

L'Hôpital's Rule

Suppose that f and g are differentiable and $g'(x) \neq 0$.

Also suppose that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$

Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$, if the limit on the right

side exists (or is $\pm\infty$).

Also, if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \pm\infty$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \pm\infty$,

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

In summary, the following are **indeterminate** forms.

$$\frac{0}{0}, \frac{\infty}{\infty}, \infty - \infty, 0 \cdot \infty, 0^0, \infty^0, 1^\infty$$

The following are **not** indeterminate forms.

$$\frac{0}{\infty}, \frac{\infty}{0}, 0^\infty, \infty \cdot \infty, \infty + \infty, -\infty - \infty$$