

# Limits

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = \frac{\operatorname{arctg} 1}{1 + 1}$$

- We substitute  $x = 1$ .
- The expression is well-defined. Hence the function is continuous at  $x = 1$  and the value of the function is the same as the value of the limit.

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1}$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} &= \frac{\operatorname{arctg} 1}{1 + 1} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2}\end{aligned}$$

We evaluate  $\operatorname{arctg} 1$ . We have to complete the pattern

$$\operatorname{tg}(\cdot) = 1.$$

The solution is

$$\operatorname{tg} \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$$

and hence  $\operatorname{arctg} 1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1}$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} &= \frac{\operatorname{arctg} 1}{1 + 1} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\pi}{4}}{2} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{8}\end{aligned}$$

We simplify the fraction. The problem is solved.

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1}$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = \frac{\operatorname{arctg}(-1)}{-1 + 1}$$

We substitute ...



Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = \frac{\operatorname{arctg}(-1)}{-1 + 1} = \frac{-\frac{\pi}{4}}{0}$$

... and simplify.

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1}$$

The limit is of the type  $\frac{\text{nonzero}}{\text{zero}}$ . Hence we have to investigate the one-sided limits first. We start with the limit from the right.

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1}$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = \frac{-\frac{\pi}{4}}{0}$$

We know, what we obtain after the substitution  $x = -1$ .

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = \frac{-\frac{\pi}{4}}{+0}$$

- We have to establish the sign of the function in the denominator.
- If  $x$  is on the right of the number  $-1$ , then  $x > -1$  and the relation  $x + 1 > 0$  holds.
- Hence the denominator is positive.

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = \frac{\operatorname{arctg}(-1)}{-1 + 1} = \frac{-\frac{\pi}{4}}{0}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = \frac{-\frac{\pi}{4}}{+0} = -\infty$$

The value of the limit from the right is  $-\infty$ .

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = \frac{-\frac{\pi}{4}}{0}$$

We investigate the limit from the left.

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = \frac{\operatorname{arctg}(-1)}{-1 + 1} = \frac{-\frac{\pi}{4}}{0}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = \frac{-\frac{\pi}{4}}{+0} = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = \frac{-\frac{\pi}{4}}{-0}$$

- If  $x$  is on the left from  $-1$ , then  $x < -1$ .
- Hence  $x + 1 < 0$  and the denominator is negative.

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = \frac{\operatorname{arctg}(-1)}{-1 + 1} = \frac{-\frac{\pi}{4}}{0}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = \frac{-\frac{\pi}{4}}{+0} = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = \frac{-\frac{\pi}{4}}{-0} = +\infty$$

The value of the limit from the left is  $+\infty$



Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = \frac{\operatorname{arctg}(-1)}{-1 + 1} = \frac{-\frac{\pi}{4}}{0}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = \frac{-\frac{\pi}{4}}{+0} = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = \frac{-\frac{\pi}{4}}{-0} = +\infty$$

The two-sided limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1}$  does not exist.

Both one-sided limits are different. Hence the two-sided limit does not exist.

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1}$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

- We evaluate the limit of the numerator and the denominator separately.
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \operatorname{arctg} x$  can be established by investigating the graph of the function  $y = \operatorname{arctg} x$ .
- The function  $y = \operatorname{arctg} x$  has a horizontal asymptote  $y = -\frac{\pi}{2}$  at  $-\infty$ . Hence the limit of the numerator is  $-\frac{\pi}{2}$ .

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = \frac{-\frac{\pi}{2}}{-\infty}$$

The limit of the denominator is:  $-\infty + 1 = -\infty$ .

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\operatorname{arctg} x}{x + 1} = \frac{-\frac{\pi}{2}}{-\infty} = 0$$

A finite quantity divided by infinity equals zero. The problem is solved!

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x$$

We start with the limit at  $+\infty$

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x = e^{-\infty}$$

- We try to establish the limits of the functions in the product.
- If we obtain something different from the indeterminate form  $0\infty$ , the problem becomes easy.
- We substitute. Under  $e^{-\infty}$  we understand the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^x$ .



Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x = e^{-\infty} \operatorname{arctg} \infty$$

We substitute into the second function. Under  $\operatorname{arctg} \infty$  we understand the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \operatorname{arctg} x$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x = e^{-\infty} \operatorname{arctg} \infty = 0 \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Investigating the graphs of  $y = e^x$  and  $y = \operatorname{arctg} x$  we can see that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^x = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \operatorname{arctg} x = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x = e^{-\infty} \operatorname{arctg} \infty = 0 \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$$

The product equals to zero.

