

# ①, ② EVEN MORE MOTIVATING EXAMPLE: COMPOUND INTEREST

PURPOSE: INTRODUCE EXP, LOG, LIMIT

Does anyone here have a credit card? Or a saving account?  
Or works as a loan shark?

What are the rates? How often is interest applied?

## EXERCISE:

WE HAVE AN INVESTMENT OF 1000 \$ FOR 1 YEAR, AT 10%.  
WHAT IS OUR FUTURE BALANCE (FV) IF:

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| a) | INTEREST IS COMPOUNDED ANNUALLY.? | $FV = 1000 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{10}\right) = 1100$            |
| b) | " " " QUARTERLY.?                 | $FV = 1000 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{40}\right)^4 = 1103.8$        |
| c) | " " " MONTHLY.?                   | $FV = 1000 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{120}\right)^{12} = 1104.7$    |
| d) | " " " DAILY.?                     | $FV = 1000 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{3650}\right)^{365} = 1105.16$ |

e) INTEREST IS COMPOUNDED CONTINUOUSLY.?

WAIT, WHAT? LET'S PRETEND THAT THERE ARE  
NO LIMITS TO HOW FAST WE CAN DO THINGS,  
AND WE COMPOUND AN IMMENSE NUMBER OF  
TIMES PER SECOND, AND EVEN MORE.

- SO IF WE COMPOUND  $n$  TIMES, THE FV IS

$$FV = 1000 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{10n}\right)^n$$

- THIS FUNCTION INCREASES WITH  $n$ .  
WHY? CONVINCE YOURSELF OF IT!

- WILL THIS FUNCTION "EXPLODE"? CAN WE USE IT TO GET INFINITELY RICH?

WELL,  $FV = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1000 \left(1 + \frac{1}{10n}\right)^n = 1000 \cdot e^{0.1} =$

$$\approx \$1105.17$$

WE GAINED 1 CENT FROM  $n=365$  TO INFINITY.

- BUT! IT WAS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION, WHICH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF  $e$  IN 1683

(JACOB BERNOULLI)

DEFINITION: THE EXPONENTIAL FUNCTION  $e^x$  OR  $\exp(x)$  CAN BE DEFINED IN MANY WAYS. ONE IS

$$\underline{e^x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n}$$

# COMPOUND INTEREST:

## KEY TERMS / FORMULAS

- PV PRESENT VALUE
- FV FUTURE VALUE
- $J$  EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE
- $i$  NOMINAL " "
- $r$  CONTINUOUS " "
- $T$  TIME UNIT (IN YEARS)

- SIMPLE INTEREST RATE We only get interest on our initial value

$$FV = (1 + T \cdot i) PV$$

- EFFECTIVE I. R. compounds every year

$$FV = (1 + J)^T PV$$

- NOMINAL I. R. WITH A FREQUENCY  $m$ , EITHER VERBAL (MONTHLY) OR NUMERICAL (12)

$$FV = \left(1 + \frac{i}{m}\right)^{m \cdot T} PV$$

- CONTINUOUS I. R.

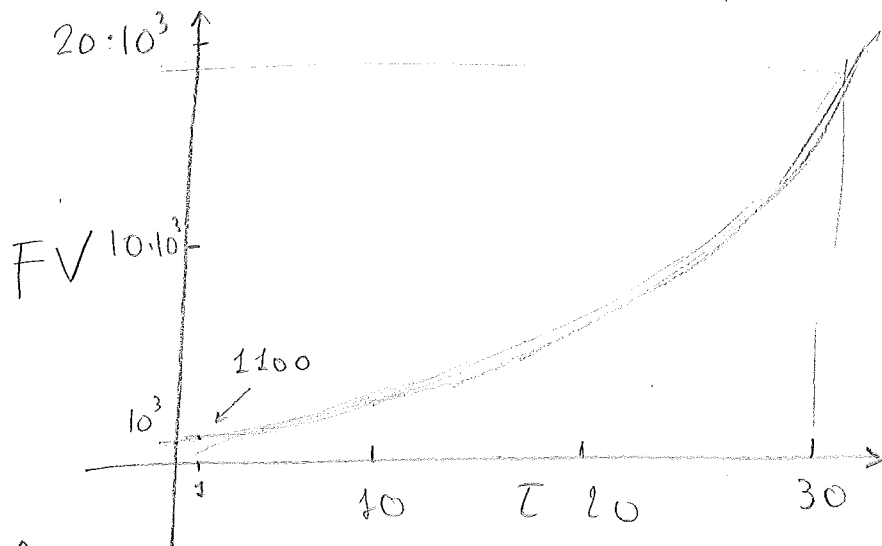
$$FV = PV e^{rT} \left( = PV \cdot \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{r}{m}\right)^T \right)$$

