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Assignment: 2.3 The Precise Definition
 of a Limit

1. Suppose that the interval (a,b) is on the x-axis with the point c inside the interval. For the given values of a , b , and c , find the value of $\delta > 0$ such that for all x , $0 < |x - c| < \delta \rightarrow a < x < b$.

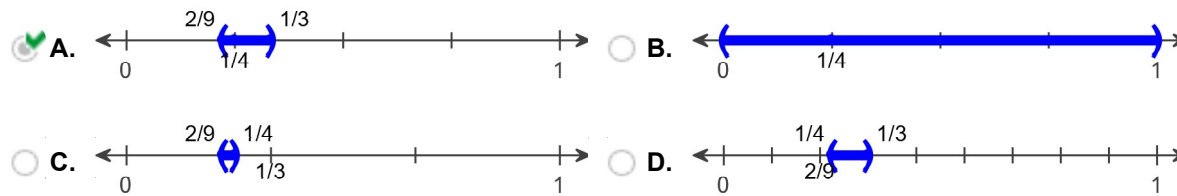
$$a = 7, \quad b = 19, \quad c = 15$$

The value of δ is .
 (Simplify your answer.)

2. Sketch the interval (a,b) on the x-axis with the point c inside. Then find the largest value of $\delta > 0$ such that for all x , $0 < |x - c| < \delta$ implies $a < x < b$.

$$a = \frac{2}{9}, \quad b = \frac{1}{3}, \quad c = \frac{1}{4}$$

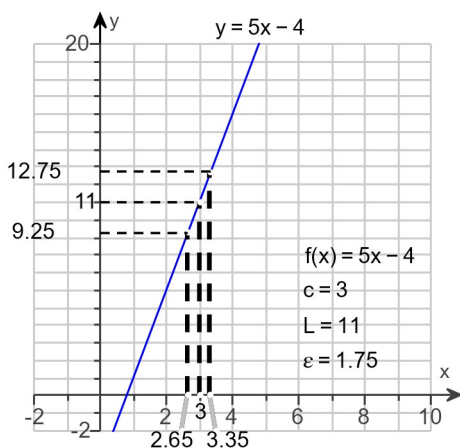
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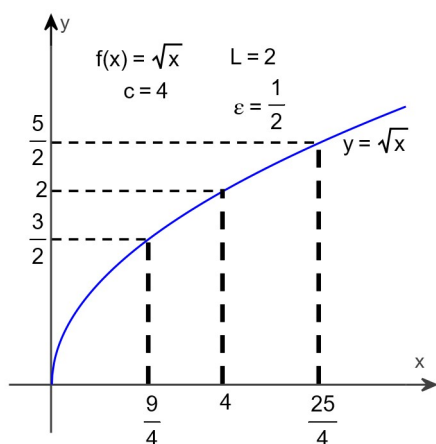
The largest possible value for δ is .
 (Type a simplified fraction.)

3. Use the graph below to find $\delta > 0$ such that for all x , $0 < |x - c| < \delta \rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$.

The value of δ is .
 (Simplify your answer.)



4. Use the graph below to find a $\delta > 0$ such that for all x , $0 < |x - c| < \delta \rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$.



The value of δ is .

(Type an exact answer, using radicals as needed.)

5. For the given function $f(x)$ and values of L , c , and $\varepsilon > 0$ find the largest open interval about c on which the inequality $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ holds. Then determine the largest value for $\delta > 0$ such that $0 < |x - c| < \delta \rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$.

$$f(x) = 4x + 2, \quad L = 34, \quad c = 8, \quad \varepsilon = 0.08$$

The largest open interval about c on which the inequality $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ holds is .

(Use interval notation.)

The largest value of $\delta > 0$ such that $0 < |x - c| < \delta \rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ is .

(Simplify your answer.)

