

- Assignment #2 due on October 15.
- TODAY: Limit laws and more proofs with limits
- WEDNESDAY: Squeeze theorem and more proofs with limits
(**Watch videos 2.12, 2.13**)

Indeterminate form

Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Let f and g be positive functions defined near a , except maybe at a .

Assume $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$.

What can we conclude about $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$?

1. The limit is 1.
2. The limit is 0.
3. The limit is ∞ .
4. The limit does not exist.
5. We do not have enough information to decide.

Is this claim true?

Claim

Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

Let f and g be functions defined near a .

- IF $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0$,
- THEN $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)g(x)] = 0$.

A new theorem about products

Theorem

Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Let f and g be functions with domain \mathbb{R} , except possibly a . Assume

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0$, and
- g is bounded. This means that

$$\exists M > 0 \text{ s.t. } \forall x \neq a, |g(x)| \leq M.$$

THEN $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)g(x)] = 0$

1. Write down the formal definition of what you want to prove.
2. Write down what the structure of the formal proof.
3. Rough work.
4. Write down a complete formal proof.

Critique this “proof” – #1

- WTS $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)g(x)] = 0$. By definition, WTS:
$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } 0 < |x - a| < \delta \implies |f(x)g(x)| < \varepsilon$$
- Let $\varepsilon > 0$.
- Use the value $\frac{\varepsilon}{M}$ as “epsilon” in the definition of $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0$
$$\exists \delta_1 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } 0 < |x - a| < \delta_1 \implies |f(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{M}.$$
- Take $\delta = \delta_1$.
- Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Assume $0 < |x - a| < \delta$
- Since $\exists M > 0$ s.t. $\forall x \neq 0, |g(x)| \leq M$
$$|f(x)g(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{M} \cdot M = \varepsilon.$$