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(9): (1): We use the identity  $A - B = \frac{A^2 - B^2}{A + B}$ , which tells us that

$$|\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} < \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}};$$

given  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} < \epsilon \text{ if } \frac{1}{4n} < \epsilon^2, \text{ if } n > \frac{1}{4\epsilon^2}$$

(2): We must show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^2 + 1}{n^2 - 1} \right) = 1;$$

Begin exploration by recalling (and letting  $\epsilon > 0$  be given)

$$\left| \frac{n^2 + 1}{n^2 - 1} - 1 \right| < \epsilon \text{ must be satisfied.}$$

$$\left| \frac{n^2 + 1}{n^2 - 1} - \frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 - 1} \right| = \left| \frac{2}{n^2 - 1} \right| < \epsilon$$

$n \gg 1$ , so we see that

$$\frac{2}{n^2 - 1} < \epsilon \Rightarrow \frac{n^2 - 1}{2} > \frac{1}{\epsilon} \Rightarrow n^2 \gg \frac{2}{\epsilon} + 1 = \frac{2 + \epsilon}{\epsilon}$$

or finally;

$$n > \frac{\sqrt{2 + \epsilon}}{\sqrt{\epsilon}} = N$$

Thus we conclude that for  $n > N = \frac{\sqrt{2 + \epsilon}}{\sqrt{\epsilon}}$  the function is approximated, and in turn the limit exists.

(6): (i):

• Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary

• Demonstrate a choice for  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . This step usually requires the most work almost all of which is done prior to actually writing the formal proof.

• Now, show that  $N$  actually works.

• Assume  $n \geq N$

• With  $N$  well chosen, it should be possible to derive the inequality  $|x_n - x| < \epsilon$

(2) Problem: Show  $\lim \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right) = 1$

Proof

~~Explanation~~: Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Choose  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $N > 1/\epsilon$ . To verify that this choice of  $N$  is appropriate, let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfy  $n > N$ . Then,  $n > N$  implies  $n > 1/\epsilon$  or equivalently  $1/n < \epsilon$ . Finally, this means

$$\left| \frac{n+1}{n} - 1 \right| < \epsilon$$

as desired.  $\square$

(c) Claim:  $\lim \left( 3 - \frac{4}{n} \right) = 3$ ;

Proof:

• Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given.

• Then  $n > N$  implies  $|a_n - 3| = \left| \left( 3 - \frac{4}{n} \right) - 3 \right| = \left| -\frac{4}{n} \right| = \frac{4}{n} < \epsilon$ ,

• Hence we have shown that

for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exist  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n > N$ ,  $|3 - \frac{4}{n} - 3| = \frac{4}{n} < \epsilon$   
thus  $\lim \left( 3 - \frac{4}{n} \right) = 3$  as desired.