

## Problem List For Test #2 - Solutions

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1. **Prove:**  $0 \leq |x| \leq r$  if and only if  $-r \leq x \leq r$

**Proof.**  $0 \leq |x| \leq r \Rightarrow -r \leq x \leq r$

Suppose that  $0 \leq |x| \leq r$ .

**Case 1:** If  $x \geq 0$ , then  $|x| = x$ , and consequently,  $0 \leq x \leq r$ , by our hypothesis.

$$\Rightarrow -r \leq 0 \leq x \leq r \Rightarrow -r \leq x \leq r$$

**Case 2:** If  $x < 0$ , then  $|x| = -x$ , and consequently,  $0 \leq -x \leq r$ , by our hypothesis.

$$\Rightarrow -r \leq x \leq 0 \Rightarrow -r \leq x \leq 0 \leq r \Rightarrow -r \leq x \leq r$$

In both cases,  $-r \leq x \leq r$ .

$$-r \leq x \leq r \Rightarrow 0 \leq |x| \leq r$$

Suppose that  $-r \leq x \leq r$

**Case 1:** If  $x \geq 0$ , then  $0 \leq x \leq r$  by our hypothesis.

Also, if  $x \geq 0$ , then  $|x| = x$ , and consequently,  $0 \leq |x| \leq r$ .

**Case 2:** If  $x < 0$ , then  $-r \leq x < 0$ , by our hypothesis.

Also, if  $x < 0$ , then  $|x| = -x$ , or equivalently,  $-|x| = x$ .

Consequently the equation  $-r \leq x < 0$  becomes  $-r \leq -|x| < 0$ .

Multiplying both sides by  $-1$ , we have:

$$r \geq |x| > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq |x| \leq r$$

In both cases,  $0 \leq |x| \leq r$ . ■

2. **Prove:** For all real numbers  $r$ ,  $0 < r < |x|$  if and only if  $x < -r$  or  $r < x$

**Proof.** We must prove that:

i.  $0 < r < |x| \Rightarrow x < -r$  or  $r < x$

and

ii.  $x < -r$  or  $r < x \Rightarrow 0 < r < |x|$

$$0 < r < |x| \Rightarrow x < -r \text{ or } r < x$$

The contrapositive of this statement is:

$$-r \leq x \text{ and } x \leq r \Rightarrow 0 \leq |x| \leq r$$

i.e.,  $-r \leq x \leq r \Rightarrow 0 \leq |x| \leq r$

But this is true by the previous theorem.

Hence,  $0 < r < |x| \Rightarrow x < -r$  or  $r < x$ .

$$x < -r \text{ or } r < x \Rightarrow 0 < r < |x|$$

The contrapositive of this statement is:

$$0 \leq |x| \leq r \Rightarrow -r \leq x \text{ and } x \leq r$$

i.e.,  $0 \leq |x| \leq r \Rightarrow -r \leq x \leq r$

But this is true by the previous theorem.

Hence,  $x < -r$  or  $r < x \Rightarrow 0 < r < |x|$ .

Thus, for all real numbers  $r$ ,  $0 < r < |x|$  if and only if  $x < -r$  or  $r < x$ . ■

3. **Prove:** Triangle Inequality (Part #1)

$$|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$$

**Proof.** Observe:  $\forall x, y \in \mathbf{R}, 2xy \leq 2|x||y|$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 2xy + y^2 \leq x^2 + 2|x||y| + y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 2xy + y^2 \leq |x|^2 + 2|x||y| + |y|^2 \text{ (because } x^2 = |x|^2\text{)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + y)^2 \leq (|x| + |y|)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(x + y)^2} \leq \sqrt{(|x| + |y|)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |x + y| \leq |x| + |y| \text{ (because } \sqrt{x^2} = |x|\text{)} \blacksquare$$

4. **Prove:** Triangle Inequality (Part #1a)

$$|x - y| \leq |x| + |y|$$

**Proof.** By the Triangle Inequality Part #1,  $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$

Let  $x = a$  and let  $y = -b$  (i.e.,  $b = -y$ )

Then  $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$  becomes  $|x + (-y)| \leq |x| + |-y| \Rightarrow |x - y| \leq |x| + |y| \blacksquare$