- ALL INTERESTS\* CAN BE "CONVERTED" TO EFFECTIVE BY TAKING YEARLY GAIN.
- MANY COUNTRIES REQUIRE BANKS TO TELL YOU EFFECTIVE INTEREST.

\* EXCEPT SIMPLE

THEY ARE ALL THE SAME! BUT THE RATES ARE NOT

$$PV = 1000$$



$$FV = e^{\ln(1.1)T} \cdot PV \approx e^{0.09531T} \cdot PV \quad \text{or} \quad FV = (1.10)^T \cdot PV$$

$$\text{EFFECTIVE RATE} = e^{\text{CONTINUOUS RATE}} - 1$$

$$\text{CONTINUOUS RATE} = \ln(\text{EFFECTIVE RATE})$$

WHY USE CONTINUOUS RATE? MUCH BETTER FOR COMPUTATIONS!

Q: MONTHLY RATE IS

A)  $e^{12 \text{ CONTINUOUS RATE} - 1}$  ?

B)  $e^{\frac{\text{CONTINUOUS RATE}}{12} - 1}$  ?

## EXERCISES

a) YOU BORROW 20,000 DOLLARS FROM SHARK-FACE JACK. HE CHARGES A CONTINUOUS INTEREST RATE  $r$ . AFTER 5 YEARS YOU PAY HIM \$100,000. WHAT WAS THE CONTINUOUS RATE  $r$ ? WHAT IS THE EFFECTIVE RATE?

b) HOW MANY YEARS DOES IT TAKE FOR 10,000 DOLLARS TO GROW TO 15,000 AT A NOMINAL 15% INTEREST, COMPOUNDED QUARTERLY?

c) WHAT CONTINUOUS INTEREST RATE IS EQUIVALENT TO 8% NOMINAL RATE, COMPOUNDED SEMI-MONTHLY?

### SOLUTIONS

a) WE HAVE  $e^{5r} \cdot 20,000 = 100,000$

$$\sim e^{5r} = 5 \sim 5r = \ln 5 \sim r = \frac{\ln 5}{5}$$

EFFECTIVE RATE IS  $e^{\frac{\ln 5}{5}} - 1 = \sqrt[5]{5} - 1$

b) WE HAVE

$$FV = \left(1 + \frac{0.15}{4}\right)^{4T} PV \quad \text{SO}$$

$$15,000 = \left(1 + \frac{0.15}{4}\right)^{4T} 10,000, \quad \text{SOLVE FOR } T$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \left(1 + \frac{0.15}{4}\right)^{4T} \sim \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = 4T \ln\left(1 + \frac{0.15}{4}\right)$$

$$T = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)}{4 \ln\left(1 + \frac{0.15}{4}\right)} \sim \frac{0.405}{4 \cdot (0.036)} \sim 3.308 \text{ YRS}$$

NOTE: THIS IS A PERFECTLY COMPLETE ANSWER.

