

# Day 4 (mon Jan 23) Lecture on 1.4 Calculating Limits

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Recall examples from Friday

(Similar to 1.4#17)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x+1)(x-3)}{(x-3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x+1 = 4$

indeterminate form      no longer indeterminate

Since  $x \rightarrow 3$   
we know  $x \neq 3$   
so  $x-3 \neq 0$

(Similar to 1.4#25)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{x}}{5+x} = 0 \cdot 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \frac{5+x}{5+x} \cdot \text{stuff} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -5} \text{stuff} = \frac{-1}{25}$

indeterminate form      still indeterminate      no longer indeterminate

Since  $x \rightarrow -5$   
we know  $x \neq -5$   
so  $x+5 \neq 0$

# Meeting Part 1 More Limits involving Indeterminate Forms

Similar example (Sim to 1.4#17)

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$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+h)^3 - 8}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2^3 + 3 \cdot 2^2 \cdot h + 3 \cdot 2 \cdot h^2 + h^3) - 8}{h} \quad \text{Still indet}$$

$\frac{0}{0}$  indeterminate form

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{8} + 12h + 6h^2 + \cancel{h^3} - \cancel{8}}{h} \quad \text{Still indet}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{12h + 6h^2 + h^3}{h} \quad \text{Still indet}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{h}(12 + 6h + h^2)}{\cancel{h}} \quad \text{Still indet}$$

Since  $h \rightarrow 0$ , we know  $h \neq 0$ , so we can cancel  $\frac{h}{h}$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 12 + 6h + h^2 \quad \text{no longer indeterminate}$$

Direct substitution property

$$= 12 + 6(0) + (0)^2$$

$$= 12$$

Example (Similar to 6.8#21)

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{49+h} - 7}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{49+h} - 7}{h} \left( \frac{\sqrt{49+h} + 7}{\sqrt{49+h} + 7} \right)$$

$\frac{0}{0}$  indeterminate form

Trick

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{49+h} \cdot \sqrt{49+h} - 2\sqrt{49+h} + 7\sqrt{49+h} - 7 \cdot 7}{h(\sqrt{49+h} + 7)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{49+h - 49}{h(\sqrt{49+h} + 7)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h(\sqrt{49+h} + 7)}$$

Since  $h \rightarrow 0$ , we know  $h \neq 0$  so we can cancel  $\frac{h}{h}$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{49+h} + 7}$$

no longer indeterminate

Direct substitution

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{49+(0)} + 7}$$

$$= \frac{1}{7+7}$$

$$= \frac{1}{14}$$

"rationalizing"

this is just the number 1

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still indeterminate

## Meeting Part 2

Piecewise-Defined functions, Absolute Value, One-sided limitsDefinition of absolute value Function

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{when } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{when } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Piecewise-defined function

more info

$$\begin{cases} |x| \text{ means } x & \text{when } x \geq 0 \\ |x| \text{ means } -x & \text{when } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Turned around

$$\begin{cases} \text{when } x \geq 0, \text{ the symbol } |x| \text{ means } x \\ \text{when } x < 0, \text{ the symbol } |x| \text{ means } -x \end{cases}$$

Example (similar to 1.4 #38)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -11} \frac{5x + 55}{|x + 11|}$$

( $\frac{0}{0}$  indeterminate form)

~~Re~~ Rewrite without absolute value

When  $x + 11 \geq 0$  symbol  $|x + 11|$  just means  $x + 11$   
That is,

When  $x \geq -11$  the symbol  $|x + 11|$  means  $x + 11$

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When  $x + 11 < 0$  the symbol  $|x + 11|$  means  $-(x + 11)$

That is,

When  $x < -11$ , the symbol ~~is~~  $|x + 11|$  means  $-(x + 11)$

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limit from the left

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -11^-} \frac{5x+55}{|x+11|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -11^-} \frac{5x+55}{-(x+11)}$$

this tells us  $x < -11$

Swap in the appropriate formula

indeterminate

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -11^-} \frac{5(x+11)}{-(x+11)}$$

