

HOSSAM GHANEM

(7) 4.4 Limits involving infinity (A)

(1) Main Rules

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$	$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x = \infty$
$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^r} = 0 , r > 0$	$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^r = \infty , r > 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{r^x} = 0$	$r > 1$	$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} r^x = \infty$
$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{5^x} = 0$	Ex.	$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 7^x = \infty$

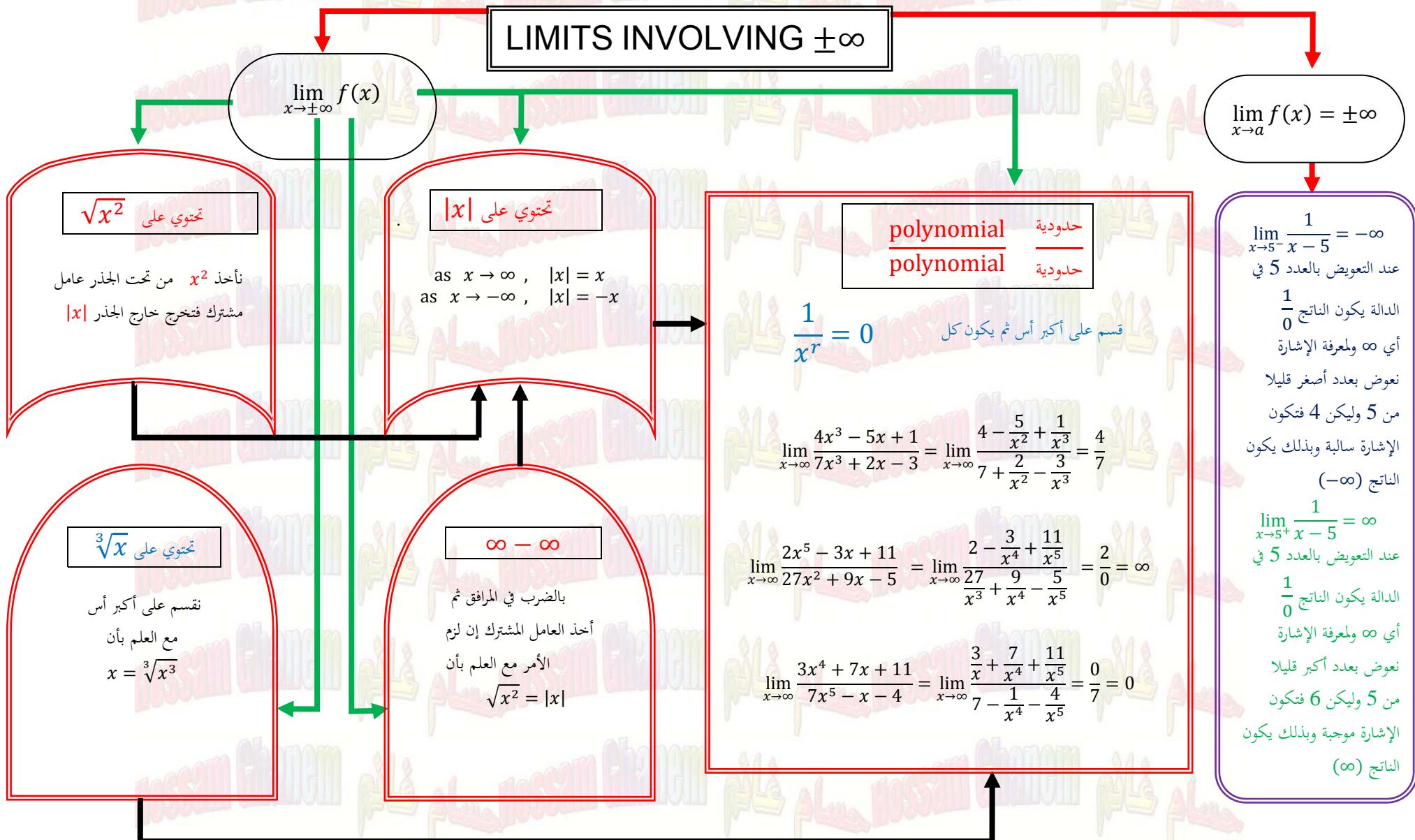
$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^x = 0$	$b > a$	$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^x = \infty$
$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^x = 0$	Ex.	$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{7}{5}\right)^x = \infty$