5. **Prove:** Triangle Inequality (Part #2)

$$|x| - |y| \leq |x + y|$$

**Proof.** By the Triangle Inequality (Part #1),  $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$

If we let  $x = a + b$  and  $y = -b$  (and consequently  $x + y = a$ ), then this becomes:

$$|x| \leq |x + y| + |-y|$$

$$\Rightarrow |x| \leq |x + y| + |y|$$

$$\Rightarrow |x| - |y| \leq |x + y| \blacksquare$$

**Remark 1** *Our motivation for this proof was as follows:*

*We wanted to derive Triangle Inequality (Part #2) from (Part #1).*

*So, we take Part #2 and rearrange it to look like Part #1, as follows:*

$$|x| - |y| \leq |x + y|$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |x| \leq |x + y| + |y|.$$

*Then we pair up the variables from the preceding inequality with the standard form of the Triangle Inequality Part #1:*

$$\begin{array}{rcccc} |x| & \leq & |x + y| & + & |y| \\ \updownarrow & & \updownarrow & & \updownarrow \\ |a + b| & \leq & |a| & + & |b| \end{array}$$

*Thus, we have:*

$$\begin{array}{rcccc} x & & = & a & + & b \\ x + y & = & a & & & \\ \hline -y & = & & b & & \text{(subtract)} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = a + b; y = -b \text{ and } x + y = (a + b) - b = a$$

*Thus,  $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$  becomes:*

$$|x| \leq |x + y| + |-y|$$

$$\Rightarrow |x| \leq |x + y| + |y|$$

$$\Rightarrow |x| - |y| \leq |x + y|$$

## 6. Triangle Inequality (Part #2a)

$$|y| - |x| \leq |x + y|$$

**Proof.** From the Triangle Inequality Part #2,  $|x| - |y| \leq |x + y|$

Interchanging the roles of  $x$  and  $y$ , we have:

$$|y| - |x| \leq |y + x|$$

$$\Rightarrow |y| - |x| \leq |x + y| \blacksquare$$

7. Triangle Inequality (Part #3)

$$|x| - |y| \leq |x - y|$$

**Proof.** From the Triangle Inequality Part #2, we have:  $|a| - |b| \leq |a + b|$

Letting  $x = a$  and  $y = -b$  (i.e.,  $b = -y$ ), the inequality  $|a| - |b| \leq |a + b|$  becomes:

$$|x| - |-y| \leq |x + (-y)| \Rightarrow |x| - |y| \leq |x - y|$$

i.e.,  $|x| - |y| \leq |x - y|$  ■

8. Triangle Inequality (Part #3a)

$$|y| - |x| \leq |x - y|$$

**Proof.** From the Triangle Inequality Part #2, we have:  $|x| - |y| \leq |x - y|$

Interchanging the roles of  $x$  and  $y$ , it follows that  $|y| - |x| \leq |y - x|$

But:  $|y - x| = |x - y|$

Hence,  $|y| - |x| \leq |y - x| = |x - y|$

i.e.,  $|y| - |x| \leq |x - y|$  ■

9. Triangle Inequality (Part #4)

$$||x| - |y|| \leq |x + y|$$

**Proof.** From the Triangle Inequality Part #2, we have:  $|x| - |y| \leq |x + y|$

From the Triangle Inequality Part #2a, we have:  $|y| - |x| \leq |x + y|$

$$\Rightarrow -(|x| - |y|) \leq |x + y|$$

i.e.,  $|x| - |y| \leq |x + y|$  and  $-(|x| - |y|) \leq |x + y|$ .

Thus,  $||x| - |y|| \leq |x + y|$  ■

10. Triangle Inequality (Part #5)

$$||x| - |y|| \leq |x - y|$$

**Proof.** From the Triangle Inequality Part #4, we have:  $||a| - |b|| \leq |a + b|$

Letting  $x = a$  and  $y = -b$  (i.e.,  $b = -y$ ), the inequality  $||a| - |b|| \leq |a + b|$  becomes:

$$||x| - |-y|| \leq |x + (-y)| \Rightarrow ||x| - |y|| \leq |x - y|$$

i.e.,  $||x| - |y|| \leq |x - y|$  ■

11. **Prove:**  $|ab| = |a| |b|$  for all real numbers,  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Proof.** Observe:

$$|ab| = \sqrt{(ab)^2} = \sqrt{a^2 b^2} = \sqrt{a^2} \sqrt{b^2} = |a| |b| \quad \blacksquare$$