6. For the given function $f(x)$ and values of L , c , and $\varepsilon > 0$ find the largest open interval about c on which the inequality $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ holds. Then determine the largest value for $\delta > 0$ such that $0 < |x - c| < \delta \rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$.

$$f(x) = x^2, \quad L = 49, \quad c = -7, \quad \varepsilon = 0.15$$

The largest open interval about c on which the inequality $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ holds is .

(Use interval notation. Round to four decimal places.)

The largest value of $\delta > 0$ such that $0 < |x - c| < \delta \rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ is .

(Round to four decimal places.)

7. For the given function $f(x)$ and numbers L , c , and $\varepsilon > 0$, find an open interval about c on which the inequality $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ holds. Then give a value for $\delta > 0$ such that for all x satisfying $0 < |x - c| < \delta$ the inequality $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ holds.

$$f(x) = x^2 - 34, \quad L = 2, \quad c = 6, \quad \varepsilon = 1$$

For what open interval does the inequality $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ hold?

$$\left(\sqrt{35}, \sqrt{37} \right)$$

(Simplify your answer. Type your answer in interval notation. Type an exact answer, using radicals as needed.)

Find the largest value $\delta > 0$ such that for all x satisfying $0 < |x - c| < \delta$ the inequality $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ holds.

$$\delta = \sqrt{37} - 6$$

(Simplify your answer. Type an exact answer, using radicals as needed.)

8. For the given function $f(x)$, the point c , and a positive number ε , find $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$. Then find a number $\delta > 0$ such that for all x ,

$$0 < |x - c| < \delta \rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon.$$

$$f(x) = 6 - 5x, \quad c = 2, \quad \varepsilon = 0.04$$

$$L = \boxed{-4} \quad (\text{Simplify your answer.})$$

What is the largest possible value for δ ?

$$\delta = \boxed{.008} \quad (\text{Simplify your answer.})$$

9. For the given function $f(x)$ and the given values of c and $\varepsilon > 0$, find $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$.

Then determine the largest value for $\delta > 0$ such that $0 < |x - c| < \delta \rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$.

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 64}{x - 8}, \quad c = 8, \quad \varepsilon = 0.08$$

The value of L is $\boxed{16}$.
(Simplify your answer.)

The largest value of $\delta > 0$ such that $0 < |x - c| < \delta \rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ is $\boxed{.08}$.
(Round to the nearest hundredth as needed.)

10. Give an ε - δ proof of the limit fact.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (3x + 6) = 6$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given.

- ☒ **A.** Choose $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$. Then $0 < |x - 0| < \delta \Rightarrow |(3x + 6) - 6| = |3x| = 3|x| < 3\delta = \varepsilon$.
- ☐ **B.** Choose $\delta = 3\varepsilon$. Then $0 < |x - 0| < \delta \Rightarrow |(3x + 6) - 6| = |3x| = 3|x| < \frac{\delta}{3} = \varepsilon$.
- ☐ **C.** Choose $\delta = \varepsilon$. Then $0 < |x - 0| < \delta \Rightarrow |(3x + 6) - 6| = |3x| < \delta = \varepsilon$.
- ☐ **D.** Choose $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{6}$. Then $0 < |x - 0| < \delta \Rightarrow |(3x + 6) - 3x| = |6x| = 6|x| < 6\delta = \varepsilon$.
- ☐ **E.** None of the above proofs is correct.

11.

Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} f(x) = 64$ if $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & x \neq 8 \\ 7 & x = 8 \end{cases}$.

For a function $f(x)$ that is defined in an open interval about c , except possibly at c itself, the limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches c is the number L if, for every number $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a corresponding number $\delta > 0$ such that for all x , $0 < |x - c| < \delta$ implies that $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$.

To prove the given limit statement, it is necessary to show that for all x , if $0 < |x - 8| < \delta$, then $|x^2 - 64| < \varepsilon$.

