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**Worksheet 6.5—L'Hôpital's Rule and Indeterminate Forms**

Show all work. No calculator at all. Not one keystroke.

**Multiple Choice**

- C 1. Which of the following gives the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\tan x}$ ?  $\frac{0}{0}$   
 (A) -1 (B) 0 (C) 1 (D)  $\pi$  (E) Does not exist

~~L'Hôpital!~~  

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sec^2 x}$$

$$\frac{1}{1^2}$$

$$1$$

- D 2. Which of the following gives the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1-1/x}{1-1/x^2}$ ?  $\frac{0}{0}$   
 (A) Does not exist (B) 2 (C) 1 (D) 1/2 (E) 0

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1-x^{-1}}{1-x^{-2}}$$
~~L'Hôpital!~~  

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^{-2}}{2x^{-3}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3}{2x^2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x}{2}$$

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

- B 3. Which of the following gives the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_2 x}{\log_3 x}$ ?  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$   
 (A) 1 (B)  $\frac{\ln 3}{\ln 2}$  (C)  $\frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3}$  (D)  $\ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$  (E)  $\ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$

~~L'Hôpital!~~  

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x \ln 2}}{\frac{1}{x \ln 3}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x \ln 3}{x \ln 2}$$

$$\frac{\ln 3}{\ln 2}$$

E 4. Which of the following gives the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{3x}$ ?  $\infty$

- (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) e (D)  $e^2$  (E)  $e^3$

Let  $y = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{3x}$

$\ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 3x \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)$   $\infty \cdot 0$

$\ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)}{x^{-1}}$   $\frac{0}{0}$

L'Hôpital!  $\ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{3}{1+\frac{1}{x}}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right)}{\left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right)}$

$\ln y = 3$   
 $y = e^3$

B 5. What is  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{8\left(\frac{1}{2} + h\right)^8 - 8\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8}{h}$ ?

- (A) 0 (B) 1/2 (C) 1 (D) Does not exist (E) Cannot be determined from the information given

Method 1:  $\frac{0}{0}$

L'Hôpital!  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{64\left(\frac{1}{2} + h\right)^7}{64\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^7}$   
 $\frac{64}{64 \cdot 2}$   
 $\frac{1}{2}$

Method 2:

$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{8\left(\frac{1}{2} + h\right)^8 - 8\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8}{h} = f'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$  (Modified Def of  $f'(x)$ )

for  $f(x) = 8x^8$

so,  $f'(x) = 64x^7$

$f'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 64\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^7$

$f'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$

D 6. What is  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{2x} - 1}{\tan x}$ ?  $\%$

- (A) -1 (B) 0 (C) 1 (D) 2 (E) Does not exist

L'Hôpital!  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2e^{2x}}{\sec^2 x}$

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

- C 7. What is  $\lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{m} \ln\left(\frac{2+m}{2}\right)$ ?  
 (A)  $e^2$  (B) 1 (C)  $1/2$  (E) 0 (E) Does not exist

Method 1:

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln\left(\frac{2+m}{2}\right)}{m} \stackrel{0/0}{=} \lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln\left(1+\frac{1}{2}m\right)}{m}$$

L'Hôpital!  

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{2}m}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{1}$$

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

Method 2

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln\left(\frac{2+m}{2}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{2}{2}\right)}{m} = f'(2)$$

for  $f(x) = \ln\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$

so,  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x/2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{x}$

$f'(2) = \frac{1}{2}$  (modified def)

- D 8. What is  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n^2}{10,000n + n^2}$ ?  
 (A) 0 (B)  $\frac{1}{2,500}$  (C) 1 (D) 4 (E) Does not exist

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n^2}{n^2 + 10000n} \stackrel{\infty/\infty}{=}$$

$$\frac{4}{1} = 4$$

- E 9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+2x)^{\csc x} = 1^\infty$   
 Let  $y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+2x)^{\csc x}$  (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D)  $e$  (E)  $e^2$

$$\ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\csc x) \ln(1+2x) \quad \infty \cdot 0$$

$$\ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+2x)}{\sin x} \quad \frac{0}{0}$$

L'Hôpital!  

$$\ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{1+2x}\right)(2)}{\cos x}$$

$$\ln y = 2$$

$$y = e^2$$

**Free Response**

Find the following limits. Show all work and use L'Hôpital's Rule whenever possible. Express your answer in exact form. For example, if the value of the limit is  $\pi$  do not write 3.14

10.  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\arctan \theta}{2\theta}$   $\frac{0}{0}$

L'Hôpital!  
 $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2}$   
 $\frac{1}{2}$

11.  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \pi^+} \frac{1}{\sin(\theta - \pi)}$   $\frac{1}{0}$

