

4.4 Indeterminate forms and L'Hospital's Rule

The Second Derivative Test:

Suppose that c is a critical point at which $f'(c) = 0$, that $f'(c)$ exists in a neighborhood of c , and that $f''(c)$ exists. Then f has a relative maximum value at c if $f''(c) < 0$ and a relative minimum value at c if $f''(c) > 0$. If $f''(c) = 0$, the test is not informative.

4.4 Indeterminate Forms & L'Hospital's rule.

Ex $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln x}{x-1} = ?$ Indeterminate form of type $\frac{0}{0}$.

Plug in $\frac{\ln 1}{1-1} = \frac{0}{0}$

L'Hospital's rule:

Suppose f and g are diff. func. and

$g'(x) \neq 0$ near a .

Spec $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$

or $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \pm \infty$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \pm \infty$ Ind form of $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$.

Then, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$

Ex $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln x}{x-1}$ Ind of type $\frac{0}{0}$.

$\stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1/x}{1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{x} = 1$

Ex $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{x^2} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$

$\stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{2x} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$

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Ex $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln x = 0 \cdot \pm \infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x = 0$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln x = -\infty$

Indeterminate product

We have $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x)$ is of the form

$0 \cdot \pm \infty$, we rewrite it as $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{1/g(x)}$

or $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{g(x)}{1/f(x)}$ and use L'H rule.

Ex $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln x}{1/x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln x}{1/x}$

$\stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1/x}{-1/x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{-x^2}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} -x = 0$

Indeterminate Differences:

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \infty$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \infty$,

then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) - g(x)]$ is called an indeterminate of

form $\infty - \infty$.

Ex $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x - \ln x = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln(e^x) - \ln(x)$

$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln\left(\frac{e^x}{x}\right)$. Since \ln is continuous,

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$$= \ln\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{x}\right) \stackrel{L'H}{=} \ln\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{1}\right) = \infty$$

Indeterminate Powers

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)^{g(x)}$$

$$1) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0, \text{ Type } 0^0$$

$$2) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \infty \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0, \text{ Type } \infty^0$$

$$3) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 1 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \pm \infty, \text{ Type } 1^{\pm \infty}$$

Trick is If $y = f(x)^{g(x)} \Rightarrow \ln y = \ln f(x)^{g(x)} = g(x) \cdot \ln f(x)$

and find $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \ln f(x)$.

Ex $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^x$ Type 0^0

$$1) y = x^x. \text{ Then } \ln y = \ln x^x = x \ln x$$

$$2) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (\ln y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x \ln x}{1/x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln x}{1/x} \stackrel{L'H}{=} 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$3) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^{\ln y} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln y} = e^0 = 1.$$

Since e^x is continuous

Ex $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} x^{\frac{1}{1-x}}$ Type 1^∞

$$1) (y) = x^{\frac{1}{1-x}} \Rightarrow \ln y = \ln x^{\frac{1}{1-x}} = \frac{1}{1-x} \ln x$$

$$2) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{\ln x}{1-x} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$$\stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{-x} = -1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \ln y = -1$$

$$3) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} e^{\ln y} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \ln y} = e^{-1}$$

$$y = f^{-1}(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{f'(y)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))}$$

$$\sqrt{xy} = \sin(1+x^2y) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(xy)^{-1/2} [y+xy'] = \cos(1+x^2y) \cdot [2xy + x^2y']$$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{xy}} y + \frac{xy'}{2\sqrt{xy}} = 2xy \cos(1+x^2y) + x^2y' \cos(1+x^2y)$$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{xy}} y - 2xy \cos(1+x^2y) = x^2y' \cos(1+x^2y) - \frac{xy'}{2\sqrt{xy}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{y}{2\sqrt{xy}} - 2xy \cos(1+x^2y)}{x^2 \cos(1+x^2y) - \frac{x}{2\sqrt{xy}}}$$

$$\sin(1+x^2y) = \sqrt{xy}$$

$$\cos = \sqrt{1-xy}$$

$$\cos y \geq 0$$

$$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\sin(1+x^2y) = \sqrt{xy}$$

$$\cos(1+x^2y) = ?$$

$$1+x^2y = \sin^{-1}(\sqrt{xy})$$

$$\sin(1+x^2y) = \sqrt{xy}$$

$$\sqrt{1-\sin^2(1+x^2y)}$$

$$= \sqrt{1-xy}$$

$$26) \quad y = \frac{1-e^{-x}}{1+e^{-x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1-e^{-y}}{1+e^{-y}}$$

STEP 1

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1-e^{-y}}{1+e^{-y}} \quad \underline{\text{STEP 1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x + xe^{-y} = 1 - e^{-y} \quad \underline{\text{STEP 2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow xe^{-y} + e^{-y} = 1 - x$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-y}(x+1) = 1-x$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-y} = \frac{1-x}{1+x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -\ln\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) \Rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = -\ln\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) \quad \underline{\text{STEP 3}}$$