

welcome to the second lecture on limits

so in the first lecture we gave the meaning of limits and then we also saw the epsilon delta definition of limits and then we were looking at some of the properties

so today i will continue with some more properties of limits and then we will state some more results

so we will continue with properties of limits

so last time we saw the sum difference rule and then the multiple of a constant

so today let us see what happens to the limit of the product of function the product rule

so this simply says that if limit of x going to a f of x and limit of x going to a g of x exists then limit of the product function f of x times g of x this also exists and the limit of the product is equal to the product of the limits this times limit of g of x as x goes to a

so that is limit of the product is the product of the limit again this can be proved using the epsilon delta definition but we will skip the proof rather lets see that using this let me state this result

so suppose p of x is a polynomial with real coefficients that is p of x is of the form a constant a zero plus a one x plus a two x square

so on up to a n x to the power n then the limit of p of x as x approaches any a this is equal to p of a

so to prove this you only have to know

so first note that limit of x going to a of x this is equal to a right this is very easy to see using epsilon delta definition you just have to see that delta equal to epsilon will work

so the limit of the function f of x equal to x the limit at x goes to a is equal to a

so using this

so therefore the limit of x square as x goes to a this will be equal to simply a square by the product rule and by induction limit of x to the k x going to a this is equal to a to the k for all k in natural number

so therefore the limit of p of x as x goes to a is equal to first of all this i can write as limit of a zero plus limit of a one times x and

so on up to limit of a n times x to the n as x goes to a this is by the sum rule and then you use that limit of a constant time a function is constant time the limit

so this implies limit of p of x as x goes to a is equal to limit of the constant is simply a zero plus a one times the limit of x as x goes to a plus a two times limit of x square x going to a

so on up to a n times limit x to the n as x goes to a this is equal to a zero plus a one the limit of this is simply a plus a two times a square and the limit of x to the n is a to the n but this is nothing but the value of the polynomial evaluated at a

so hence we are done

so for example if we want limit as x going to say one of x square plus $3x$ plus 2 then you can just write this as the value of the polynomial at 1

so that is 1 square plus three times one plus two which is one plus three plus two which is six right next rule is about the quotient of two functions

so suppose limit of x going to a f of x exists and limit x going to a g of x this also exists further and is not equal to zero then the limit of the quotient of these two functions f of x by g of x this is equal to limit of f of x by limit of g of x right

so this is the result but if the limit of the denominator g of x if that is equal to 0 then division by 0 is not defined

so of course we cannot write this but if the limit is non-zero then this makes sense and we can use this formula that limit of cosine is the quotient of the limit provided the limit of the denominator is not equal to zero

so this means that that is the limit of the quotient of two functions equals the quotient of the limit if the limit of the denominator is non zero

so for example if we have to calculate limit of say $x^3 + 2x + 3$ divided by $x^2 + 1$ as x approaches one

so here first you see that what is the limit of the denominator as x approaches one $x^2 + 1$ is polynomial

so the limit of $x^2 + 1$ is one square plus one which is non-zero

so this i can write that since limit of x going to one $x^2 + 1$ this is equal to one square plus one which is two this is non zero therefore the limit of x going to one $x^3 + 2x + 3$ by $x^2 + 1$ is simply the quotient of the limits and now both are polynomials

so we know that we just need to evaluate it

so at x equal to one we get one cube plus two plus three this is six divided by two

so this is three let me warn you we said that if the limit of the denominator function is non-zero then the limit of the a quotient exists and equals to the cosine of the limit but if the denominator function limit is 0 we cannot say that the limit does not exist

so the limit of $f(x)$ by $g(x)$ this might exist even when limit of $g(x)$ is equal to zero in fact we will see that most of the important examples will be when the limit of the denominator is actually equal to zero

so for example find limit of x going to one $x^2 - 3x + 2$ divided by $x - 1$ if it exists

so here we see that the limit of x going to one of $x - 1$ this is simply one minus one which is zero also

so we cannot use the directly the quotient rule

so we cannot use the quotient rule directly but if we see the numerator limit of numerator that is again $1^2 - 3 \times 1 + 2$ which is also 0 .