(2) quotient

Numerator degree = Denominator degree درجة البسط تساوي درجة المقام	$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4x^3 - 5x + 1}{7x^3 + 2x - 3} = \frac{4}{7}$
Numerator degree > Denominator degree درجة البسط أكبر من درجة المقام	$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^5 - 3x + 11}{27x^2 + 9x - 5} = \infty$
Numerator degree < Denominator degree درجة البسط أصغر من درجة المقام	$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^4 + 7x + 11}{7x^5 - x - 4} = 0$



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Example 1

Evaluate the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x}$$

Solution

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}\sqrt{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = 0$$

Example 2

Evaluate the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 + 4x}{8x - 2x^3}$$

Solution

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 + 4x}{8x - 2x^3} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 + 4x}{8x - 2x^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{4}{x^2}}{\frac{8}{x^2} - 2} = \frac{1}{-2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Example 3

Evaluate the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x+8} - 2}{x}$$

Solution

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x+8} - 2}{x} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x+8} - 2}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{8}{x^3}} - \frac{2}{x}}{1} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$$

Example 4

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Evaluate the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[3]{\frac{1 - 8x^3}{x(x^2 + 1)}}$$

Solution

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[3]{\frac{1 - 8x^3}{x(x^2 + 1)}} = \frac{-\infty}{\infty}$$

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[3]{\frac{1 - 8x^3}{x(x^2 + 1)}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[3]{\frac{1 - 8x^3}{x^3 + x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[3]{\frac{\frac{1}{x^3} - 8}{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{-8}{1}} = -2$$



Example 5

36 January 17, 2010

Evaluate the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}}{2x+1}$$

Solution

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}}{2x+1} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}}{2x+1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{|x| \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2} + 1}}{2x+1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-x \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2} + 1}}{2x+1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-\sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2} + 1}}{2 + \frac{1}{x}} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Example 6

Evaluate the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5^x + 4}{8 - 3^x}$$

Solution

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5^x + 4}{8 - 3^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{4}{5^x}}{\frac{8}{5^x} - \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^x} = \frac{1}{0} = \infty$$

Example 7

44 November 9, 2006

Evaluate the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{2x^2 + 3} - \sqrt{2x^2 - 5}$$

Solution

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt{2x^2 + 3} - \sqrt{2x^2 - 5} \right) = \infty - \infty$$

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\sqrt{2x^2 + 3} - \sqrt{2x^2 - 5})(\sqrt{2x^2 + 3} + \sqrt{2x^2 - 5})}{\sqrt{2x^2 + 3} + \sqrt{2x^2 - 5}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^2 + 3 - (2x^2 - 5)}{\sqrt{2x^2 + 3} + \sqrt{2x^2 - 5}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^2 + 3 - 2x^2 + 5}{\sqrt{2x^2 + 3} + \sqrt{2x^2 - 5}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8}{\sqrt{2x^2 + 3} + \sqrt{2x^2 - 5}} = \frac{0}{\infty} = 0$$

Example 8

9 January 8, 1994

Evaluate the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + 2x} - x)$$

Solution

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + 2x} - x) = \infty - \infty$$

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\sqrt{x^2 + 2x} - x)(\sqrt{x^2 + 2x} + x)}{\sqrt{x^2 + 2x} + x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x^2 + 2x) - x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + 2x} + x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 2x} + x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x}{|x|\sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{x}} + x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x}{x\sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{x}} + x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{x}} + 1} = \frac{2}{1 + 1} = 1$$



Homework

1

Evaluate the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x - \sqrt{x^2 - 3x}$$

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Evaluate the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x+9} - \sqrt{x})$$

10 June 6, 1994

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(2pts) Evaluate the following limits, if they exist.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x + \sqrt{x^2 + 3x + 1}$$

55 April 8, 2010

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Evaluate the following limits, if they exist:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + x} - x) \quad (2 \text{ pts.})$$

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5[2 pts.] Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (2x - \sqrt{4x^2 + 5x})$

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Evaluate the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10 - 3x}{20 - 3x}$$

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Evaluate the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^x + 4}{8 - 7^x}$$

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Evaluate the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x - \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$$



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Evaluate the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10 - 3^x}{20 - 3^x}$$

Solution

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10 - 3^x}{20 - 3^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{10}{3^x} - 1}{\frac{20}{3^x} - 1} = \frac{-1}{-1} = 1$$

7

Evaluate the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^x + 4}{8 - 7^x}$$

Solution

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^x + 4}{8 - 7^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{2^x}{7^x} + \frac{4}{7^x}}{\frac{8}{7^x} - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^x + \frac{4}{7^x}}{\frac{8}{7^x} - 1} = \frac{0 + 0}{0 - 1} = \frac{0}{-1} = 0$$