c) WE HAVE  $FV = \left(1 + \frac{0.08}{24}\right)^{24T} PV$

COMPARE WITH CONTINUOUS  $FV = e^{rT} PV$

$$PV \left(1 + \frac{0.08}{24}\right)^{24T} = e^{rT} PV \sim$$
$$\left(1 + \frac{0.08}{24}\right)^{24T} = e^{rT} \sim 24T \ln\left(1 + \frac{0.08}{24}\right) = rT$$

$$r = 24 \ln\left(1 + \frac{0.08}{24}\right)$$

# A\* PROBLEM ON COMPOUND INTEREST

o1) A YOUNG STUDENT NAMED SCROOGE McDUCK HAS A TRUST CURRENTLY VALUED 1,000,000 \$. HE GETS AN ANNUAL INTEREST RATE OF 6%, COMPOUNDED CONTINUOUSLY. HE PLANS TO WITHDRAW AS SOON AS HE CAN WITHDRAW \$ 50,000 / MONTH INDEFINITELY. HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR HIM TO RETIRE?

A: HE NEEDS TO GET TO THE POINT WHERE

$$\underbrace{PV \cdot e^{0.06 \cdot \frac{1}{12}} - PV}_{\text{MONTHLY INCREASE}} = 50,000$$

WE WANT TO SOLVE FOR PV ~

$$PV \cdot e^{0.06 \cdot \frac{1}{12}} - PV = 50,000 \sim PV \left( e^{0.06 \cdot \frac{1}{12}} - 1 \right) = 50,000$$

$$\sim PV = \frac{50,000}{e^{\frac{0.06}{12}} - 1} \left( \approx 9,975,000 \$ \right)$$

TO GET TO THAT HE'LL NEED:

$$10^6 e^{0.06T} = \frac{50,000}{e^{0.06/12} - 1} \sim e^{0.06T} = \frac{1}{(e^{\frac{0.06}{12}} - 1) 20} \sim$$

$$(0.06)T = \ln \frac{1}{(e^{\frac{0.06}{12}} - 1) 20} \sim T = \frac{100}{6} \ln \frac{1}{(e^{\frac{0.06}{12}} - 1) 20}$$

$$\sim \frac{100}{6} \cdot (2.3) \sim 38.33 \text{ YEARS.}$$

## 1.3 LIMITS: INTRODUCTION

CALCULUS: 17<sup>th</sup> CENTURY - PRESENT

CHILD OF ISAAC NEWTON, GOTTFRIED LEIBNIZ  
AND MANY OTHERS.

SOME THINGS WE DID NOT UNDERSTAND BEFORE  
CALCULUS:

- AREAS OF ARBITRARY SHAPES
- RATES OF CHANGE (e.g. if I move at a given non-constant speed how far do I get in a time  $t$ ?)
- MAXIMISING/MINIMISING FUNCTIONS

CALCULUS SOLVED ALL THESE PROBLEMS, WHICH ARE RELATED.  
THE FOUNDATION OF CALCULUS IS THE NOTION OF LIMIT.

WHAT IS A LIMIT?

CONSIDER THE FUNCTION  $f(x) = \frac{1 - \cos(x)}{x^2}$  \*

\* Note: we are not going to use a lot of Trigonometry in this course. Do not be scared.

WHAT IS  $f(1)$ ? WELL,  $f(1) = \frac{1 - \cos(1)}{1^2}$   
 $= 1 - \cos^2(1) = 0.459...$