$+\infty$   
 (or DNE)

12.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^+} \frac{2x - 2\pi}{\sin(x - \pi)}$   $\frac{0}{0}$

L'Hôpital!  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^+} \frac{2}{\cos(x - \pi)}$   
 $2$

13.  $\lim_{z \rightarrow \pi^+} \sin\left(\frac{1}{z - \pi}\right)$

$\sin\left(\lim_{z \rightarrow \pi^+} \frac{1}{z - \pi}\right)$   
 $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \sin z$   
 DNE  
 (oscillation)

14.  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \alpha \cdot \cot(2\alpha)$   $0 \cdot \infty$

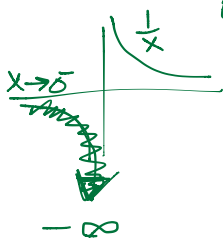
$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{\alpha}{\tan(2\alpha)}$   $\frac{0}{0}$   
L'Hôpital!  
 $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2 \sec^2(2\alpha)}$   
 $\frac{1}{2}$

15.  $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} y \cdot \ln\left(\frac{y+1}{y-1}\right)$   $\infty \cdot 0$

$\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln\left(\frac{y+1}{y-1}\right)}{\frac{1}{y}}$   $\frac{0}{0}$   
L'Hôpital!  
 $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{y+1} - \frac{1}{y-1}}{-y^2} \cdot \frac{(y-1)(y+1)}{(y-1)^2}$   
 $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{(y-1) - (y+1)}{(y+1)(y-1)}}{-y^2}$   
 $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{-2}{y^2-1}}{-y^2}$   
 $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2y^2}{y^2-1}$   
 $2$

\*careful here with  
 1-sided limit!!  
 16.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} x^3 \cdot e^{1/x}$   $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} x^3 \cdot e^{-\infty}$   
 $0 \cdot e^{-\infty}$   
 $0 \cdot \frac{1}{e^{\infty}}$   
 $0 \cdot 0$   
 $0$



17.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{3}{t}\right)^t$   $1^\infty$

$y = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{3}{t}\right)^t$   
 $\ln y = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t \ln\left(1 + \frac{3}{t}\right)$   $\infty \cdot 0$   
 $\ln y = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln\left(1 + \frac{3}{t}\right)}{t^{-1}}$   $\frac{0}{0}$   
L'Hôpital!  
 $\ln y = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{1 + \frac{3}{t}}\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{3}{t^2}\right)}{-t^{-2}}$   
 $\ln y = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{1 + \frac{3}{t}}$   
 $\ln y = 3$   
 $y = e^3$

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Fun One!  
 18.  $\lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} (\ln w - \sqrt{w})$   $\infty - \infty$

using  $\ln e^x = x$ ,  
 Let  $\sqrt{w} = \ln e^{\sqrt{w}}$   
 so,  $\lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} (\ln w - \ln e^{\sqrt{w}})$   $\infty - \infty$   
 Condense:  $\lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} \ln\left(\frac{w}{e^{\sqrt{w}}}\right)$   
 $\ln\left(\lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} \frac{w}{e^{\sqrt{w}}}\right)$   
 $\lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} \ln w - \infty$   
 (or DNE)  
 *$e^{\sqrt{w}}$  grows faster than  $w$ , so limit goes to 0 from pos. side.*

$$19. \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)}{\ln t} = \frac{0}{\infty} = 0 \text{ or } \frac{1}{\infty \cdot \infty}$$

○  
(Not indeterminate)

$$20. \lim_{v \rightarrow \infty} \frac{v^2}{e^{-v}} = \frac{\infty}{0} = \infty \cdot \infty \text{ or } \frac{\infty}{0 \cdot 0}$$

∞  
(or DNE)

$$21. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^2 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{\sin x} = \frac{0 \cdot \sin \infty}{0}$$

D · DNE ← by oscillation  
DNE

$$22. \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} (2^u - 1)\sqrt{u} = (2^0 - 1)\sqrt{0} = 0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

○  
(Never Not First!)

$$23. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\ln|2x - 4| - \ln|x + 3|) = \infty - \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left| \frac{2x - 4}{x + 3} \right|$$

$$\ln \left| \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x - 4}{x + 3} \right|$$

$$\ln |2|$$

$$\ln 2$$

$$24. \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \pi^2 \frac{\tan 2\theta}{\theta \cos 2\theta} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$$\pi^2 \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(2\theta)}{\theta \cdot \cos(2\theta)}$$

L'Hôpital!  
+

$$\pi^2 \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sec^2(2\theta)}{\cos(2\theta) - 2\theta \sin(2\theta)}$$

product rule

$$\pi^2 \cdot \frac{2}{1 - 0} = 2\pi^2$$

25. (AP 2010-5) Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y$ . Let  $y = f(x)$  be the particular solution to this differential equation with the initial condition  $f(1) = 0$ . For this particular solution,  $f(x) < 1$  for all values of  $x$ .

