

1. Sequence limits

Exercise 1. Try out the following commands:

limit (1+1/n)^n as n->infinity

limit (4n^5-6n^2+1)/(6n^5+n^3-8) as n->infinity

limit (5*9^n - 5^(n+1)+3)/(-3^(2*n) + 2^(3n+1)-1) as n->infinity

limit Sqrt[n]/(Sqrt[n+Sqrt[n+Sqrt[n]]]) as n->infinity

Unfortunately, some limits turn out to be too difficult for Wolfram Alpha:

limit (1/n^2 + 2/n^2 + 3/n^2 + 4/n^2 + ... + (n-1)/n^2) as n->infinity

This limit doesn't exist:

limit Cos[Pi*n]*(n^2+2n)/(2n^2-5n) as n->Infinity

and as a result we obtain: *undefined In the interval...*

Exercise 2. Calculate the following limits:

$$\text{a) } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{e^n + \pi^n + 8^n}, \quad \text{b) } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{7 + \cos(\pi n)}, \quad \text{c) } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 \cdot 4^n + 3 \cdot \sin(n!)}{2^{2n} + 7}$$

Exercise 3. Calculate the limit with a parameter:

Solve[limit a*n^2/(3n^2-n) as n->infinity = 2, a]

2. Function limits

Exercise 4. Try out the following commands:

limit (1-1/x)^x as x->-infinity

limit (6-2Sqrt[x])/(x-9) as x->9

limit Sin[4x]/x as x->0

limit E^(Sin[Acot[(2+x)/(2-x)]) as x->Infinity

Exercise 5. Calculate function limits:

$$\text{(a) } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \cos(\arctg x) \quad \text{(b) } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sin(\arctg x) \quad \text{(c) } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \log_2 \left| \frac{x+1}{x^2+2} \right| \quad \text{(d) } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \arcsin \frac{1-x}{x+1}$$

Exercise 6. Try to calculate a limit that doesn't exist:

limit |x|/x as x->0

As an answer, you obtained two separate one-sided limits (*one-sided limits*).

The following commands compute one-sided limits:

lim E^(1/x) as x->0+

lim E^(1/x) as x->0-

Exercise 7. Check if these limits exist:

$$\text{(a) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sin(2x-4)}{|x-2|} \quad \text{(b) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{tg } |2x|}{3x} \quad \text{(c) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x|}{|\sin x|(x+3)} \quad \text{(d) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(3-x)^3}{|x-3|}$$