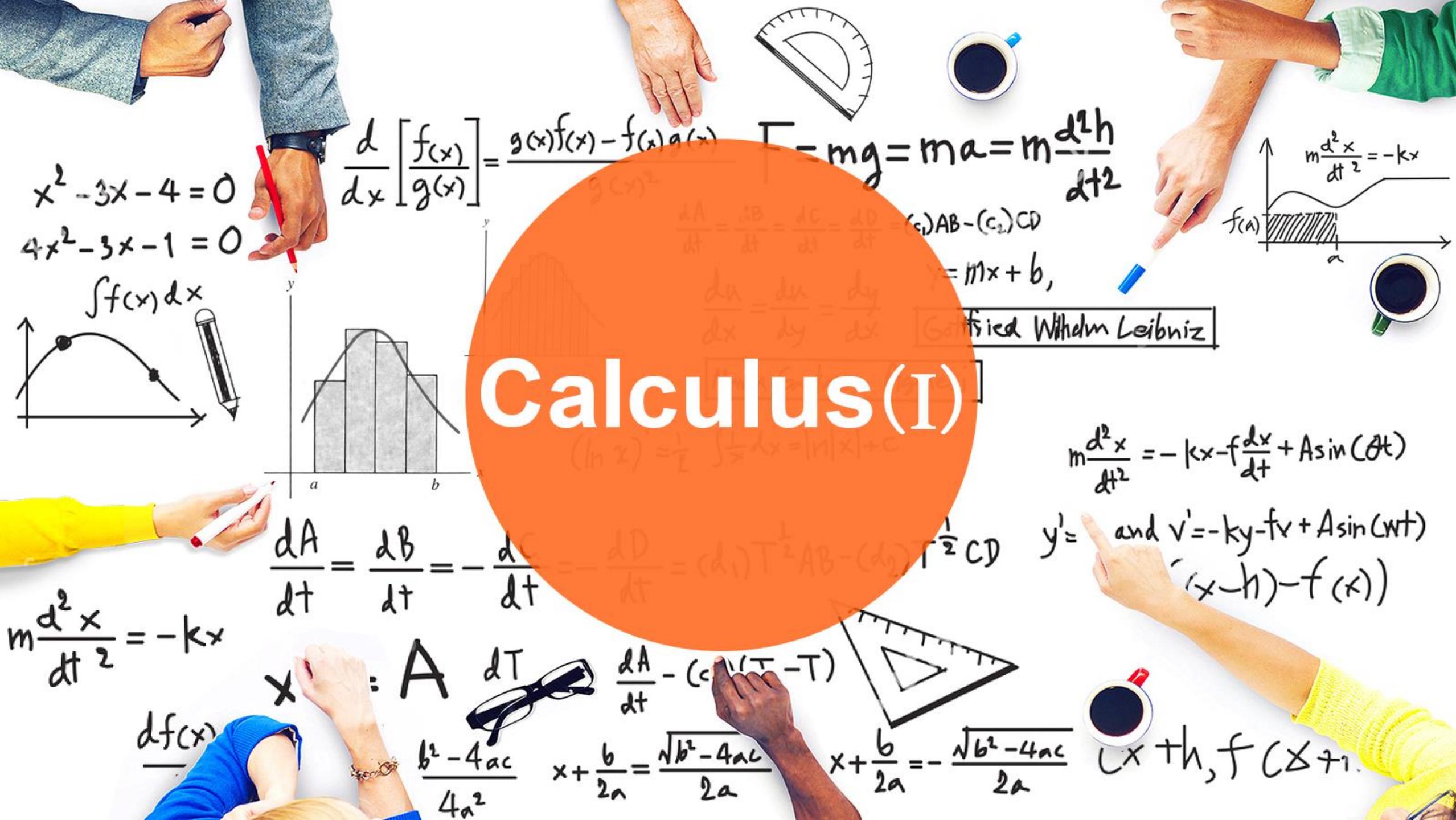


# Calculus(I)





# Limits at Infinity; Infinite Limits

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# Problem Introduction

How to find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  ?



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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| $x \rightarrow +\infty$ | $x$ tends to positive infinity |
| $x \rightarrow -\infty$ | $x$ tends to negative infinity |
| $x \rightarrow \infty$  | $x$ tends to infinity          |

# Definition Limit as $x \rightarrow +\infty$

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Let  $f$  be defined on  $[c, +\infty)$  for some number  $c$ . We say that

$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = L$  if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a corresponding number

$M$  such that

$$\underline{x > M \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon}$$

## Definition Limit as $x \rightarrow -\infty$

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Let  $f$  be defined on  $(-\infty, c]$  for some number  $c$ . We say that