Solve the inequality $|x^2 - 64| < \varepsilon$ to find an open interval about $c = 8$ on which this inequality holds for all $x \neq c$.

$$\begin{aligned} |x^2 - 64| &< \varepsilon \\ -\varepsilon &< x^2 - 64 < \varepsilon \\ 64 - \varepsilon &< x^2 < 64 + \varepsilon \\ \sqrt{64 - \varepsilon} &< |x| < \sqrt{64 + \varepsilon} \quad \text{Assume that } \varepsilon < 64. \\ \sqrt{64 - \varepsilon} &< x < \sqrt{64 + \varepsilon} \end{aligned}$$

The inequality $|x^2 - 64| < \varepsilon$ holds for all $x \neq 8$ in the open interval $(\sqrt{64 - \varepsilon}, \sqrt{64 + \varepsilon})$, where $\varepsilon < 64$. Now, find a value of $\delta > 0$ that places the centered interval $(8 - \delta, 8 + \delta)$ inside the interval $(\sqrt{64 - \varepsilon}, \sqrt{64 + \varepsilon})$.

Take δ to be the distance from $c = 8$ to the nearer endpoint of $(\sqrt{64 - \varepsilon}, \sqrt{64 + \varepsilon})$.

$$\delta = \min \left\{ 8 - \sqrt{64 - \varepsilon}, \sqrt{64 + \varepsilon} - 8 \right\}$$

Thus, for $\varepsilon < 64$, if δ has a value of $\min \{ 8 - \sqrt{64 - \varepsilon}, \sqrt{64 + \varepsilon} - 8 \}$ or any smaller positive value, the inequality $0 < |x - 8| < \delta$ automatically places x between $\sqrt{64 - \varepsilon}$ and $\sqrt{64 + \varepsilon}$ to make $|x^2 - 64| < \varepsilon$.

If $\varepsilon \geq 64$, take δ to be the distance from $c = 8$ to the nearer endpoint of $(0, \sqrt{64 + \varepsilon})$.

$$\delta = \min \left\{ 8, \sqrt{64 + \varepsilon} - 8 \right\}$$

Since there exists a value of δ such that $0 < |x - 8| < \delta$ that makes the inequality $|x^2 - 64| < \varepsilon$ true for all x , the limit as x approaches 8 of the function $\begin{cases} x^2 & x \neq 8 \\ 7 & x = 8 \end{cases}$ is 64.

12. Give an ε - δ proof of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left(\frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} \right) = 6$.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given.

- ☐ A. Let $\delta = 3\varepsilon$. Then $0 < |x - 3| < \delta \Rightarrow$

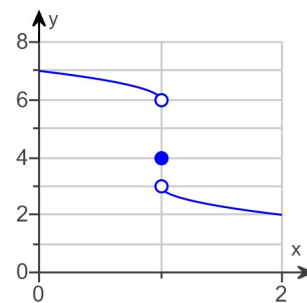
$$\left| \left(\frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} \right) - 6 \right| = \left| \frac{1}{3}(x + 3 - 6) \right| = \frac{1}{3}|x - 3| < \frac{1}{3}\delta = \varepsilon.$$
- ☒ B. Let $\delta = \varepsilon$. Then $0 < |x - 3| < \delta \Rightarrow$

$$\left| \left(\frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} \right) - 6 \right| = |(x + 3) - 6| = |x - 3| < \delta = \varepsilon.$$
- ☐ C. Let $\delta = 2\varepsilon$. Then $0 < |x - 3| < \delta \Rightarrow$

$$\left| \left(\frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} \right) - 6 \right| = \left| \frac{1}{2}(x + 3 - 6) \right| = \frac{1}{2}|x - 3| < \frac{1}{2}\delta = \varepsilon.$$
- ☐ D. None of the above proofs is correct.

13.

For the function graphed to the right, explain why $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) \neq 4$.



Choose the correct reason below.

- ☐ A. The limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches 1 is 3.
- ☐ B. The limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches 1 is $\frac{9}{2}$.
- ☐ C. The limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches 1 is 6.
- ☒ D. The limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches 1 does not exist.