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2. Assume that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) + f'(x)$ converges and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^x f(x) = \infty$. Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f'(x) = 0$.
Hint: Look at $\frac{e^x f(x)}{e^x}$.

3. Due to a shortage in electric equipment required for building wind turbines, their cost $\frac{n^2}{32,000}$ in million dollars is not linear in the number n of wind turbines built. However every coal power plant costs 100 million dollars. Assume that a wind turbine produces 5 million kWh per year and a coal power plant a billion kWh. How many wind turbines and coal power plants should be built to satisfy a yearly electricity demand of 100,000 kWh at the lowest possible cost?

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(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x^2 + x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x}{2x + 1} = \frac{e^0}{2 \cdot 0 + 1} = 1$

(b) Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 2 \sin(x) - \sin(2x) = 2 \sin(0) - \sin(2 \cdot 0) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 1 - \cos(x) = 1 - \cos(0) = 0$, L'Hôpital's Rule applies. Thus $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin(x) - \sin(2x)}{x - \sin(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cos(x) - 2 \cos(2x)}{1 - \cos(x)}$. We can apply L'Hôpital's Rule another two times to obtain $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cos(x) - 2 \cos(2x)}{1 - \cos(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2 \sin(x) + 4 \sin(2x)}{\sin(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2 \cos(x) + 8 \cos(2x)}{\cos(x)} = \frac{-2 \cos(0) + 8 \cos(2 \cdot 0)}{\cos(0)} = \frac{-2 + 8}{1} = 6$.

(c) Note that $\frac{1}{4x} \leq \frac{\cos(x)}{2x} \leq \frac{1}{2x}$ for all $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{3})$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{4x} = \infty = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{2x}$. Thus $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\cos(x)}{2x} = \infty$ by the Squeeze Theorem.

(d) Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sin(x) = \sin(0) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^2 = 0^2 = 0$, L'Hôpital's Rule applies. Thus $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin(x)}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\cos(x)}{2x} = \infty$.

(e) We apply L'Hôpital's Rule twice to obtain $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{e^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x}{e^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{e^x} = 0$.

(f) Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln(x) = -\infty$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^{-1} = \infty$, L'Hôpital's Rule applies to the fraction $\frac{\ln(x)}{x^{-1}}$. Thus $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(x)}{x^{-1}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^{-1}}{-x^{-2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} -x = 0$

(g) We have $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{e^x - e^{-x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x e^x + e^{-x}}{e^x e^x - e^{-x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{2x} + 1}{e^{2x} - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2e^{2x}}{2e^{2x}} = 1$ where the third equality uses L'Hôpital's Rule.

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$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f'(x) &= \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) + f'(x) \right) - \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) \right) \\ &= \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) + f'(x) \right) - \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) + f'(x) \right) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

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If we build n wind turbines then we need to build $m = \frac{100,000 - 5n}{1,000}$ coal power plants.

The total cost would be $c(n) = \frac{n^2}{32,000} + 100m = \frac{n^2}{32,000} + \frac{100,000 - 5n}{10}$ million dollars.

Since $c'(n) = \frac{n}{16,000} - \frac{1}{2}$ has a root at $n = \frac{16,000}{2} = 8,000$ and $c''(8,000) = \frac{1}{16,000} > 0$, the function c takes its minimum at 8,000 by the second derivative test. Thus we should build 8,000 wind turbines and $\frac{100,000 - 5 \cdot 8,000}{1,000} = 100 - 40 = 60$ coal power plants.

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(a) $F(x) = e^x - e^{-x}$

(b) $G(x) = \tan^{-1}(e^x)$

(c) $H(x) = 3x - 2x^{\frac{7}{2}}$

(d) $I(x) = -\frac{1}{4} \cos(4x)$