

# 1. L'Hôpital and Infinite Limits

- Can also use L'Hôpital's rule when limit looks like  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ .

## Example

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(x)}{\operatorname{cosec}(x)} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{as } x \rightarrow 0^+ \ln(x) \rightarrow -\infty \\ \text{as } x \rightarrow 0^+ \operatorname{cosec}(x) \rightarrow +\infty \end{array}$$

Can use L'Hôpital to solve this.

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\ln(x)) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\operatorname{cosec}(x)) = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{\sin(x)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{0 \cdot \sin(x) - 1 \cdot \cos(x)}{\sin^2(x)}$$

$$= - \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin^2(x)}$$

So :

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(x)}{\operatorname{cosec}(x)} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{\frac{-\cos(x)}{\sin^2(x)}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{-\sin(x) \cdot \sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{-\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \\ &= (1) \left(\frac{0}{1}\right) \\ &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

## Example

- Can use L'Hopital's rule to calculate limits as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x \cdot \ln(x)}$$

## Solution

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^2 + 1 = +\infty \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \cdot \ln(x) = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x \cdot \ln(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x}{1 + \ln(x)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{1/x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 2x$$

$$= +\infty$$

2. Manipulating Expressions so L'Hôpital's Rule will Apply.

• classic case:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \cdot g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{1/g(x)}$$

- Sometimes leads to an indeterminate form ( $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ ) that allows L'Hôpital's rule to be used.

### Example

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^2 \cdot e^{-x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{\frac{1}{e^{-x}}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{e^x} \quad \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x}{e^x} \quad \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{e^x}$$

$$= 0.$$

## Review Problem 3

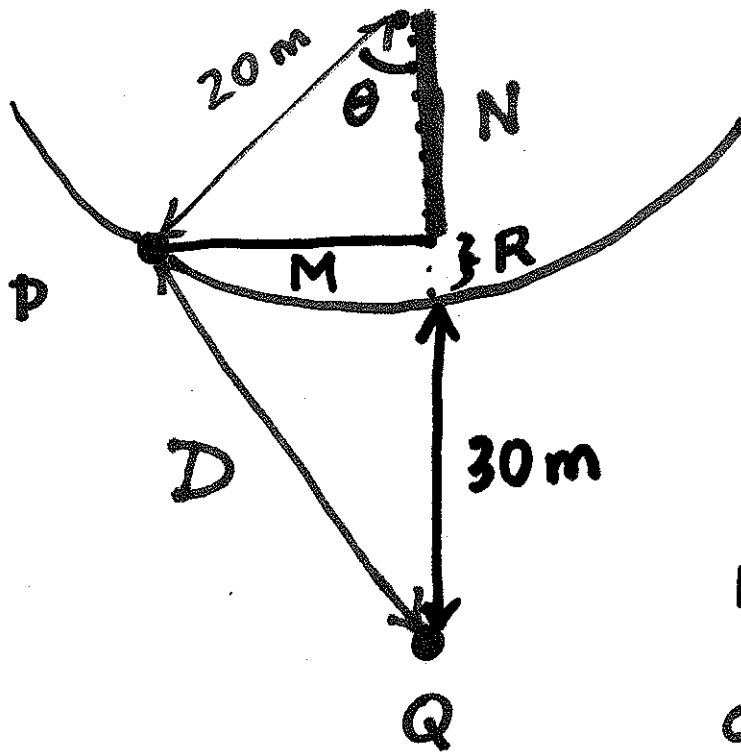
- (a) One rotation every 5 minutes  
(300 seconds).

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Distance} &= 2\pi r \\ &= 2\pi(20) \\ &= 40\pi \\ &\approx 125.66 \text{ m.}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Speed} &= \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}} = \frac{125.66}{300} \\ &\approx 0.419 \text{ m/s.}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Angular speed} &= \frac{\text{Radians}}{\text{Time}} \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{300} \\ &= 0.021 \text{ radians/s.}\end{aligned}$$

(b).



$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{M}{20}$$

or

$$M = 20 \cdot \sin(\theta)$$

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{N}{20}$$

$$N = 20 \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

$$R = 20 - N \\ = 20 - 20 \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

Want:  $\frac{dD}{dt}$

Have:  $\frac{d\theta}{dt} \approx 0.021$  radians/s.

Set up: Relationship between  $D$  and  $\theta$ .

Use Pythagoras:

$$D^2 = M^2 + (30 + R)^2$$

$$D^2 = (20 \cdot \sin(\theta))^2 + (30 + 20 - 20 \cos(\theta))^2$$

$$D^2 = (20 \cdot \sin(\theta))^2 + (50 - 20 \cos(\theta))^2$$

$$D = \sqrt{(20 \cdot \sin(\theta))^2 + (50 - 20 \cos(\theta))^2}$$

Chain Rule:  $\frac{dD}{dt} = \frac{dD}{d\theta} \cdot \frac{d\theta}{dt}$

$$\frac{dD}{d\theta} = \frac{2(20 \sin(\theta)) \cdot 20 \cos(\theta) + 2(50 - 20 \cos(\theta)) \cdot 20 \sin(\theta)}{2 \sqrt{(20 \sin(\theta))^2 + (50 - 20 \cos(\theta))^2}}$$

(b) Plug  $\theta = \pi/2$  into this and multiply by  $d\theta/dt$ .

$$\frac{dD}{dt} = \frac{2000}{2 \sqrt{20^2 + 50^2}} \cdot (0.021) \approx 0.384 \text{ m/s}$$

(c) Plug  $\theta = 0$  into this and multiply by  $d\theta/dt$ .

$$\frac{dD}{dt} = (0)(0.021) = 0 \text{ m/s.}$$

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x + 4}{2y + 7}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 7y = 15.$$

c).  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$        $-2x + 4 = 0$   
 $x = 2.$

To find  $y$ :

$$(2)^2 + y^2 - 4(2) + 7y = 15$$

$$y^2 + 7y - 19 = 0$$

$$y = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{7^2 - 4(1)(-19)}}{2(1)}$$

$$\div -9.09, 2.09.$$

Points with horizontal tangent:

$$(2, -9.09) \quad (2, 2.09)$$