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = L$  if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a corresponding number  $M$  such that

$$\underline{x < M \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon.}$$

# Definition Limit as $x \rightarrow \infty$

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Let  $f$  be defined on  $(-\infty, +\infty)$ . We say that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$  if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a corresponding number  $M$  such that

$$\underline{|x| > M \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon}$$

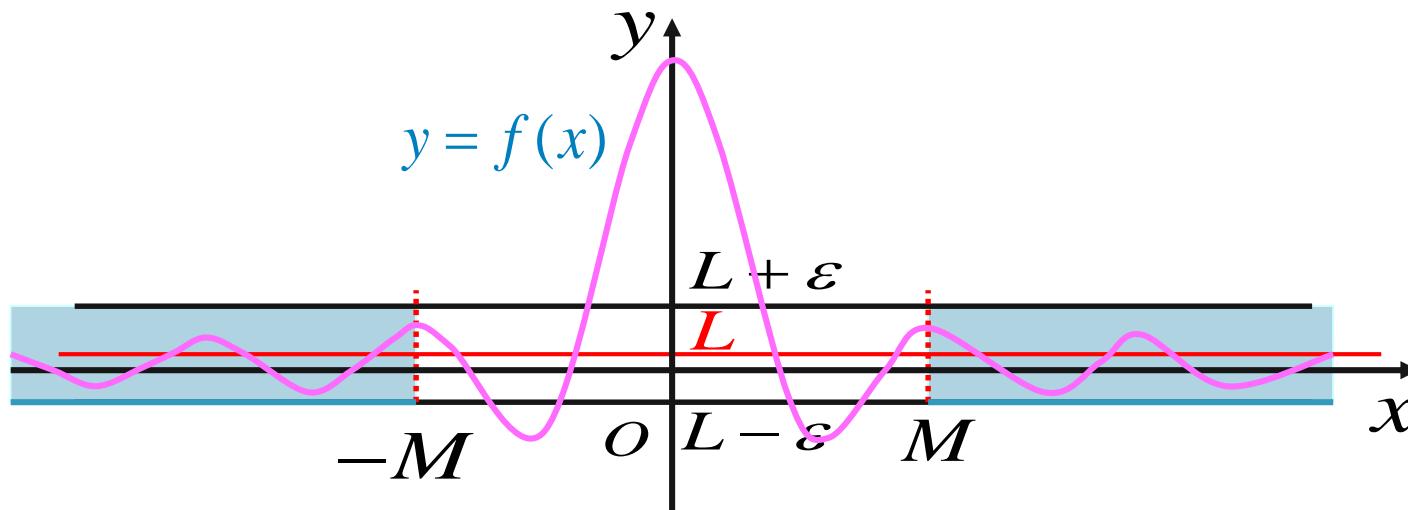
Note:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L \Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = L = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$

# Geometrical meaning of $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$

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$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists M > 0$ , when  $|x| > M$ , we have

$$|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon \iff L - \varepsilon < f(x) < L + \varepsilon$$



# Definition Limit of a Sequence

Let  $a_n$  be defined for all natural numbers greater than or equal to some number  $c$ . We say that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$  if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a corresponding natural number  $M$  such that

$$\underline{n > M \Rightarrow |a_n - L| < \varepsilon.}$$

# Definition Infinite Limits

We say that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = +\infty$  if for every positive number  $M$ , there exists a corresponding  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$0 < x - c < \delta \Rightarrow f(x) > M$$

## Example 1

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



$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{3}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x^3}}{1 - \frac{3}{x^2} + \frac{5}{x^3}} = \frac{0}{1} = 0.$$

Note: ( $a_0 \neq 0, b_0 \neq 0, m, n$  are nonnegative integers)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_0 x^m + a_1 x^{m-1} + \cdots + a_m}{b_0 x^n + b_1 x^{n-1} + \cdots + b_n} = \begin{cases} \frac{a_0}{b_0} & n = m \\ 0 & n > m \\ \infty & n < m \end{cases}$$

## Example 2

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 - 2x + 5}{3x^5 + 2x + 3} (2 + \cos x - 3\sin x)$ .



$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 - 2x + 5}{3x^5 + 2x + 3} = 0, \quad |2 + \cos x - 3\sin x| \leq 6$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 - 2x + 5}{3x^5 + 2x + 3} (2 + \cos x - 3\sin x) = 0.$$

## Example 3

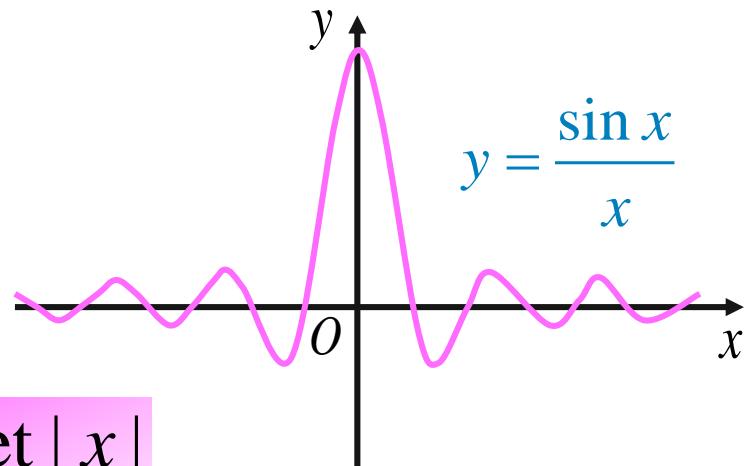
Prove  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 0$ .

