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of a Limit

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$$f(x) = x^2, \quad L = 25, \quad c = -5, \quad \varepsilon = 0.3$$

Solve $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ to find the largest interval containing c on which the inequality holds.

$$|x^2 - L| < 0.3 \rightarrow -0.3 < x^2 - 25 < 0.3$$

Simplify by adding 25 to all expressions.

$$-0.3 < x^2 - 25 < 0.3 \rightarrow 24.7 < x^2 < 25.3$$

Since all three expressions are greater than 0, simplify by taking the square root of all expressions.

$$4.9699 < x < 5.0299$$

However, c is -5 , not 5 . Multiply $(4.9699 < x < 5.0299)$ by -1 , producing $-5.0299 < -x < -4.9699$. Note: since $x > 0$, $-x < 0$.

Since interval $(-5.0299, -4.9699)$ is not symmetric with respect to -5 , δ is the distance from -5 to the closer endpoint of the interval.

Thus, $\delta = 0.0299$.

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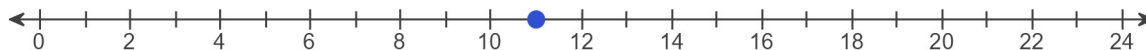
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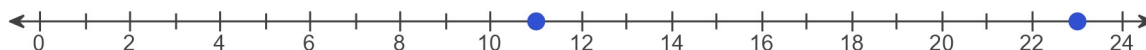
Suppose that the interval (a,b) is on the x -axis with the point c inside the interval. For the given values of a , b , and c , find the value of $\delta > 0$ such that for all x , $0 < |x - c| < \delta \rightarrow a < x < b$.

$a = 11$, $b = 23$, $c = 20$

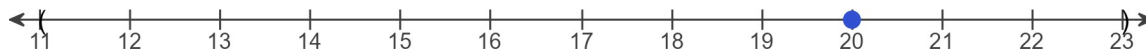
Plot a on the number line.



Now plot b on the number line.



Plot c . Notice the number line is the interval (a,b) .



The distance from c to b is shorter than the distance from c to a since c is closer to b on the number line.

The expression $|x - c|$ gives the distance of any point, x , on the x -axis from the point c . To make sure x is in the interval, the distance from c to x must be less than the distance from c to either endpoint. Therefore, the distance must be less than $23 - 20 = 3$.

If the distance of any point, x , on the x -axis is less than 3 from the given point c , then that point will be within the interval (a,b) .

Symbolically, if $|x - c| < 3 \rightarrow a < x < b$.

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$$f(x) = 2x + 3, \quad L = 9, \quad c = 3, \quad \varepsilon = 0.04$$

Solve $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ to find the largest interval containing c on which the inequality holds.

$$|(2x + 3) - 9| < 0.04 \rightarrow -0.04 < [(2x + 3) - 9] < 0.04$$

Combine the constants.

$$-0.04 < 2x - 6 < 0.04$$

Simplify.

$$5.96 < 2x < 6.04$$

Complete the solution of the inequality by dividing the three expressions by 2.

$$2.98 < x < 3.02$$

Since the interval $2.98 < x < 3.02$ is centered on $c = 3$, δ is the distance from 3 to either endpoint of the interval.

Thus, the value of δ is 0.02.

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$$f(x) = x^2 - 7, L = 2, c = 3, \varepsilon = 1$$

Begin by solving the inequality $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ to find an open interval (a, b) containing c on which the inequality holds for all $x \neq c$.

Remove the absolute value sign and rewrite the inequality as a compound inequality.

$$\begin{aligned} |(x^2 - 7) - 2| &< 1 \\ -1 &< (x^2 - 7) - 2 < 1 \end{aligned}$$

Simplify the center expression and isolate the x -term.

$$\begin{aligned} -1 &< (x^2 - 7) - 2 < 1 \\ -1 &< x^2 - 9 < 1 \\ 8 &< x^2 < 10 \end{aligned}$$

Isolate x by taking the square root of all three parts.

$$\begin{aligned} 8 &< x^2 < 10 \\ 2\sqrt{2} &< x < \sqrt{10} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for the open interval $(2\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{10})$, which contains $x = 3$, the inequality $|(x^2 - 7) - 2| < 1$ holds.

Now choose a positive value for δ that places the open interval $(c - \delta, c + \delta)$ centered on c inside the interval $(2\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{10})$.

Use the smallest distance between $c = 3$ and the endpoints of the interval $(2\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{10})$.

The distance to the first endpoint is $3 - 2\sqrt{2} \approx 0.1716$.

The distance to the second endpoint is $\sqrt{10} - 3 \approx 0.1623$.

The largest possible value for δ is $\sqrt{10} - 3$.

Therefore, for all x satisfying $0 < |x - 3| < \sqrt{10} - 3$, the inequality $|(x^2 - 7) - 2| < 1$ holds.

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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 ,

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

$$f(x) = 8 - 3x, c = 4, \varepsilon = 0.03$$

Notice that $f(x)$ is a linear function. Since a linear function is a simple polynomial function and it is defined for all x , the limit $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow c}$ is the value of $f(x)$ at c .

Evaluate the function at $c = 4$.

$$L = 8 - 3(4) = -4$$

To find δ , begin by solving the inequality $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ to find an open interval (a, b) containing c on which the inequality holds for all $x \neq c$.

Remove the absolute value sign and rewrite the inequality as a compound inequality.

$$|(8 - 3x) - (-4)| < 0.03$$

$$-0.03 < (8 - 3x) - (-4) < 0.03$$

Simplify the center expression and isolate the x -term.

$$-0.03 < (8 - 3x) - (-4) < 0.03$$

$$-0.03 < -3x + 12 < 0.03$$

$$-12.03 < -3x < -11.97$$

Then isolate x in the center. Notice that the direction of the inequalities has been changed.

$$-12.03 < -3x < -11.97$$

$$4.01 > x > 3.99$$

Therefore, for x in the interval $(3.99, 4.01)$, the inequality $|(8 - 3x) - (-4)| < 0.03$ holds. Now choose a positive value for δ that places the open interval $(c - \delta, c + \delta)$ centered on c inside the interval $(3.99, 4.01)$.