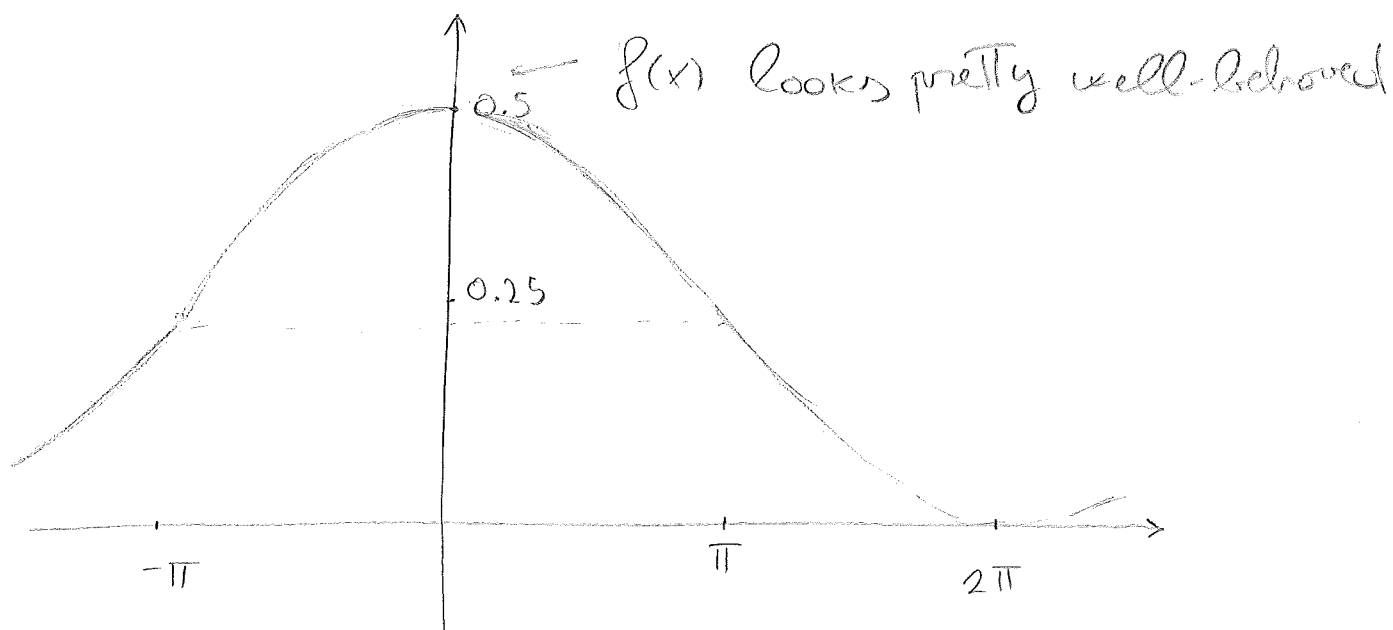
BUT WHAT ABOUT  $f(0)$ ?

WE CANNOT JUST PLUG 0 INTO  $f(x)$ :

$$\frac{1 - \cos(0)}{(0)^2} = \frac{1 - 1}{0} = \frac{0}{0} \quad \text{AN EXPRESSION THAT}$$

HAS NO VALUE

DOES THIS MEAN THAT THERE CAN BE A MEANINGFUL VALUE FOR  $f(0)$ ? LET'S PLOT  $f(x)$  "AROUND" 0



LET'S COMPUTE SOME VALUES

$$f(1) = 0.459\dots \quad f(0.1) = 0.499\dots \quad f(0.01) = 0.49999$$

IT LOOKS LIKE WHEN  $x$  IS "NEAR" 0  $f(x)$  IS "NEAR" 0.5.

FINDING A LIMIT IS EXACTLY THIS; UNDERSTANDING HOW A FUNCTION BEHAVES NEAR (BUT NOT AT) A CERTAIN VALUE.

INFORMAL DEFINITION OF LIMIT

WE SAY "THE LIMIT OF  $f(x)$  AS  $x$  APPROACHES  $c$  IS  $L$ " IF THE VALUE OF  $f(x)$  GETS ARBITRARILY CLOSE TO  $L$  WHEN  $x$  IS ARBITRARILY CLOSE (BUT NOT EQUAL) TO  $c$ .

WE WRITE IT  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ .

FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE CASE ABOVE THE LIMIT OF  $\frac{1 - \cos(x)}{x^2}$  AS  $x$  APPROACHES 0 IS  $\frac{1}{2}$ . OR SHORTLY  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(x)}{x^2} = \frac{1}{2}$



IMPORTANT NOTE:

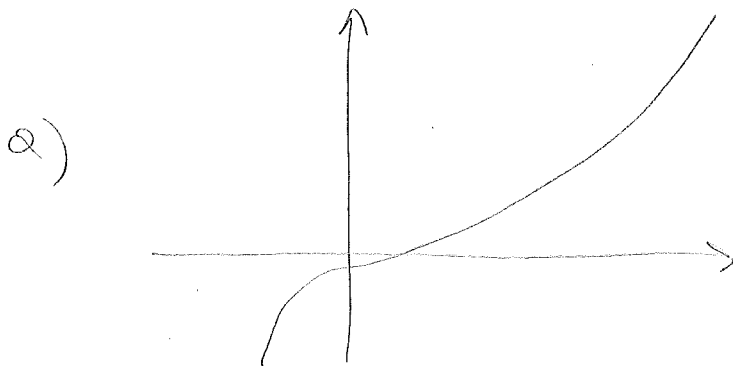
WE DO NOT CARE WHAT  $f$  DOES AT  $\tau$

$f(x)$  CAN BE UNDEFINED AT  $\tau$

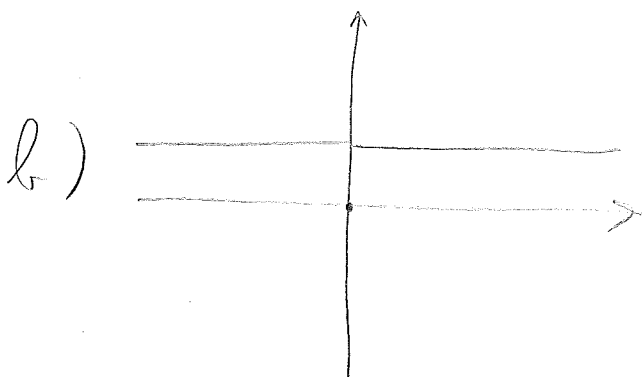
a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x^3-4+3x)}{(x-2)(x+2)}$  ← undefined at  $x=2$

$f(x)$  CAN HAVE ANY VALUE AT  $\tau$

b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  WHERE  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x^3-4+3x)}{(x-2)(x+2)} = \frac{5}{2}$$

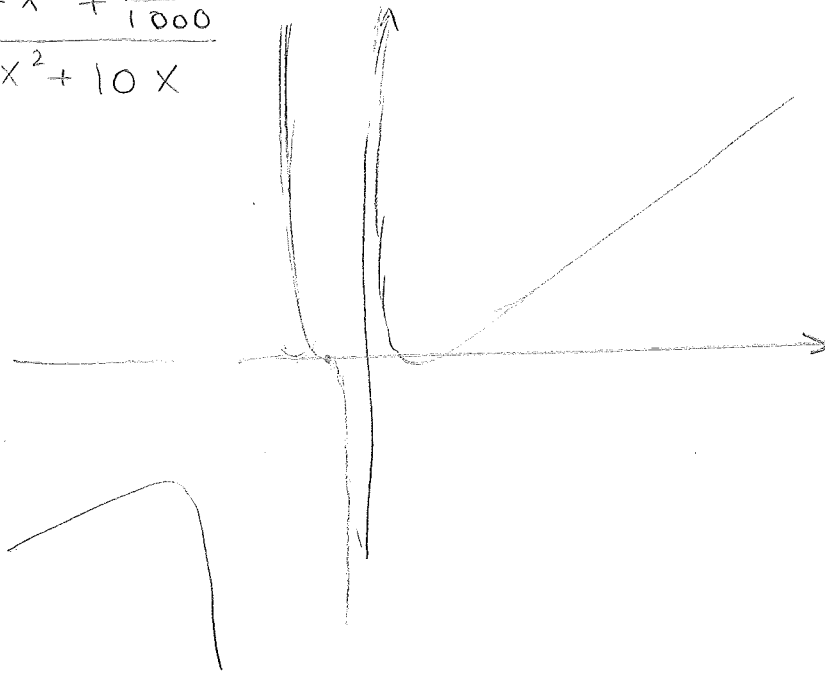


$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 1$$

WE CAN APPROXIMATE LIMITS NUMERICALLY OR PLOT THEM,  
BUT WHAT WE REALLY WANT TO DO IS FINDING THEM  
ANALITICALLY, THAT IS, OBTAIN EXACT RESULTS

