quad v := \frac{x^2 - 12}{x^2 - 2} \quad z := u + i \cdot v$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} z = \frac{612102644706258 + 1351079888211150 \cdot i}{225179981368525}$$

even  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} u = e$   $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} v = 6$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = \frac{10592466928549}{225179981368525}$$

even  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = \frac{\sin(a)}{a}$

But at least you can evaluate both numerically

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = 0.047$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} z = 2.7183 + 6 \cdot i$$

- There are an option for control the numerical answers,  $\epsilon_1$  value. For example, here the code can try to get a numeric answer, but there are an (not visible for the user) overflow error.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \cdot e^{-x} = \frac{1}{\delta x \cdot \sqrt[x]{e}} \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \cdot \sqrt[x]{e} = \delta x \cdot \sqrt[x]{e}$$

$$\epsilon_1 := 10^{-1} \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \cdot e^{-x} = 0 \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \cdot \sqrt[x]{e} = \infty \qquad \epsilon_1 := 10^{-8}$$

- The code do not recognise directions, which can introduce some issues. For example, let

$$y_1 := \frac{1}{3 + \sqrt{x}} \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} y_1 = \frac{1}{3 + \sqrt{\delta x}} \qquad \text{Both are function only of } x, \text{ for get a closed result change } \epsilon_1 \text{ value}$$

$$y_2 := \frac{1 + \sqrt{x}}{3 + \sqrt{x}} \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} y_2 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{\delta x}}{3 + \sqrt{\delta x}}$$

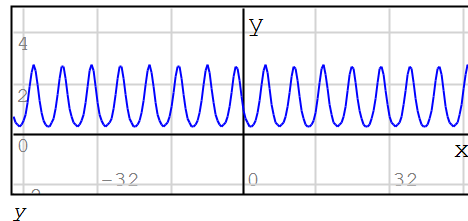
$$\epsilon_1 := 10^{-3} \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} y_1 = 0 \qquad \text{but} \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} y_1 = 0 \qquad \text{and} \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} y_1 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} y_2 = 1 \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} y_2 = 1 \qquad \text{and} \qquad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} y_2 = \frac{1}{3} \qquad \epsilon_1 := 10^{-8}$$

- The code can returns a value even the function oscilates.

$$y := \frac{x + \cos(x) \cdot \sin(x)}{e^{\sin(x)} \cdot (x + \cos(x) \cdot \sin(x))}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} y = 0.3939$$



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