For  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , in order to  $\left| \frac{\sin x}{x} - 0 \right| < \varepsilon$

$\because \left| \frac{\sin x}{x} - 0 \right| = \left| \frac{\sin x}{x} \right| \leq \frac{1}{|x|}$ , just need  $\frac{1}{|x|} < \varepsilon$  get  $|x|$

namely  $|x| > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ , let  $M = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ , when  $|x| > M$ ,

we have  $\left| \frac{\sin x}{x} - 0 \right| < \varepsilon$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 0$ .



## Example 4

Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n + (-1)^{n-1}}{n} = 1$ .



$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, |a_n - 1| = \left| \frac{n + (-1)^{n-1}}{n} - 1 \right| = \left| \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} \right| = \frac{1}{n}$$

let  $|a_n - 1| < \varepsilon$ , we have  $\frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$  or  $n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$

choose  $M = \left[ \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right]$ , when  $n > M$ ,

we have  $\left| \frac{n + (-1)^{n-1}}{n} - 1 \right| < \varepsilon$  namely,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n + (-1)^{n-1}}{n} = 1$ .

## Example 5

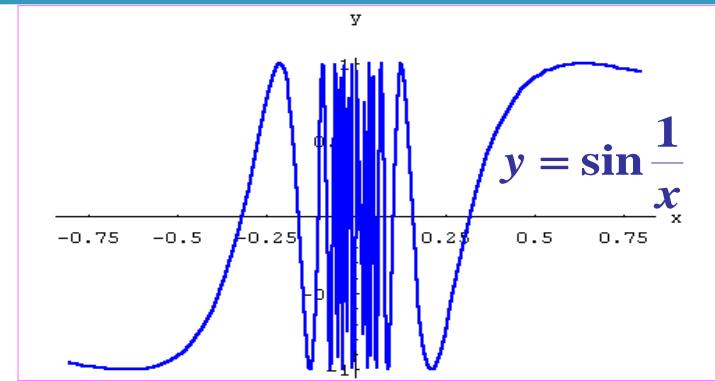
Prove  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin \frac{1}{x}$  doesn't exist.

 Let  $\{x_n\} = \left\{ \frac{1}{n\pi} \right\}$ , so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin \frac{1}{x_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin n\pi = 0$ ,

Let  $\{x'_n\} = \left\{ \frac{1}{\frac{4n+1}{2}\pi} \right\}$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin \frac{1}{x'_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin \frac{4n+1}{2}\pi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 = 1$ ,

The two limits are not the same, so  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin \frac{1}{x}$  doesn't exist.

$$x_n \rightarrow 0, x'_n \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)$$



# Summary of Limits at Infinity and Infinite Limits

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = L \Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists M > 0, \text{s.t. } x > M \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon.$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = L \Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists M > 0, \text{s.t. } x < M \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon.$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L \Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists M > 0, \text{s.t. } |x| > M \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon.$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L \Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists M > 0, \text{s.t. } n > M \Rightarrow |a_n - L| < \varepsilon.$$

# Questions and Answers

Q1: Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{1 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 5} + \cdots + \frac{1}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} \right]$ .



$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2n-1} - \frac{1}{2n+1} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2n+1} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}.$$

# Questions and Answers

Q2: Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x+1}{x^2 - 5x + 6}$ .



$$(1) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x+1}{(x-2)(x-3)} = -\infty \quad \left( \begin{array}{c} + \\ \hline + \cdot - \end{array} \right)$$

$$(2) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x+1}{(x-2)(x-3)} = +\infty \quad \left( \begin{array}{c} + \\ \hline - \cdot - \end{array} \right)$$

$\therefore$  The limit does not exist!

# Questions and Answers

Q3: Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n-1}{n^2+n+1} = 0$ .



$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists M = \left[ \frac{3}{\varepsilon} \right]$  such that  $n > M$ , then

$$\left| \frac{3n-1}{n^2+n+1} - 0 \right| = \frac{3n-1}{n^2+n+1} < \frac{3n}{n^2} = \frac{3}{n} < \varepsilon.$$

namely,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n-1}{n^2+n+1} = 0$ .

# Questions and Answers

Q4: Prove  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 1} = 1$ .



when  $x > 0$ , we have  $\left| \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 1} - 1 \right| = \frac{2}{x^2 + 1} < \frac{2}{x^2}$ ,

$\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , in order to  $\left| \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 1} - 1 \right| < \varepsilon$ , need  $\frac{2}{x^2} < \varepsilon$ , get  $x$

$x > \sqrt{\frac{2}{\varepsilon}}$ , let  $M = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\varepsilon}}$ , when  $x > M$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 1} - 1 \right| < \frac{2}{x^2} < \varepsilon \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 1} = 1.$$

# Limits at Infinity

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# Infinite Limits

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