

IVT  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  CONTINUOUS,  
THEN IF  $N$  IS BETWEEN  $f(a)$  AND  $f(b)$   
THEN THERE IS  $a \leq c \leq b$  SO THAT  
 $f(c) = N$

EX: SOLVE  $x^5 + x - 1 = 0$

$f(x) = x^5 + x - 1$  CONTINUOUS EVERYWHERE

$f(0) = -1$       THUS THERE IS  $0 < c < 1$   
 $f(1) = 1$       SO THAT  $f(c) = 0$

$f(\frac{1}{2}) = (\frac{1}{2})^5 + \frac{1}{2} - 1 < 0$       THUS  $\frac{1}{2} < c < 1$   
 $f(1) > 0$

EX:  $x = \sqrt{1 + \sin^2 x}$  HAS A SOLUTION  
 $0 < c < \pi$

$f(x) = x - \sqrt{1 + \sin^2 x}$

$f(0) = 0 - 1 = -1 < 0$

$f(\pi) = \pi - \sqrt{1 + \sin^2 \pi} = \pi - 1 \approx 2.14 > 0$

EX:  $H: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -1 \leq x < 0 \\ 1, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$H(-1) = 0, \quad H(1) = 1$$

$$H(x) \neq \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{FOR ALL } -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

## LIMITS AT INFINITY

"DEF":  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$  IF:

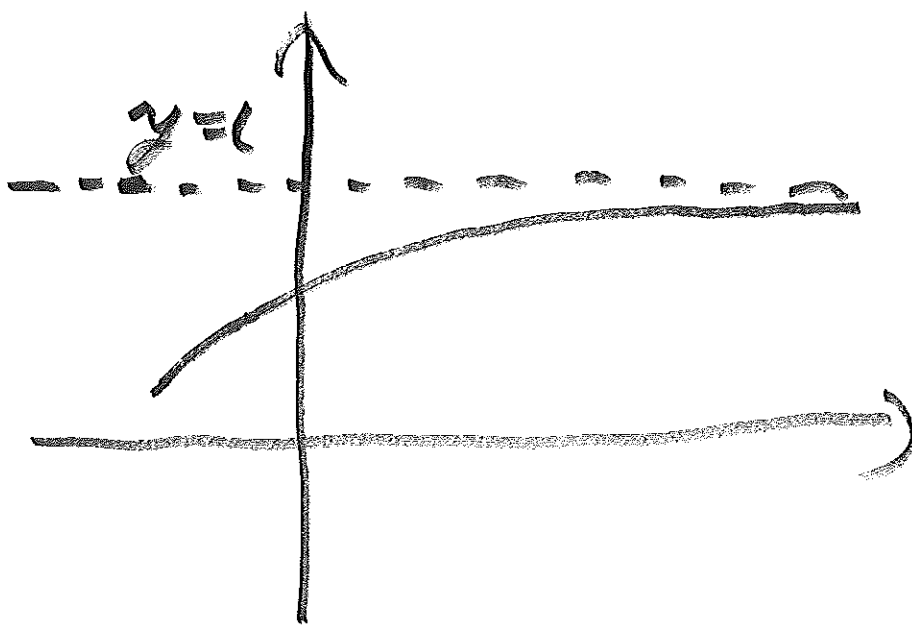
i)  $f$  IS WELL-DEFINED ON  $(M, +\infty)$  FOR SOME  $M$

ii) THE VALUES OF  $f$  GET "ARBITRARILY CLOSE" TO  $L$  AS  $x$  IS "SUFFICIENTLY LARGE"

