

L'Hospital's rule: if  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable,  $g'(x) \neq 0$  near  $a$  (but  $g'(a) = 0$  is ok), and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0 \text{ or } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \pm\infty,$$

then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)/g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f'(x)/g'(x).$$

Same goes for one-sided limits and  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ .

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**You try:** Use whatever methods you have at your disposal to calculate the following limits.

- (1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin(x)}{1 - \cos(x)}$ , (2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3^x - e^x}{x}$ , (3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x^2 + x}{3x^2 + 1}$ ,
- (4)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{-\ln(x)}$ , (5)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1}(e^x/x)$ , (6)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \tan^{-1}(e^x/x)$ ,
- (7)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} \tan^{-1}(x)$ , (8)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x}{|x|}$ , (9)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(\sqrt{x})}{x^2}$ .