

Presentation 2

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Problem statement: Use the formal definition of the limit of a function to prove that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 3x^2 + 6x - 5 = 19$$

Proof: Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given.

we can choose $\delta = \min\{1, \frac{\epsilon}{21}\}$.

Consider $x \in D$ where $0 < |x - 2| < \delta$, then we have $0 < |x - 2| < 1$ and $0 < |x - 2| < \frac{\epsilon}{21}$.

Since $0 < |x - 2| < 1$, we have $|x + 4| = |x - 2 + 6| \leq |x - 2| + |6| < 7$ by the triangular inequality. Therefore it follows

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - L| &= |3x^2 + 6x - 5 - 19| \\ &= |3x^2 + 6x - 24| \\ &= |3(x^2 + 2x - 8)| \\ &= 3|(x^2 + 2x - 8)| \\ &= 3|(x + 4)(x - 2)| \\ &< 3 \times 7\delta \\ &= 21\delta \\ &< \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Since our choice of ϵ is arbitrary, we have proved $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 3x^2 + 6x - 5 = 19$.

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