

Limit Laws

Suppose $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$ both exist. Then:

$$1. \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

$$2. \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) - g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

$$3. \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [c f(x)] = c \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x), \quad c \in \mathbb{R} \text{ a constant.}$$

$$4. \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) \cdot g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

$$5. \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)}, \quad \text{provided } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \neq 0$$

$$6. \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^n = \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right]^n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$7. \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \sqrt[n]{f(x)} = \sqrt[n]{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$8. \lim_{x \rightarrow a} c = c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R} \text{ a constant.}$$

$$9. \lim_{x \rightarrow a} x = a$$

$$10. \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (x^n) = a^n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

These apply to one-sided limits as well; for example:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} g(x)$$