so the limit of the numerator and denominator both are zero in fact here we see that at x equal to one the numerator and denominator both are zero

so therefore $x - 1$ is a factor of

so here $x^2 - 3x + 2$ divided by $x - 1$ this is equal to $x - 1$ times $x - 2$ divided by $x - 1$ of course this is defined if x is not equal to one and if x is not equal to one then one can cancel this $x - 1$ and this is equal to $x - 2$ if x is not equal to one

so the limit of x tends to one of $x^2 - 3x + 2$ by $x - 1$ this is same thing as limit of x approaching 1 of $x - 2$ because remember that while calculating the limit we do not have to consider the value of the function at x equal to a we only need to know when x is sufficiently close to one

so this is equal to again this is just a polynomial

so this is $1 - 2$ which is minus 1 right

so in this example we see that even though the limit of the denominator does not exist the limit of the quotient might exist right

so this is one way of trying to find the limit let us do one more example

so what is limit as x approaches four of $x - 4$ divided by square root $x - 2$

so here the function is

so here we have this function f of x equal to $x - 4$ divided by square root $x - 2$ this is defined for any x which is greater than equal to zero but x

not equal to four right

so if i take an interval and any in interval which ah any interval around four which does not contain negative integers negative real numbers then this function is defined and we want to know what is the limit

so we can talk about the limit of this function

so note that this is again we can simplify

so we can multiply and divide by square root x plus two this is the conjugate of square root x minus two to get $f(x)$ is equal to x minus 4 times square root x plus 2 by square root x minus 2 times square root x plus 2 and now if you multiply in the denominator we get x minus 4 and this cancels with this

so $f(x)$ is equal to square root x plus 2 if x is greater than equal to 0 and x not equal to 4.

so therefore limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches 4 is equal to limit of this function square root x plus 2 which is same as the function $f(x)$ in a small enough interval containing four excluding x equal to four

so this is equal to square root four plus two which is two plus two which is four

so this is another way of calculating limits when you get the limit of the numerator and denominators are both zero

so next what will do is this theorem this is called this sandwich theorem or sometime it is called the squeeze theorem

so what this says is that suppose we have a function $f(x)$ suppose $f(x)$ is greater than equal to $g(x)$ and is less than equal to $h(x)$ for all x in an interval containing a but may be excluding x equal to a

so suppose $f(x)$ lies between these two function $g(x)$ and $h(x)$ in an interval containing a also assume that the limit of $g(x)$ equals the limit of $h(x)$ and both are equal to say l

so if the limit of the function $g(x)$ and $h(x)$ are both equal to l then the conclusion is that then limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches a this exists and it equals again the same limit l right

so if you see using a graph

so what this says is that suppose you have a function says that in some interval this $f(x)$ is between two functions $g(x)$ and $h(x)$ and the limit is same right

so in this case let me draw this

so we have $f(x)$ and we have the $g(x)$ and $h(x)$

so in in case that the limit at this of the upper function $h(x)$ and the lower function $g(x)$ if they are both same then the limit of $f(x)$ is also same

so remark the sandwich theorem can be proved using the epsilon delta definition

so i would suggest that the students can try to prove this using this definition but we will skip the proof rather they say that this is very important

so this theorem is is extremely useful in computing limits

so many times what happens is that the function whose limit you want to calculate it might be complicated but if you can find a smaller function and a bigger function and you can easily calculate the limits and if the limits are same then this also has the same limit

so we will see an important limit using this theorem

so as an application we will prove that limit of the function $\sin x$ over x as x approaches zero this is equal to one

so this is a very important formula for limit that limit of $\sin x$ by x at zero is equal to one note that here we cannot use note that we cannot use the quotient rule because limit of the denominator is 0 limit of the numerator is

also θ and here we do not have polynomials that we cancel x and then try to use the quotient rule

so rather what we will do is that we will prove that this limit is equal to 1 by using sandwich theorem

so to do that let me first draw let me draw a circle of radius one

so i have a circle and the radius of this circle is one

so i have this this is one this is one and now let us take an angle equal to x radian

so this is x in radian and let me draw this triangle this and let me join these two points and we will also extend this and then draw a perpendicular here

so let me mark these points

so i have o here a this point is b this is c and this is d consider a circle of radius one and let x be an angle in radian and consider the figure drawn to the left now let us try to

so from this figure it is clear that if i look at the area

so area of triangle $o a b$ this is less than area of sector $o a b$ which is in terms less than area of the bigger triangle $o a d$ right

so we have this is the sector this is a fraction of the whole circle and of course the triangle $o a b$ this area is less than the area of this sector and this sector is again contained strictly between this triangle $o a d$

