Calculus I Homework 2 Makeup

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Prove the limit statements

$$\lim_{x \to \sqrt{3}} \frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

First, we see that $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$, $x_0 = \sqrt{3}$, $L = \frac{1}{3}$ Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given then

$$\begin{split} |f(x) - L| &< \epsilon \\ \left| \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{3} \right| &< \epsilon \\ -\epsilon &< \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{3} < \epsilon \\ \frac{1}{3} - \epsilon &< \frac{1}{x^2} < \frac{1}{3} + \epsilon \\ \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3} - \epsilon} > x^2 > \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3} + \epsilon} \\ \text{Assuming } \epsilon &< \frac{1}{3} \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{\frac{1}{3} - \epsilon}} > x > \sqrt{\frac{1}{\frac{1}{3} + \epsilon}} \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{\frac{1}{3} + \epsilon}} &< x < \sqrt{\frac{1}{\frac{1}{3} - \epsilon}} \end{split}$$

And we want

$$|x - x_0| < \delta$$

$$|x - \sqrt{3}| < \delta$$

$$-\delta < x - \sqrt{3} < \delta$$

$$\sqrt{3} - \delta < x < \sqrt{3} + \delta$$

Therefore,

$$\sqrt{3} - \delta_1 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\frac{1}{3} + \epsilon}}$$

$$\delta_1 = \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{\frac{1}{\frac{1}{3} + \epsilon}}$$

$$\sqrt{3} + \delta_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\frac{1}{3} - \epsilon}}$$

$$\delta_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\frac{1}{3} - \epsilon}} - \sqrt{3}$$

$$\min(\delta, \delta)$$

 $\Rightarrow \delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2).$