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 Acknowledgements:

Wade Exercise 3.1.1 Using Definition 3.1, prove that each of the following limits exists.

c. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x^3 + 2x + 1 = 4.$

Proof.

Let $f(x) = x^3 + 2x + 1$ and Let $\epsilon > 0$.

Set $\delta = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{\epsilon}{9} \right\}$.

Assume $0 < |x - 1| < \delta$.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} |x - 1| < 1 &\implies -1 < x - 1 < 1 && [\text{FTAV}] \\ &\implies 0 < x < 2 \\ &\implies x \in (0, 2) \end{aligned}$$

Also note that $|x - 1| < \frac{\epsilon}{9}$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} |f - 4| &= |x^3 + 2x + 1 - 4| && [\text{Substitution/Algebra}] \\ &= |x^3 + 2x - 3| \\ &= |x - 1||x^2 + x + 3| \\ &< |x - 1|(|x|^2 + |x| + 3) \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{9}((2)^2 + (2) + 3) \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{9}9 \\ &< \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f \rightarrow 4$ as $x \rightarrow 1$. □

d. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^3 \sin(e^{x^2}) = 0$

Proof.

Let $f(x) = x^3 \sin(e^{x^2})$ and Let $\epsilon > 0$.

Set $\delta = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{\epsilon}{\sin(e)} \right\}$.

Assume $0 < |x - 0| < \delta$.

Notice $|x| < 1$.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} |x| < 1 &\implies -1 < x < 1 && [\text{FTAV}] \\ &\implies x \in (-1, 1) \end{aligned}$$

Also note that $|x - 1| < \frac{\epsilon}{\sin(e)}$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} |f - 0| &= |x^3 \sin(e^{x^2}) - 0| && \text{[Substitution/Algebra]} \\ &= |x^3 \sin(e^{x^2})| \\ &= |x| |x^2 \sin(e^{x^2})| \\ &< |x| (|x|^2 \sin(e^{|x|^2})) \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{\sin(e)} ((1)^2 \sin(e^{(1)^2})) \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{\sin(e)} \sin(e) \\ &< \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow 0$.

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