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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  $x$ ,  $0 < |x - c| < \delta \rightarrow a < x < b$ .

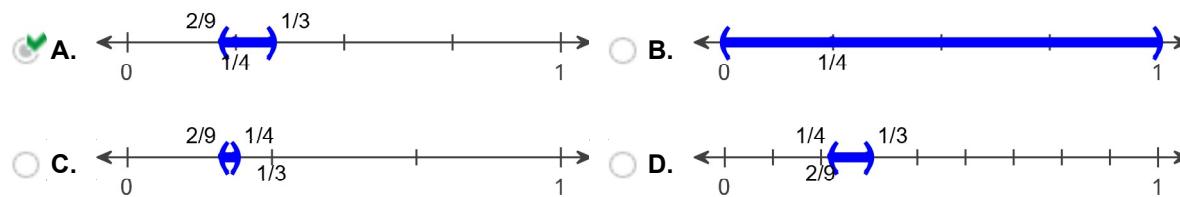
$$a = 7, \quad b = 19, \quad c = 15$$

The value of  $\delta$  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  $a < x < b$ .

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

Choose the correct sketch below.

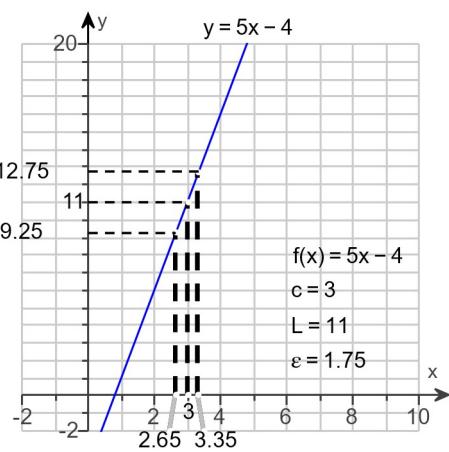


The largest possible value for  $\delta$  is .

(Type a simplified fraction.)

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

The value of  $\delta$  is   
(Simplify your answer.)



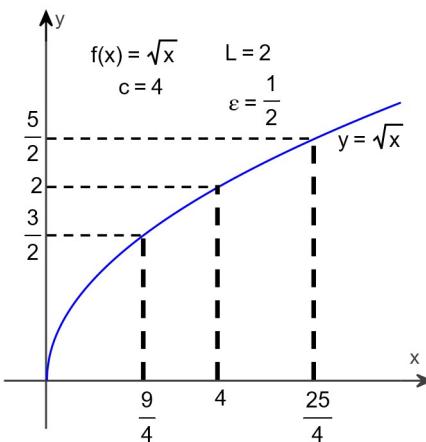
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- Use the graph below to find a  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x$ ,  $0 < |x - c| < \delta \rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ .

The value of  $\delta$  is

$$\frac{7}{4}$$

(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  $(7.98, 8.02)$ .  
(Use interval notation.)

The largest value of  $\delta > 0$  such that  $0 < |x - c| < \delta \rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$  is  $.02$ .  
(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  $(-7.0107, -6.9893)$ .  
(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  $.0107$ .  
(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?

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

(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  $\varepsilon$ , find  $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ . Then find a number  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x$ ,  $0 < |x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ .

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

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

What is the largest possible value for  $\delta$ ?

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

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  $\varepsilon$ - $\delta$  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  $\delta$  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  $\delta$  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  $\delta$  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  $\delta$  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  $\varepsilon$ - $\delta$  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  $0 < |x - 3| < \delta \Rightarrow$

$$\left| \left( \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} \right) - 6 \right| = |(x + 3) - 6| = |x - 3| < \delta = \varepsilon.$$

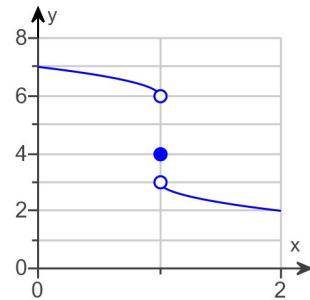
- C. Let  $\delta = 2\varepsilon$ . Then  $0 < |x - 3| < \delta \Rightarrow$

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

- 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.