

1. Find all values of the constant  $a$  for which the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x e^{ax^2} - \sin x}{x^5}$$

exists and evaluate the limit for each of these values of  $a$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x e^{ax^2} - \sin x}{x^5} \stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{ax^2} + x \cdot 2ax e^{ax^2} - \cos x}{5x^4}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2ax e^{ax^2} + 4ax e^{ax^2} + 2ax^2 \cdot 2ax e^{ax^2} + \sin x}{20x^3}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{6ax e^{ax^2} + 6ax \cdot 2ax e^{ax^2} + 12a^2 x^2 e^{ax^2} + 4a^2 x^3 \cdot 2ax e^{ax^2} + \cos x}{60x^2}$$

This limit does not exist unless  $6a+1=0$ . So,  $a = -\frac{1}{6}$  from here on:

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-e^{-x^2/6} + \frac{2}{3} x^2 e^{-x^2/6} - \frac{1}{27} x^4 e^{-x^2/6} + \cos x}{60x^2}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x}{3} e^{-x^2/6} + \frac{4}{3} x e^{-x^2/6} - \frac{2}{9} x^3 e^{-x^2/6} - \frac{4}{27} x^3 e^{-x^2/6} + \frac{1}{81} x^5 e^{-x^2/6} - \sin x}{120x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{120} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{5}{3} e^{-x^2/6} - \frac{10}{27} x^2 e^{-x^2/6} + \frac{1}{81} x^4 e^{-x^2/6} - \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{120} \cdot \left( \frac{5}{3} - 0 + 0 - 1 \right) = \frac{1}{180}$$