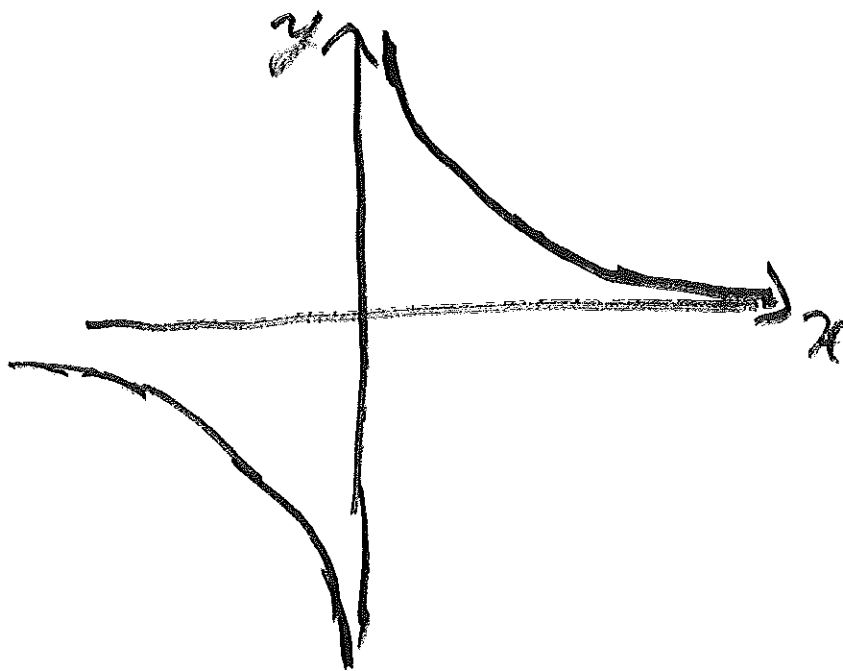
SIMILARLY  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = L$

DEF:  $y = L$  IS A HORIZONTAL ASYMPTOTE

IF  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = L$  (OR  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = L$ )



EX:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$



$x=0$  VERTICAL  
 $y=0$  HORIZONTAL

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^a} = 0, \quad a > 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x^a} = 0, \quad a > 0$$

(WHEN DEFINED)

# LIMIT LAWS STILL APPLY

"DEF"  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$  MEANS

THAT  $f(x)$  GETS "ARBITRARILY LARGE"  
IF  $x$  IS "SUFFICIENTLY LARGE"

SIMILARLY  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = -\infty$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \pm \infty$$

EX :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x = +\infty$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^a = \begin{cases} +\infty & \text{IF } a > 0 \\ 0 & \text{IF } a < 0 \\ 1 & \text{IF } a = 0 \end{cases}$$

EX:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (2x + 5) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 2x + \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 5$

$$= 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x + 5 = 2 \cdot \infty + 5 = +\infty$$

" $\infty + \infty = \infty$ "

" $\infty - 1,000,000 = \infty$ "

$$" \infty - \infty = ?? "$$

$$" \frac{\infty}{\infty} = ?? "$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x = +\infty$$

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

$$" \frac{0}{\infty} = 0 "$$

$$" \frac{\infty}{0} = \pm \infty "$$

$$" 0 \cdot \infty = ?? "$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} \cdot x = 1$$

$$\text{EX: } \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2x^2 + 2}{3x^2 + 5x + 1}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} 2x^2 + 2 = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} 3x^2 + 5x + 1 = +\infty$$

$$" \frac{\infty}{\infty} "$$

$$2x^2 + 2 \approx 2x^2$$

$$3x^2 + 5x + 1 \approx 3x^2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2x^2}{3x^2} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2x^2 + 2}{3x^2 + 5x + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^2 \left(2 + \frac{2}{x^2}\right)}{x^2 \left(3 + \frac{5}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2 + \frac{2}{x^2}}{3 + \frac{5}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \left(2 + \frac{2}{x^2}\right)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \left(3 + \frac{5}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)} = \frac{2}{3}$$

IN GENERAL

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_1 x^n + a_2 x^{n+1} + \dots}{b_1 x^m + b_2 x^{m+1} + \dots} = \begin{cases} \pm \infty, & n > m \\ 0, & n < m \\ \frac{a_1}{b_1}, & n = m \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \sin x \quad \text{DNE}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{x+100} - \sqrt{x}$$

" $\infty - \infty$ " ??

$$\sqrt{x+100} - \sqrt{x} = \frac{(\sqrt{x+100} - \sqrt{x})(\sqrt{x+100} + \sqrt{x})}{\sqrt{x+100} + \sqrt{x}}$$

$$= \frac{x+100 - x}{\sqrt{x+100} + \sqrt{x}} = \frac{100}{\sqrt{x+100} + \sqrt{x}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\dots) = \frac{100}{\infty} = 0$$