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Let f and g be <http://planetmath.org/RealFunction> real or complex functions having the limits

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = F \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = G.$$

Then also the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)g(x)$ exists and equals FG .

Proof. Let ε be any positive number. The assumptions imply the existence of the positive numbers $\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3$ such that

$$|f(x) - F| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2(1 + |G|)} \quad \text{when } 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta_1 \quad (1)$$

$$|g(x) - G| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2(1 + |F|)} \quad \text{when } 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta_2, \quad (2)$$

$$|g(x) - G| < 1 \quad \text{when } 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta_3. \quad (3)$$

According to the condition (3) we see that

$$|g(x)| = |g(x) - G + G| \leq |g(x) - G| + |G| < 1 + |G| \quad \text{when } 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta_3.$$

Supposing then that $0 < |x - x_0| < \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3\}$ and using (1) and (2) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x)g(x) - FG| &= |f(x)g(x) - Fg(x) + Fg(x) - FG| \\ &\leq |f(x)g(x) - Fg(x)| + |Fg(x) - FG| \\ &= |g(x)| \cdot |f(x) - F| + |F| \cdot |g(x) - G| \\ &< (1 + |G|) \frac{\varepsilon}{2(1 + |G|)} + (1 + |F|) \frac{\varepsilon}{2(1 + |F|)} \\ &= \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

This settles the proof.