Practice Assessment L'Hopitals Rule

These practice problems are designed to help you prepare for our course exams and assess your understanding of the course material at the expected level. Aim to complete them in class, during tutoring, office hours, or on your own, and try to solve them without notes or a calculator, just like on the actual exams. Remember, practice makes perfect, so don't hesitate to ask for help if you get stuck.

L'Hôpital's Rule: Let f and g be differentiable functions where defined, except possibly at x=a. If

$$\lim_{x \to a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{0}{0} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\infty}{\infty},$$

then

$$\lim_{x\to a}\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}=\lim_{x\to a}\frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}.$$

This result also hold if we are considering one-sided limits, or if $a = -\infty$ or $a = \infty$.

1. For each of the following limits determine which indeterminate form the expression corresponds to, then calculate the limit using L'Hôpital's Rule.

(a)
$$\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{1-x}{e^x - e}$$

(b)
$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{5}}$$

(c)
$$\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{9x^3}{xe^{\pi x}}$$

(d)
$$\lim_{x \to 0^+} \frac{1 - \cos\sqrt{x}}{\sin(x)}$$

(e)
$$\lim_{x \to 0^+} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x^2} \right)$$

(f)
$$\lim_{x \to 1^+} \left(\frac{1}{1-x} - \frac{x}{\sqrt{x-1}} \right)$$

(g)
$$\lim_{x\to 0} x \cot(x)$$

(h)
$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \left(\ln \sqrt{4x + 2} - \ln \sqrt{x + 3} \right)$$

(i)
$$\lim_{x \to 0^+} \frac{\ln(2x)}{2x}$$

(j)
$$\lim_{x \to \frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\sin(x) - \cos(x)}{\tan(x) - 1}$$

(k)
$$\lim_{x \to \frac{\pi}{2}^+} (\sec(x) - \tan(x))$$