so we get this right now let us see what is the what are these areas we have this now area of triangle $o a b$ is equal to half times the base is $o a$ times $b c$ right which is equal to half the length of $o a$ is one this is one what is the length $b c$

so note that this angle is x

so this length $b c$ is nothing but $\sin x$ right sign of x is nothing but the ratio of the opposite side and the hypotenuse which is one here

so $\sin x$ is $b c$ divided by one

so $b c$ is equal to $\sin x$

so this is half times one times $\sin x$

so we get area of triangle $o a b$ is equal to half $\sin x$ now what is the area of the sector area of sector $o a b$

so the area of the sector is in the ratio of the area of the is in the ratio of the angle

so we have angle is x divided by the total angle of the circle is two π radian

so x divided by two π into area of the circle right for two π angle we get the whole area of the circle

so for x angle we get x divided by two π into area of the circle

so this is equal to x divided by two π area of the circle is nothing but π times the radius one square

so this gives me just half x

so area of sector is half x and we also need area of triangle $o a d$

so this is again a right angle triangle and the area is half times $o a$ times $a d$ let me show the picture again

so the triangle $o a d$ the area is half times $o a$ times $a d$ what is the length of $a d$ in this triangle $o a d$ if we see this base is of length one

so this opposite side is of length $\tan x$

so this is equal to half times $o a$ times $a d$

so that is half times one times $\tan x$ this is half $\tan x$

so what we get is that

so for any x between zero to π by two we have that area of triangle $o a b$ is half $\sin x$ is less than area of the sector which is half x which is less than half times $\tan x$ right this is true for every angle x which is between zero and π by two now what we do is that we divide throughout by $\sin x$ if x is

between zero and π by two $\sin x$ is positive

so dividing by this what we get is

so first let me cancel this half from each of this

so we get $\sin x$ is less than x is less than $\tan x$ and then dividing by $\sin x$ i get one is less than x by $\sin x$ which is less than $\tan x$ divided by $\sin x$ but $\tan x$ is $\sin x$ divided by $\cos x$

so this is equal to one by $\cos x$

so the conclusion is what we get is

so one is less than x by $\sin x$ which is less than one by cosine of x for every x between zero and π by two now if we take the reciprocal this implies that if i take the reciprocal the inequality changes

so we get 1 is greater than $\sin x$ by x which is greater than $\cos x$ for all 0 less than x less than π by 2 right

so this is a very important inequality

so we have got that let me write this again $\cos x$ is less than $\sin x$ by x which is less than one if zero is less than x is less than π by two right what we were looking for is the limit of $\sin x$ by x what we did is we have found that $\sin x$ by x is between $\cos x$ and one for all x between zero and π by two

so also if i replace x by minus x we note that \cos of minus x is nothing but \cos of x and \sin of minus x divided by minus x because \sin is an odd function this is minus $\sin x$ divided by minus x which is again equal to $\sin x$ by x that is both $\cos x$ and $\sin x$ by x are even functions

so if x is negative then minus x is positive

so because we have this inequality one

so hence from one the inequality is in fact true for any x between minus π by two to π by two right

so now we got an interval containing zero in which we have this inequality that $\sin x$ by x is greater than $\cos x$ and less than one now we just need to know what is the limit of $\cos x$ and limit of 1 as x approaches 0 since limit of \cos of x as x approaches 0 this is equal to simply \cos of 0 which is 1 and of course the limit of the constant function one is equal to one by the sandwich theorem the limit $\sin x$ by x as x approaches zero this is also equal to one

so we have proved that this limit is equal to one by using by bonding this function between two functions $\cos x$ and one whose limits are easy to calculate and then we know that this limit is also equal to 1.

so this is a very important formula for limit and you can use this to calculate many limits

so we will do some examples using this formula

so one is if i write limit of $\tan x$ by x this is equal to what

so note that $\tan x$ by x this is equal to $\sin x$ by x times 1 by $\cos x$ if x is not equal to 0 and we know that limit of $\sin x$ by x this is equal to 1 and limit of one by $\cos x$ this is equal to one by limit of $\cos x$ is one

so this is also one

so by the product rule limit of $\tan x$ by x this is also equal to one another one important limit is what is this limit of one minus $\cos x$ divided by x

so here we have that as x goes to 0 the limit of the denominator is 0 the limit of the numerator is again 1 minus 1 which is 0 and we want to calculate this limit

so recall from trigonometry we can express \cos of an angle in terms of \sin of half of the angle right

