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## 1 L'Hôpital's Rule: Part 2

Briggs-Cochran-Gillett §4.7 pp. 302 - 307

### 1.1 Growth rates

Our goal now is to use what we know about limits, including l'Hôpital's rule, to obtain a *ranking* of the functions we know **based on their growth rates**.

**Definition 1** (Growth Rates of functions as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ). *Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = \infty$ . Then*

- *$f$  grows faster than  $g$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  is*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(x)}{f(x)} = 0 \text{ or, equivalently, } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \infty.$$

*We write  $g(x) \ll f(x)$ .*

- *$f$  and  $g$  have comparable growth rates if*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = M,$$

*with  $M > 0$ .*

*We have:*

$$\ln x \ll x^p \ll e^x, \quad p > 0.$$

*More generally*

$$\ln^q(x) \ll x^p \ll x^p \ln^r x \ll e^x,$$

*where  $q, p, r > 0$ .*

**Example 2** (§4.7 Ex. 70, 73, 72, 80). *Use limits to determine which of the following functions grows faster or state they have comparable growth rates:*

1.  $x^2 \ln x$  and  $\ln^2 x$
2.  $100^x$  and  $x^x$
3.  $\ln x$  and  $\ln(\ln x)$
4.  $e^{x^2}$  and  $x^{x/10}$

## 2 Limits Wrap-up

**Example 3** (§4.7 Ex. 86, 88, 96, 97). *Use any method to evaluate the following limits:*

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^2 \ln(\cos(1/x))$
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} (\pi - 2x) \tan x$
3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)^{1/x^2}$
4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x \ln x - x + 1}{x \ln^2 x}$

### 3 Antiderivatives

Briggs-Cochran-Gillett §4.9 pp. 319 - 324

#### 3.1 Definition and first examples

The reverse process to differentiation is called **antidifferentiation**.

**Definition 4.** A function  $F$  is an **antiderivative** of  $f$  (on an interval  $I$ ) if  $F'(x) = f(x)$  (on  $I$ ).

For example

$$\frac{d}{dx}x = 1$$

hence  $F(x) = x$  is an antiderivative of  $f(x) = 1$ . Or

$$\frac{d}{dx}e^x = e^x$$

hence  $F(x) = e^x$  is an antiderivative of  $f(x) = e^x$ . Of course we also have

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^x + 2) = e^x$$

so  $F_1(x) = e^x + 2$  is another antiderivative of  $f(x) = e^x$ . Actually we have seen that one of the consequences of the MVT is that

*a function  $f(x)$  differs from another function  $g(x)$  by a constant  
if and only if  $f'(x) = g'(x)$ .*

This proves the following theorem:

**Theorem 5.** Let  $F$  be an antiderivative of  $f$  on an interval  $I$ . Then all the antiderivatives of  $f$  on  $I$  have the form  $F(x) + C$  where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant.

We write  $\int f(x)dx = F(x) + C$  and say that  $F(x) + C$  is the **indefinite integral** of  $f$ .

**Example 6** (§4.9 Ex. 12, 14, (based on) 19, 20). Find all antiderivatives of the following functions. Check your work by taking derivatives.

1.  $g(x) = 11x^{10}$

2.  $g(x) = -4 \cos(4x)$

3.  $f(x) = 2e^{2x}$

4.  $h(y) = y^{-1}$

### 3.2 Indefinite integrals to know

It is useful to know some of the more common indefinite integrals:

- $\int K dx = Kx + C$
- $\int x^p dx = \frac{x^{p+1}}{p+1} + C$ , if  $p \neq -1$
- $\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + C$
- $\int \cos(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax) + C$
- $\int \sin(ax) dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos(ax) + C$
- $\int \sec^2(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan(ax) + C$
- $\int \sec(ax) \tan(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \sec(ax) + C$
- $\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax} + C$
- $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$
- $\int \frac{1}{a^2 + x^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$
- $\int \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} dx = \frac{1}{a} \sec^{-1}\left(\left|\frac{x}{a}\right|\right) + C$

Also, by the corresponding rules for differentiation, we have that

- $\int cf(x) dx = c \int f(x) dx$
- $\int f(x) + g(x) dx = \int f(x) dx + \int g(x) dx$

**Example 7** (§4.9 Ex. 24, 31, 38, 50, 57, 58, 40). *Determine the following indefinite integrals. Check your work by taking derivatives.*

1.  $\int (3u^{-2} - 4u^2 + 1)du$

2.  $\int (3x + 1)(4 - x)dx$

3.  $\int (\sin(4t) - \sin(t/4)) dt$

4.  $\int \frac{3}{4 + v^2}dv$

5.  $\int e^{x+2}dx$

6.  $\int \frac{10t^5 - 3}{t}dt$

7.  $\int 2 \sec^2(2v)dv$