

Examples:

$$\textcircled{1} \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} [1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{10}]$$

Sol<sup>n</sup>:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (1) + \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x^2) + \dots + \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} x^{10}$

$$= 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 \dots + 1$$

$$= 1$$

$$\textcircled{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x}{x^2 - 4} \right]$$

Sol<sup>n</sup>:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x(x^2 - 4x + 4)}{x^2 - 4}$

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x(x-2)}{x+2}$$

$$= \frac{2(2-2)}{2+2}$$

$$= 0$$

NOTE: Limit comes out to be in  $(0/0)$  form so try to remove factors which are causing them to be  $(0/0)$  form.

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin^2 x/2}{x^2}$$

$$\left[ 1 - \cos 2A = 2 \sin^2 A \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 2 \frac{\sin x/2}{x/2} \cdot \frac{\sin x/2}{x/2} \cdot \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x/2}{x/2} \cdot \frac{\sin x/2}{x/2}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{As } x \rightarrow 0 \\ \text{so } \frac{x}{2} \rightarrow 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{x - \sin x}{x + \cos^2 x}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{x \left( 1 - \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)}{x \left( 1 + \frac{\cos^2 x}{x} \right)}}$$

$$= \frac{1 - 0}{1 + 0}$$

$$= 1$$

$$(5) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(1 - \cos x)}{\sin^4 x}$$

Sol<sup>n</sup>:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos\left(2\sin^2 \frac{x}{2}\right)}{\sin^4 x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\sin^2\left(\frac{\sin^2 x}{2}\right)}{\frac{\sin^4 x \cdot x^4}{x^4}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\sin^2\left(\frac{\sin^2 x}{2}\right)}{x^4}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^4 x}{x^4}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{2\sin\left(\frac{\sin^2 x}{2}\right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\sin^2 x}{2}\right) \cdot \sin^4 \frac{x}{2}}{16}}{\frac{\sin^2 \frac{x}{2} \cdot \sin^2 \frac{x}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{x^4}{2}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8}$$