

Lecture Two :

Limits Involving Infinity :-

For example, If we have

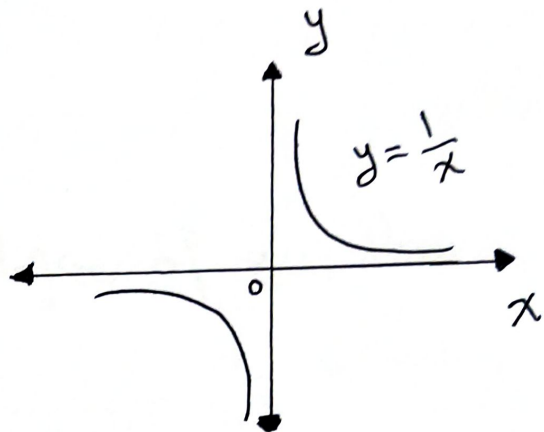
the function $y = \frac{1}{x}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

Another example is a constant

function $y = k$: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} k = k$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} k = k$$



Note : the limit of $\frac{\sin \theta}{\theta}$ as θ approaches ∞ is 0

Ex :- prove that $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 0$

Sol :-

$$-1 \leq \sin \theta \leq 1$$

$$[\div \theta] \quad \frac{-1}{\theta} \leq \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \leq \frac{1}{\theta}$$

$$\text{Now : } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{\theta} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\theta} = 0$$

From sandwich theorem $\Rightarrow \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 0$

Limits of rational functions as x approaches $\pm\infty$.

Rules :- For the rational function $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

1. If degree of $f(x)$ less than degree of $g(x)$

$$\text{then } \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 0.$$

2. If degree of $f(x)$ equals degree of $g(x)$ then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \text{ is finite.}$$

3. If degree of $f(x)$ greater than degree of $g(x)$

$$\text{then } \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \text{ is infinite.}$$

- To solve the limit problem of rational functions as x approaches $\pm\infty$, divide both the numerator and the denominator by the highest power of x in denominator.

Ex :-

$$1. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x+1}{x^2-5} = 0 \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{deg. of numerator less than} \\ \text{deg. of denominator} \end{array} \right]$$

$$2. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-x}{7x+3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-x/x}{(7x/x + 3/x)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{7 + 3/x} = -1/7$$

$$3. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-4x^3 + 7x}{2x^2 - 3x - 10}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-4x^3/x^2) + (7x/x^2)}{(2x^2/x^2) - (3x/x^2) - (10/x^2)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-4x + 7/x}{2 - 3/x - 10/x^2}$$

$$= \frac{-\infty + 0}{2 - 0 - 0} = \frac{-\infty}{2} = -\infty$$

$$4. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos 1/x}{1 + 1/x} = \frac{\cos 0}{1 + 0} = 1$$

$$5. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \sin 1/x$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \sin \frac{1}{x}$$

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\theta} \sin \theta = 1$$

let $\theta = \frac{1}{x}$

as $x \rightarrow \infty$

then $\theta \rightarrow 0$