Use the smallest distance between $c = 4$ and the endpoints of the interval $(3.99, 4.01)$.

The distance to the first endpoint is $4 - 3.99 = 0.01$.

The distance to the second endpoint is $4.01 - 4 = 0.01$.

The largest possible value for δ is 0.01 .

Therefore, for all x satisfying $0 < |x - 4| < 0.01$, the inequality $|(8 - 3x) - (-4)| < 0.03$ holds.

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (5x + 1) = 1$$

We begin by giving the precise meaning of limit.

To say that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ means that for each $\varepsilon > 0$ (no matter how small) there is a corresponding $\delta > 0$ such that $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$, provided that $0 < |x - c| < \delta$; that is,

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

To establish the proof, we first perform a preliminary analysis to find the appropriate choice of δ .

Let ε be any positive number.

We must produce a $\delta > 0$ such that $0 < |x - 0| < \delta \Rightarrow |(5x + 1) - 1| < \varepsilon$.

By simplifying the inequality on the right, we will determine the value of δ needed for the inequality on the left.

$$\begin{aligned} |(5x + 1) - 1| < \varepsilon &\Leftrightarrow |5x| < \varepsilon \\ &\Leftrightarrow |5| |x| < \varepsilon \\ &\Leftrightarrow 5|x| < \varepsilon \\ &\Leftrightarrow |x| < \frac{\varepsilon}{5}, \text{ or equivalently, } |x - 0| < \frac{\varepsilon}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Now we see that we should choose $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{5}$. We can now construct the formal proof of the statement $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (5x + 1) = 1$.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Choose $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{5}$. Then $0 < |x - 0| < \delta$ implies the following chain of equalities and an inequality.

$ 5x + 1 - 1 $	$= 5x $	Simplify inside absolute value bars.
	$= 5 x $	Rewrite as product of absolute values.
	$= 5 x $	Simplify.
	$= 5 x - 0 $	Rewrite expression inside absolute value bars.
	$< 5\delta$	Apply the condition $0 < x - 0 < \delta$.
	$= \varepsilon$	Substitute $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{5}$ and multiply.

The result of the above chain of equalities and an inequality is that $|(5x + 1) - 1| < \varepsilon$.

Therefore, we have proven that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (5x + 1) = 1$.

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provided that $0 < |x - c| < \delta$; that is,

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

To establish the proof, we first perform a preliminary analysis to find the appropriate choice of δ .

Let ε be any positive number. Insert the information from the problem into the precise definition of limit.

$$\text{We must produce a } \delta > 0 \text{ such that } 0 < |x - 2| < \delta \Rightarrow \left| \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2} - 4 \right| < \varepsilon.$$

By simplifying the inequality on the right, we will determine the value of δ needed for the inequality on the left. Simplify the expression inside the absolute value bars.

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2} - 4 \right| < \varepsilon &\Leftrightarrow \left| \frac{(x + 2)(x - 2)}{x - 2} - 4 \right| < \varepsilon && \text{Factor the difference} \\ &&& \text{of two squares.} \\ &\Leftrightarrow |x + 2 - 4| < \varepsilon && \text{Simplify the rational} \\ &&& \text{expression.} \\ &\Leftrightarrow |x - 2| < \varepsilon && \text{Combine like terms.} \end{aligned}$$

We next choose the value δ . Based on the analysis above, should choose $\delta = \varepsilon$. With $\delta = \varepsilon$, we have $0 < |x - 2| < \delta$ because of the result from the previous step.

$$\text{We can now construct the formal proof of the statement } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2} \right) = 4.$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Choose $\delta = \varepsilon$. Then $0 < |x - 2| < \delta$ implies the following chain of equalities and an inequality.

Begin with the left side of the inequality we want to prove.

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2} - 4 \right| &= |(x + 2) - 4| && \text{Factor the difference of two squares} \\ &&& \text{and divide by the common factor.} \\ &= |x - 2| && \text{Combine like terms.} \\ &< \delta && \text{Now apply the condition} \\ &&& 0 < |x - 2| < \delta. \\ &= \varepsilon && \text{Finally, substitute, using } \delta = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{The result of the above chain of equalities and an inequality is that } \left| \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2} - 4 \right| < \varepsilon.$$

Therefore, we have proven that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2} \right) = 4$.

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

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 81}{x - 9}, \quad c = 9, \quad \varepsilon = 0.07$$

Begin by determining the value of the limit L .

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{x^2 - 81}{x - 9} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{(x + 9)(x - 9)}{x - 9} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} (x + 9) = 18$$

Now that L is known, solve $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ to find the largest interval containing c on which the inequality holds and use this information to determine δ .

$$\left| \frac{x^2 - 81}{x - 9} - 18 \right| < 0.07 \rightarrow 17.93 < (x + 9) < 18.07$$

So, the interval on the x -axis is $8.93 < x < 9.07$, $x \neq 9$ because $f(x)$ is not defined at $x = 9$.

Now, $|x - c| < \delta$ is $|x - 9| < \delta$, which implies $-\delta < (x - 9) < \delta$, or $9 - \delta < x < 9 + \delta$, $x \neq 9$.

Comparing the intervals or $9 - \delta < x < 9 + \delta$ and $8.93 < x < 9.07$, $9 - \delta = 8.93$ and $9 + \delta = 9.07$. Thus, $\delta = 0.07$.