THEOREM 1.2 Properties of Limits

Let b and c be real numbers, let n be a positive integer, and let f and g be functions with the limits

$$\lim_{x \to c} f(x) = L \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \to c} g(x) = K.$$

1. Scalar multiple: $\lim_{x \to c} [b f(x)] = bL$
2. Sum or difference: $\lim_{x \to c} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = L \pm K$
3. Product: $\lim_{x \to c} [f(x)g(x)] = LK$
4. Quotient: $\lim_{x \to c} \dfrac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \dfrac{L}{K}, \quad K \neq 0$
5. Power: $\lim_{x \to c} [f(x)]^n = L^n$

A proof of this theorem is given in Appendix A.

See LarsonCalculus.com for Bruce Edwards's video of this proof.

THEOREM 1.5 The Limit of a Composite Function

If f and g are functions such that $\lim_{x \to c} g(x) = L$ and $\lim_{x \to L} f(x) = f(L)$, then

$$\lim_{x \to c} f(g(x)) = f\left(\lim_{x \to c} g(x)\right) = f(L).$$

A proof of this theorem is given in Appendix A.

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