$\swarrow \qquad \searrow$   
 $\sqrt{xy} = \sqrt{x} \sqrt{y}$

12. **Prove:**  $\left| \frac{a}{b} \right| = \frac{|a|}{|b|}$  for all real numbers,  $a$  and  $b \neq 0$ .

$$\left| \frac{a}{b} \right| = \sqrt{\left( \frac{a}{b} \right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{b^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{a^2}}{\sqrt{b^2}} = \frac{|a|}{|b|} \quad \blacksquare$$

$\swarrow \qquad \searrow$   
 $\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{y}}$

13. **Prove:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2 - 3x + 5) = 3$

**Proof.** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given.

Choose  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) = \underline{\min\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}, 1\right)}$

Let  $0 < |x - 2| < \delta$

**Observe:**  $|(x^2 - 3x + 5) - 3| = |x^2 - 3x + 2| = |(x - 2)(x - 1)| = \underbrace{|x - 2|}_{< \delta} \underbrace{|x - 1|}_{< 2}$

$$< \delta \cdot 2 \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \cdot 2 = \varepsilon.$$

i.e.,  $|x - 2| < \delta \Rightarrow |(x^2 - 3x + 5) - 3| < \varepsilon$

Hence,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2 - 3x + 5) = 3$  ■

**Scratch Work:** We want  $|(x^2 - 3x + 5) - 3| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $0 < |x - 2| < \delta$ .

$$\Rightarrow |(x^2 - 3x + 5) - 3| = |x^2 - 3x + 2| = |(x - 2)(x - 1)| = \underbrace{|x - 2|}_{< \delta} |x - 1|$$

We have to place an upper bound on the size of  $|x - 1|$

Since  $x \rightarrow 2$ , we can assume, without loss of generality, that  $|x - 2| < 1$ .

Note: Since  $|x - 2| < \delta$ , the previous statement implies that  $\delta < 1$ .

$$\Rightarrow -1 < x - 2 < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < x - 1 < 2$$

i.e.,  $|x - 1| < 2$ .

Continuing where we left off, we have:

$$|(x^2 - 3x + 5) - 3| = \underbrace{|x - 2|}_{< \delta} \underbrace{|x - 1|}_{< 2} < \delta \cdot 2 = \varepsilon$$

Thus we have  $\delta \cdot 2 = \varepsilon \Rightarrow \delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

14. **Prove:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^3 - 7) = -6$

**Proof.** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given.

Choose  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) = \underline{\min\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{7}, 1\right)}$

Let  $0 < |x - 1| < \delta$

**Observe:**  $|(x^3 - 7) - (-6)| = |(x^3 - 1)| = |(x - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)| = \underbrace{|x - 1|}_{< \delta} \underbrace{|x^2 + x + 1|}_{< 7}$

$$< \delta \cdot 7 \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{7} \cdot 7 = \varepsilon$$

i.e.,  $|x - 1| < \delta \Rightarrow |(x^3 - 7) - (-6)| < \varepsilon$

Hence,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^3 - 7) = -6$

**Scratch Work:** We want  $|(x^3 - 7) - (-6)| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $0 < |x - 1| < \delta$ .

$$\Rightarrow |(x^3 - 7) - (-6)| = |(x^3 - 1)| = |(x - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)| = \underbrace{|x - 1|}_{< \delta} |x^2 + x + 1|$$

We need to place an upper bound on the magnitude of  $|x^2 + x + 1|$

Since  $x \rightarrow 1$ , we can assume, without loss of generality, that  $|x - 1| < 1$ .

Note: Since  $|x - 1| < \delta$ , the previous statement implies that  $\delta < 1$ .

$$\Rightarrow -1 < x - 1 < 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 0 < x < 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad |x| < 2.$$

$$\text{Hence, } |x^2 + x + 1| \leq |x^2| + |x| + |1| \leq 4 + 2 + 1 = 7$$

$$\text{i.e., } |x^2 + x + 1| \leq 7$$

Continuing where we left off, we have:

$$|(x^3 - 7) - (-6)| = \underbrace{|x - 1|}_{< \delta} \underbrace{|x^2 + x + 1|}_{< 7} < \delta \cdot 7 = \varepsilon$$

$$\text{i.e., } \delta \cdot 7 = \varepsilon \Rightarrow \delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{7}$$



15. **Prove:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x}{x+1} = 2$

**Remark 2** In order to show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x}{x+1} = 2$ , we must show that given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that  $x > \mathbf{M} \Rightarrow \left| \frac{2x}{x+1} - 2 \right| < \varepsilon$ .

