Math 171 Calculus Handout
Limit Laws

Limit Laws: Suppose that c is a constant and the limits $\lim_{x \to a} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \to a} g(x)$ exist.

Then

1. $\lim_{x \to a} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \to a} f(x) + \lim_{x \to a} g(x)$

2. $\lim_{x \to a} [f(x) - g(x)] = \lim_{x \to a} f(x) - \lim_{x \to a} g(x)$

3. $\lim_{x \to a} [cf(x)] = c \lim_{x \to a} f(x)$

4. $\lim_{x \to a} [f(x)g(x)] = \lim_{x \to a} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \to a} g(x)$

5. $\lim_{x \to a} \dfrac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \dfrac{\lim_{x \to a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \to a} g(x)}$ if $\lim_{x \to a} g(x) \neq 0$

6. $\lim_{x \to a} [f(x)]^n = \left[\lim_{x \to a} f(x) \right]^n$ where n is a positive integer

7. $\lim_{x \to a} c = c$

8. $\lim_{x \to a} x = a$

9. $\lim_{x \to a} x^n = a^n$ where n is a positive integer

10. $\lim_{x \to a} \sqrt[n]{x} = \sqrt[n]{a}$ where n is a positive integer

    (If n is even, then assume $a > 0$)

11. $\lim_{x \to a} \sqrt[n]{f(x)} = \sqrt[n]{\lim_{x \to a} f(x)}$ where n is a positive integer

    (If n is even, then assume $\lim_{x \to a} f(x) > 0$)