so \cos of $2a$ is equal to 1 minus 2 sine square a right \cos of $2a$ is \cos square a minus \sin square a which is equal to 1 minus 2 sine square a

so that is 1 minus \cos two a is equal to 2 sine square a

so therefore one minus cos x is nothing but two times sine square of x by two
so the numerator is equal to two times sin square x by two denominator is x
so one minus cos x by x this is equal to two sine square x by two divided by x
if x is not equal to zero and then we can write this this is equal to sine of x
by two divided by x by two times another sign of x by 2 right i just brought
this 2 in the denominator

so i get x by 2 here

so therefore limit of x going to zero of one minus cos x by x this is equal to
limit of x going to zero of sine x by two divided by x by two times the limit of
sine of x by two as x goes to zero provided these two limits exist right

so now what we know is that limit of sine x by x as x approaches zero that is
equal to one here what we have is sine of x by two divided by x by two

so if we put y is equal to x by two then as x tends to zero y also tends to
zero because y is half of x

so therefore this limit x going to zero of sine x by two divided by x by two is
equal to limit of sine y by y where y is approaching zero and this limit we know
is one and of course the other limit limit of x going to 0 of sine x by 2 this
is equal to sine of 0 which is 1 which is zero

so therefore limit of one minus cos x by x x going to zero this is equal to
zero

so we saw three limits in terms of trigonometric functions one is sine x by x
limit as zero is one and using that limit of tan x by x at zero is also one and
limit of one minus cos x by x that is equal to zero

so some other example using these formulas

so what is limit of a tan of two x divided by sine three x

so what we can do is that this is equal to we can write tan two x divided by
two x and then multiply it by two x if x is not zero then i can write tan two x
as tan two x by two x times two x similarly sine three x can be written as sine
three x by three x times three x and then we have limit as x goes to zero now in
this one two x by three x if x is non zero i can cancel this x and then we know
the limit of tan y by y as y approaches zero that is one limit of any sign y by
y as y approaches zero that is also one

so this is equal to the constant can be taken out from the limit

so two third limit of x going to zero tan two x divided by two x and then
divided by limit sine three x divided by three x which is equal to two third we
have seen that both the limits are one

so this is equal to two-thirds another example find limit of x going to zero of
sin three x divided by x

so many students make mistakes thinking that this sign of three x this is going
to zero x is also going to zero and we have seen that the limit of sin x by x
that is equal to 1 but this limit is not equal to 1 because here what we have to
do is that we need to use the same thing

so we write limit x going to zero sin three x divided by if i write three x
then here i have whatever is inside sign i am dividing by that this limit is
equal to 1 and but then i have to multiply this by 3 to get the same function

so this limit is equal to this limit and now because i am dividing by the same
3x which is inside sine 3x then i can simply write or if you want you can write
one more step this is equal to limit of y going to zero sine of y by y times
three and where y is equal to three x and then this is equal to three

so so it is a good idea to like change it into another variable y and then they
use the formula for sine y by y right

so at least in the beginning you should do like this to avoid the mistake that
this is not equal to limit sine three x by x x going to zero this is equal to
one this is wrong right

so the next thing that we will talk about is what we call infinite limits
so i i will just explain by an example
so suppose you look at consider $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ for $x \neq 0$
so this function if you see as we approach 0 as x becomes a small positive
number $\frac{1}{x}$ becomes larger and larger
so the graph of this functions is this rectangular hyperbola and for negative x
we have this as x is negative
so what what happens is that as x tends to 0 plus this means from the right $\frac{1}{x}$
by x becomes larger and larger and as x tends to zero minus that means that from
the left if you approach zero then $\frac{1}{x}$ becomes large negative number
so we will explain this more rigorously but what we say
so in such cases we say limit of $\frac{1}{x}$ as x approaches to 0 from the right
this is equal to positive infinity and limit of x going to 0 minus of $\frac{1}{x}$
this is equal to negative infinity
so this simply means that if x is a small positive number then $\frac{1}{x}$ becomes a
large positive number and if x is a small negative number then $\frac{1}{x}$ becomes a
large negative number
so we use this symbols positive infinity and negative infinity to just say that
in in the next class i will make it more rigorous and define when we say that
the limit at a point is positive infinity or negative infinity and then we will
see some more examples
so in the next class we will make it more regress about this limit being
positive infinity and negative infinity and then we will see some more examples
on this thank you you