Since  $x < -11$ , we know  $x \neq -11$ , so  $x+11 \neq 0$ , so we can cancel  $\frac{x+11}{x+11}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -11^-} -5$$

no longer  
indeterminate

$$= -5$$

## limit from the right

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -11^+} \frac{5x+55}{|x+11|} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -11^+} \frac{5x+55}{x+11}$$

$x > -11$

swap in the appropriate formula

indeterminate

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -11^+} \frac{5\cancel{(x+11)}}{\cancel{(x+11)}}$$

Since  $x > -11$ , we know  $x+11 \neq 0$ , so we can cancel  $\frac{x+11}{x+11}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -11^+} 5 \quad \text{no longer indeterminate}$$

$$= 5$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -11} \frac{5x + 55}{|x + 11|}$$

does not exist

because left + right limits don't match.





## Reviewing Part 3

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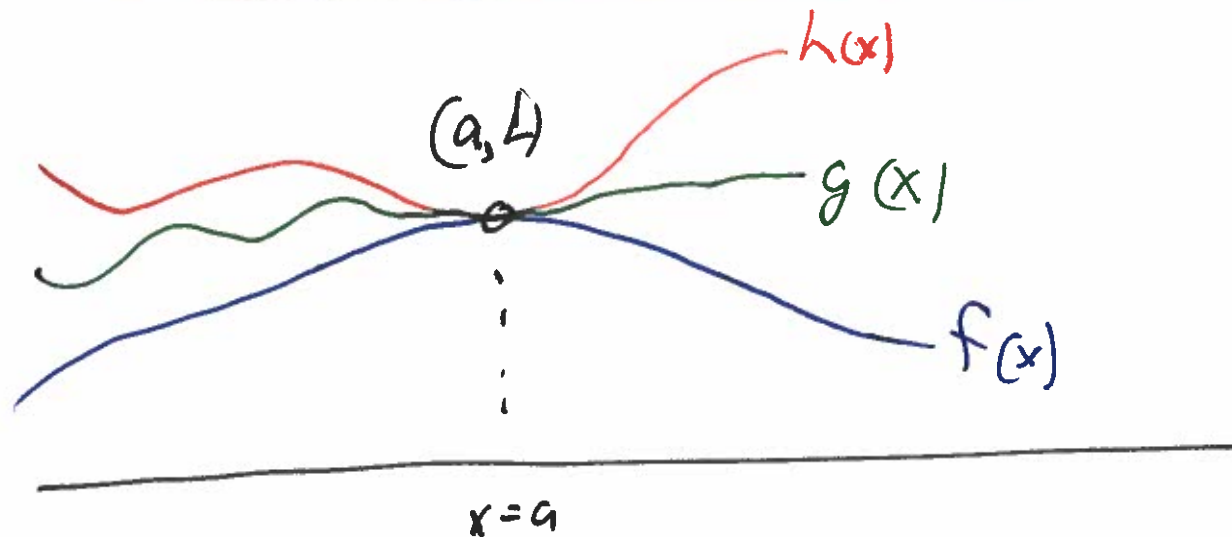
### The Squeeze Theorem

$$\text{If } f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$$

~~or~~ for all ~~or~~  $x$  except possibly at  $x=a$

$$\text{and if } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x)$$

$$\text{then } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L$$



example similar to 1.4 #3

Suppose  $-x^2 + 3x - 28 \leq g(x) \leq -3x + 19$  for all  $x$

find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} g(x)$

Solution  
notice

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3}$

$-x^2 + 3x - 28$

direct sub



$= -(3)^2 + 3(3) - 28$   
 $= -9 + 9 - 28$   
 $= -28$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} -3x + 19$

↑  
direct sub

$= -3(3) + 19 = -9 + 19$   
 $= 10$

We have satisfied all requirements of Squeeze theorem

$$\text{So } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} g(x) = -28$$