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x = e^{-\infty} \operatorname{arctg} \infty = 0 \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x =$$

We continue with the limit at  $-\infty$ .

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x = e^{-\infty} \operatorname{arctg} \infty = 0 \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x = e^{\infty}$$

- We try to establish the limits of the functions in the product.
- If we obtain something different from the indeterminate form  $0\infty$ , the problem becomes easy.
- We substitute. Since  $-(-\infty) = \infty$ , we have  $e^{\infty}$  in the first factor. Under this expression we understand the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^x$ .

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x = e^{-\infty} \operatorname{arctg} \infty = 0 \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x = e^{\infty} \operatorname{arctg}(-\infty)$$

We substitute into the second function. Under  $\operatorname{arctg}(-\infty)$  we understand the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \operatorname{arctg} x$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x = e^{-\infty} \operatorname{arctg} \infty = 0 \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x = e^{\infty} \operatorname{arctg}(-\infty) = \infty \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Investigating the graphs of  $y = e^x$  and  $y = \operatorname{arctg} x$  we can see that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^x = \infty$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \operatorname{arctg} x = -\frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x = e^{-\infty} \operatorname{arctg} \infty = 0 \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-x} \operatorname{arctg} x = e^{\infty} \operatorname{arctg}(-\infty) = \infty \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -\infty$$

The product equals  $-\infty$ . Both problems are solved.



Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} x^3 + 2x^2 - 4$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^3 + 2x^2 - 4 = \infty^3 + 2\infty^2 - 4$$

- We start with the limit at  $+\infty$ . We substitute.
- Under  $\infty^3$  we understand either  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^3$ , or equivalently the product  $\infty \times \infty \times \infty$ .
- Similarly we treat the expression  $\infty^2$ .

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} x^3 + 2x^2 - 4$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^3 + 2x^2 - 4 = \infty^3 + 2\infty^2 - 4 = \infty + \infty - 4$$

$$\infty^3 = \infty, \quad \infty^2 = \infty$$

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by the rules for working with infinity.

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^3 + 2x^2 - 4$$

We continue with the limit at  $-\infty$ .

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} x^3 + 2x^2 - 4$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^3 + 2x^2 - 4 = \infty^3 + 2\infty^2 - 4 = \infty + \infty - 4 = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^3 + 2x^2 - 4 = (-\infty)^3 + 2(-\infty)^2 - 4$$

We substitute.

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} x^3 + 2x^2 - 4$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^3 + 2x^2 - 4 = \infty^3 + 2\infty^2 - 4 = \infty + \infty - 4 = \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^3 + 2x^2 - 4 &= (-\infty)^3 + 2(-\infty)^2 - 4 \\ &= -\infty + \infty - 4\end{aligned}$$

$$(-\infty) \times (-\infty) \times (-\infty) = -\infty \quad 2(-\infty)(-\infty) = \infty$$

by the rules for working with infinity.

Problem! We obtained an indeterminate form  $-\infty + \infty$ .

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} x^3 + 2x^2 - 4$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^3 + 2x^2 - 4 = \infty^3 + 2\infty^2 - 4 = \infty + \infty - 4 = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^3 + 2x^2 - 4 = (-\infty)^3$$

$$= -\infty$$

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- We know from theory how to resolve this problem.
- It can be shown that the leading coefficients are the only “important” terms at  $\pm\infty$ . Hence we can omit the terms with smaller powers.
- The limit of the leading term equals  $-\infty$ .



Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} x^3 + 2x^2 - 4$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^3 + 2x^2 - 4 = \infty^3 + 2\infty^2 - 4 = \infty + \infty - 4 = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^3 + 2x^2 - 4 = (-\infty)^3$$

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Both problems are solved.

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

We start with the limit at  $+\infty$ .

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3}$

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

- The limit of both numerator and denominator are  $+\infty$ .
- We have an indeterminate form.

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3} = \boxed{\frac{\infty}{\infty}}$$
$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3}{2x^2}$$

From theory we know that the limit can be established as the limit of the fraction from **leading terms** in numerator and denominator.

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3}$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3} &= \boxed{\frac{\infty}{\infty}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3}{2x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{2}\end{aligned}$$

We simplify.

$$\frac{x^3}{2x^2} = \frac{x}{2}.$$

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3}$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3} &= \boxed{\frac{\infty}{\infty}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3}{2x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{2} = \frac{\infty}{2}\end{aligned}$$

We substitute  $x = \infty$ .

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3}$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3} &= \boxed{\frac{\infty}{\infty}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3}{2x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{2} = \frac{\infty}{2} = \infty\end{aligned}$$

We use the rules for working with infinity.



Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3}$

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

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

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

- We continue with the limit at  $-\infty$ .
- Substituting  $x = -\infty$  we obtain again an indeterminate form.

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3} = \boxed{\frac{\infty}{\infty}}$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3} = \boxed{\frac{-\infty}{\infty}}$$

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

As in the case of the limit at  $+\infty$ , we consider only leading terms of numerator and denominator.

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3} = \boxed{\frac{\infty}{\infty}}$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3} = \boxed{\frac{-\infty}{\infty}}$$

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

We simplify the function in the limit.

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3}$

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

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

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

We substitute.

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3} = \boxed{\frac{\infty}{\infty}}$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3} = \boxed{\frac{-\infty}{\infty}}$$

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

We use the rules for working with infinity.

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3} = \boxed{\frac{\infty}{\infty}}$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{2x^2 - 3} = \boxed{\frac{-\infty}{\infty}}$$

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

Finished!

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{2x^4 + 4x + 5}{3x^4 - x^3 + 4x + 1}$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x^4 + 4x + 5}{3x^4 - x^3 + 4x + 1}$$

We start with the limit at  $+\infty$ .



Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{2x^4 + 4x + 5}{3x^4 - x^3 + 4x + 1}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^4 + 4x + 5}{3x^4 - x^3 + 4x + 1} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x^4 + 4x + 5}{3x^4 - x^3 + 4x + 1}$$

We substitute  $x = \infty$ .

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{2x^4 + 4x + 5}{3x^4 - x^3 + 4x + 1}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^4 + 4x + 5}{3x^4 - x^3 + 4x + 1} = \boxed{\frac{\infty}{\infty}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^4}{3x^4}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x^4 + 4x + 5}{3x^4 - x^3 + 4x + 1}$$

- We obtained an indeterminate form.
- From theory we know that it is sufficient to consider the **leading coefficients** only.
- We omit the coefficients with smaller degrees.

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{2x^4 + 4x + 5}{3x^4 - x^3 + 4x + 1}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^4 + 4x + 5}{3x^4 - x^3 + 4x + 1} = \boxed{\frac{\infty}{\infty}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^4}{3x^4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x^4 + 4x + 5}{3x^4 - x^3 + 4x + 1}$$

We simplify

$$\frac{2x^4}{3x^4} = \frac{2}{3}$$

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We continue with the limit at  $-\infty$ . We substitute  $x = -\infty$ .

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- We obtained an indeterminate form.
- From theory we know that it is sufficient to consider the **leading coefficients** only.
- We omit the coefficients with smaller degrees.

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Finished!

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We start with the limit.

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [2 \ln x - \ln(x^2 + x + 1)]$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [2 \ln x - \ln(x^2 + x + 1)] = \infty - \infty$$

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln x = \infty$ , we have an indeterminate form  $\infty - \infty$ .

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [2 \ln x - \ln(x^2 + x + 1)]$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [2 \ln x - \ln(x^2 + x + 1)] = \boxed{\infty - \infty}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [\ln x^2 - \ln(x^2 + x + 1)]$$

- In general, the limits written as fractions are easier (remember the l'Hospital's rule). We write the function inside the limit as a fraction.
- We write both terms as logarithms first.
- We use the rule  $\boxed{r \ln a = \ln a^r}$ .

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [2 \ln x - \ln(x^2 + x + 1)]$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [2 \ln x - \ln(x^2 + x + 1)] = \boxed{\infty - \infty}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [\ln x^2 - \ln(x^2 + x + 1)]$$

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

We subtract logarithms. We use the rule

$$\ln a - \ln b = \ln \frac{a}{b}.$$

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [2 \ln x - \ln(x^2 + x + 1)]$ .

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$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [\ln x^2 - \ln(x^2 + x + 1)]$$

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

We evaluate the limit of the composite function. We look for the limit of the inside function first.

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [2 \ln x - \ln(x^2 + x + 1)]$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [2 \ln x - \ln(x^2 + x + 1)] = \boxed{\infty - \infty}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [\ln x^2 - \ln(x^2 + x + 1)]$$

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The limit of the inside function is an indeterminate form.



Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [2 \ln x - \ln(x^2 + x + 1)]$ .

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$$= \ln \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{x^2} \right)$$

- We have the limit of rational function at infinity.
- Only the leading terms are important in the limit.

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [2 \ln x - \ln(x^2 + x + 1)]$ .

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

The numerator and the denominator in  $\frac{x^2}{x^2}$  cancel and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 1 = 1$ .

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$$= \ln \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{x^2} \right) = \ln 1 = 0$$

$\ln 1 = 0$ . The problem is solved.