(a) Use Euler's method, starting at  $x = 1$  with two steps of equal size, to approximate  $f(0)$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.

	$x$	$y$	$m = \frac{dy}{dx}$	$\Delta y = \Delta x \cdot m$	$y_{\text{new}} = y + \Delta y$
$\Delta x = \frac{0-1}{2}$	1	0	1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$
$\Delta x = -\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{4}$	$-\frac{5}{4}$
	0	$-\frac{5}{4}$			

(✓)

so,  $f(0) \approx -\frac{5}{4}$  (✓)

(b) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x)}{x^3 - 1}$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.

$\frac{f(1)}{1-1} = \frac{0}{0}$

L'Hôpital!

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f'(x)}{3x^2}$  (✓)

$\frac{f'(1)}{3}$       $f'(1) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(1,0)} = 1 - 0 = 1$

$\frac{1}{3}$  (✓)

(c) Find the particular solution  $y = f(x)$  to the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y$  with the initial condition  $f(1) = 0$ .

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y$

$\frac{1}{1-y} dy = dx$  (✓)

correction!  $\int \frac{1}{1-y} dy = \int 1 dx$

$-\ln|1-y| = x + C$  (✓)

$\ln|1-y| = -x + C$  (✓)

$|1-y| = e^{-x+C}$

$1-y = Ce^{-x}$

$y = 1 - Ce^{-x}$

$e(1,0): 0 = 1 - Ce^{-1}$  (✓)

$\frac{C}{e} = 1$

$C = e$

so,  $y = 1 - e \cdot e^{-x}$  (✓)

or  $y = 1 - e^{1-x}$

26. (2016-BC4)

Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 - \frac{1}{2}y$ .

(a) Find  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  in terms of  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - \frac{1}{2} \frac{dy}{dx} \quad (\checkmark 1)$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2x - \frac{1}{2} \left( x^2 - \frac{1}{2}y \right) \quad (\checkmark 2)$$

(b) Let  $y = f(x)$  be the particular solution to the given differential equation whose graph passes through the point  $(-2, 8)$ . Does the graph of  $f$  have a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at the point  $(-2, 8)$ ? Justify your answer.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 - \frac{1}{2}y \quad (\checkmark 3)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(-2, 8)} = (-2)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(8) = 4 - 4 = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \Big|_{(-2, 8)} = 2(-2) - \frac{1}{2}(0) = -4 < 0 \quad (\checkmark 4)$$

So,  $y = f(x)$  has a relative max @  $(-2, 8)$

So,  $(-2, 8)$  is a critical value of  $y = f(x)$ .

(c) Let  $y = g(x)$  be the particular solution to the given differential equation with  $g(-1) = 2$ .

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \left( \frac{g(x) - 2}{3(x+1)^2} \right)$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.

$$= \frac{g(-1) - 2}{3(-1+1)^2} = \frac{0}{0}$$

L'Hôpital's rule  $(\checkmark 5)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{g'(x)}{6(x+1) \cdot 1} = \frac{g'(-1)}{0} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$$g'(-1) = \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(-1, 2)} = 1 - 1 = 0$$

L'Hôpital's rule again!

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{g''(x)}{6} = \frac{g''(-1)}{6} = -2$$

$$\frac{-2}{6} = -\frac{1}{3} \quad (\checkmark 7)$$

(d) Let  $y = h(x)$  be the particular solution to the given differential equation with  $h(0) = 2$ .

(BC) Use Euler's method starting at  $x = 0$  with two step of equal size, to approximate  $h(1)$ .

(AB) Use the linearization of  $h(x)$  at  $x = 0$  to approximate  $h(1)$ .

	$x$	$y$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = m$	$\Delta y = m \Delta x$	$y_{\text{new}} = y + \Delta y$
$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2}$	0	2	-1	-1/2	3/2
	1/2	3/2	1/4 - 3/4 = -1/2	-1/4	5/4
	1	5/4			

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{1-0}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 - \frac{1}{2}y \quad \text{So, } h(1) \approx \frac{5}{4} \quad (\checkmark 9)$$

(AB Version)  $h(0) = 2$ , pt:  $(0, 2)$

$$h'(0) = \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(0, 2)} = 0 - 1 = -1 = m$$

So,  $L(x) = 2 - 1(x - 0)$

$$L(x) = 2 - x$$

$$h(1) \approx L(1) = 2 - 1 = 1$$