

Theorem: If $f(x) \leq g(x)$ near a (except possibly at a) and if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$ exist, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

Squeeze theorem:

If $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$ near a (except possibly at a) and if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = L$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L$$

Example: $g(x) = x \sin \frac{1}{x}$

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Show $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} 2x + 3 =$

Defn: $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = L$ if

x close to a and $x < a$

implies $f(x)$ is close to L .

Defn: $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = L$ if

x close to a and $x > a$

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Defn: $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \infty$ if

x close to a (except possibly at a)
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Defn: $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = -\infty$ if

x close to a (except possibly at a)
implies $f(x)$ is negative and $|f(x)|$ is large.