

$$\textcircled{1} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right) \pm \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \right)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [c f(x)] = c \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)g(x)] = \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right) \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \right)$$

$$\textcircled{4} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)} \quad \text{provided } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \neq 0$$

$$\textcircled{5} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^n = \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right]^n$$

$$\textcircled{6} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} c = c$$

$$\textcircled{7} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} x = a$$

$$\textcircled{8} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} x^n = a^n$$

$$\textcircled{9} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \sqrt[n]{x} = \sqrt[n]{a} \quad (\text{if } n \text{ is even, assume } a > 0)$$

$$\textcircled{10} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \sqrt[n]{f(x)} = \sqrt[n]{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)} \quad (\text{if } n \text{ is even, assume } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) > 0)$$

Ex: ① $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (5x^3 - 3x^2 + x - 6)$

① $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 5x^3 - \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 3x^2 + \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x - \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 6$

② $5 \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x^3 \right) - 3 \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x^2 \right) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x - \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 6$

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$= 5(3^3) - 3(3^2) + 3 - 6$

$= 5(27) - 27 + 3 - 6 = 105$

Direct Substitution Property (DSP)

If f is a polynomial or a rational function and a is in the domain of f , then

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$

$\frac{x^3 + 2x^2 - 1}{5 - 3x}$

Domain: $x = \frac{5}{3}$

The DSP also applies to "algebraic functions"

Algebraic	Rational
	Polynomials

- addition
- subtraction
- multiplication
- division
- exponentiation (includes roots)

$$\frac{\sqrt{3t^2 - 6} + t^2 - 1}{\sqrt[3]{t^3 + 2} - t^{3/2}}$$

Ex: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \sqrt{\frac{2x^2 + 1}{3x - 2}} \stackrel{\text{DSP}}{=} \sqrt{\frac{2(2)^2 + 1}{3 \cdot 2 - 2}} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{4}} = \frac{3}{2}$

Ex: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 - 16}{x - 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\cancel{(x - 4)}(x + 4)}{\cancel{x - 4}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \underline{(x + 4)} = \boxed{8}$

Ex: $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{4+h} - 2}{h} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{4+h} + 2}{\sqrt{4+h} + 2}$

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b)(a-b) \\ = a^2 - b^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4+h-4}{h(\sqrt{4+h}+2)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{h}}{\cancel{h}(\sqrt{4+h}+2)}$$
$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+h}+2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}+2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Function Replacement Rule

If $f(x) = g(x)$ when $x \neq a$, then

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$, provided the limit exists.