

- **Reminder:** Test 2 is scheduled for next Friday 29 November. Please read the vocabulary list posted on the course website before the test.
- Problem Set B is on the website now. It contains material that is not covered by Problem Sets 1 through 4, but that is covered by Test 2. It is not to be submitted, but it is very good practise. Do these problems before Test 2.
- Today's lecture will assume you have watched up to and including video 6.7.

For next Tuesday's lecture, watch videos 6.8 through 6.10.

Compute the following limits.

$$\textcircled{1} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 6}{x^2 + 3x - 10}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{2x^2} - \cos x}{x \sin x}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{e^x}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sin x) (e^{1/x} - 1)$$

$$\textcircled{5} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \sin \frac{2}{x}$$

$$\textcircled{6} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \cos \frac{2}{x}$$

$$\textcircled{7} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left[(\ln x) \tan \frac{\pi x}{2} \right]$$

Lessons from the previous slide

① It's not indeterminate! Make sure to check before applying L'Hôpital.

② Routine use of L'Hôpital's rule (twice), with lots of algebra.

When you learn about Taylor series, you'll be able to compute this limit in a few seconds without writing anything down.

③ Routine use of L'Hôpital's rule (twice).

On your own, check what happens with different limits of the form

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^a}{b^x}, \text{ when } a > 0 \text{ and } b > 1.$$

④ It's not indeterminate!

⑤ Routine use of L'Hôpital's rule.

Again, when you know about Taylor series, you we be able to write down this answer instantly.

⑥ It's not indeterminate!

⑦ Routine use of L'Hôpital's rule.

Careful with L'Hôpital's rule!

Problem 1. Evaluate this limit (no L'Hôpital's rule required).

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + \sin x}{x}$$

What is wrong with this argument

INCORRECT PROOF.

The top and bottom both $\rightarrow \infty$, so this is indeterminate of type $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$.
So:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + \sin x}{x} \stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \cos x}{1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [1 + \cos x].$$

The last limit doesn't exist, so $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + \sin x}{x}$ doesn't exist. □

Moral: Verify the hypotheses! L'Hôpital's rule can never tell you that a limit doesn't exist (except equalling $\pm\infty$).