EXAMPLE OF WHY APPROXIMATING IS NOT ENOUGH

$$f(x) = \frac{3x^3 - x^2 + \frac{1}{1000}}{5x^2 + 10x}$$



Note: Try printing This in Wolfram Alpha!

$$f(1) = \frac{2 + \frac{1}{1000}}{15} \approx 0.1334 \quad f(0.1) = -0.0057 \quad f(0.01) = 0.0089$$

$$f(0.001) = 0.0998 \quad f(0.0001) = 0.9994 \quad f(10^{-8}) = 10,000!!$$

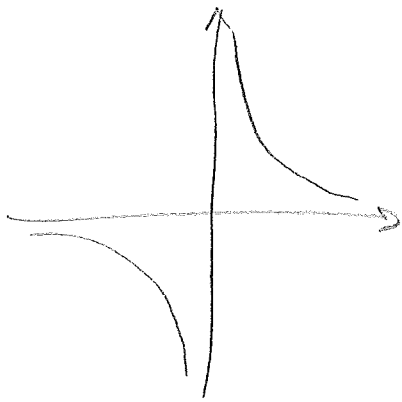
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

$$f(0) = \frac{3 \cdot 0^3 - 0^2 + \frac{1}{1000}}{5 \cdot 0^2 + 10 \cdot 0} = \frac{\frac{1}{1000}}{0} = \text{"}\infty\text{"?!}$$

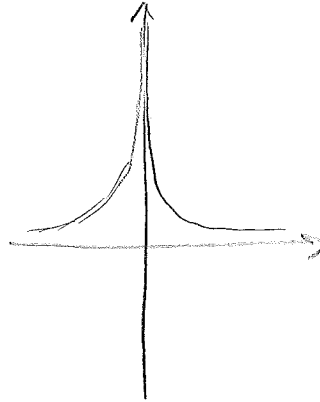
SO IT MAY HAPPEN THAT  $f(x)$  DOES NOT HAVE A  
LIMIT FOR  $x \rightarrow \tau$ ?

YES! THREE THINGS CAN HAPPEN:

1)  $f(x)$  IS NOT BOUNDED FROM ABOVE/BELOW



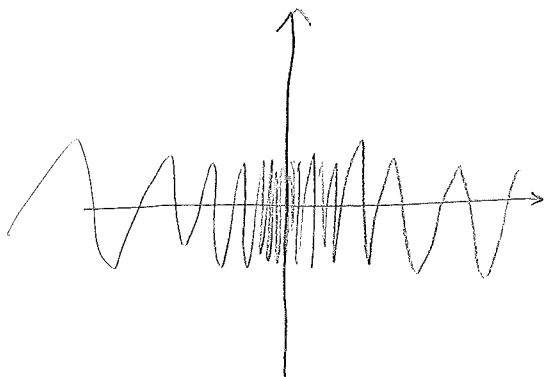
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$



$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

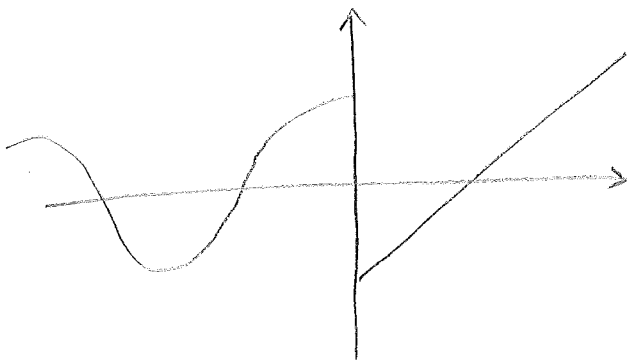
\* Note: for now we will only consider finite limits.

2)  $f(x)$  OSCILLATES TOO MUCH



$$f(x) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

3)  $f(x)$  "JUMPS"



$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \cos(x) & x < 0 \\ x-1 & x > 0 \end{cases}$$