**Remark 3** Here,  $\mathbf{M}$  is not necessarily an integer –  $\mathbf{M}$  can be any real number.

**Proof.** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given.

Choose  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}(\varepsilon) = \frac{2}{\varepsilon}$ .

**Observe:** Given  $x > \mathbf{M}$ , we have:

$$\left| \frac{2x}{x+1} - 2 \right| = \left| \frac{2x}{x+1} - \frac{2(x+1)}{x+1} \right| = \left| \frac{2x-2x-2}{x+1} \right| = \left| \frac{-2}{x+1} \right| = \frac{2}{x+1} < \frac{2}{x} < \frac{2}{\mathbf{M}} = \frac{2}{\left(\frac{2}{\varepsilon}\right)} = \varepsilon$$

i.e., Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $\mathbf{M} > 0$  such that  $x > \mathbf{M} \Rightarrow \left| \frac{2x}{x+1} - 2 \right| < \varepsilon$ .

Hence,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x}{x+1} = 2$  ■

**Remark 4** Since  $x > \mathbf{M} > 0$ , by hypothesis, it follows that  $x + 1 > 0$ , hence, we were justified in taking the step:  $\left| \frac{-2}{x+1} \right| = \frac{2}{x+1}$ .

**Scratch Work:** Given  $x > \mathbf{M}$ , we want  $\left| \frac{2x}{x+1} - 2 \right| < \varepsilon$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{2x}{x+1} - 2 \right| = \left| \frac{2x}{x+1} - \frac{2(x+1)}{x+1} \right| = \left| \frac{2x-2x-2}{x+1} \right| = \left| \frac{-2}{x+1} \right| = \frac{2}{x+1} < \frac{2}{x} < \frac{2}{\mathbf{M}} = \varepsilon$$

i.e., we want:  $\frac{2}{\mathbf{M}} = \varepsilon \Rightarrow \frac{2}{\varepsilon} = \mathbf{M}$

So let  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}(\varepsilon) = \frac{2}{\varepsilon}$

**Remark:** Notice that in our Scratch Work we had:  $\frac{2}{x+1} < \frac{2}{x} < \frac{2}{\mathbf{M}} \leq \varepsilon$ .

Consequently, we had:  $\frac{2}{\mathbf{M}} \leq \varepsilon \Rightarrow \frac{2}{\varepsilon} \leq \mathbf{M}$ ,

and we chose:  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}(\varepsilon) = \frac{2}{\varepsilon}$ .

It is reasonable to ask if we could have approached it this way:

$$\frac{2}{x+1} < \frac{2}{\mathbf{M}+1} = \varepsilon.$$

Consequently, we have:  $\frac{2}{\mathbf{M}+1} = \varepsilon \Rightarrow \frac{2}{\varepsilon} = \mathbf{M} + 1 \Rightarrow \frac{2}{\varepsilon} - 1 = \mathbf{M}$ .

and we chose:  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}(\varepsilon) = \frac{2}{\varepsilon} - 1$ .

This will work just fine. In our proof, we will have:

$$\left| \frac{2x}{x+1} - 2 \right| = \dots = \frac{2}{x+1} < \frac{2}{\mathbf{M}+1} = \frac{2}{\left(\frac{2}{\varepsilon}-1\right)+1} = \frac{2}{\left(\frac{2}{\varepsilon}\right)} = \varepsilon$$

16. **Prove:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} = \infty$

**Proof.** We must show that given any  $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbf{R}$ , with  $\mathbf{M} > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta = \delta(\mathbf{M}) > 0$ , such that  $0 < |x - 1| < \delta \Rightarrow \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} > \mathbf{M}$ .

So let  $\mathbf{M} > 0$  be given.

Choose  $\delta = \delta(\mathbf{M}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathbf{M}}}$

Observe: If  $|x - 1| < \delta$ , then we have:

$$\frac{1}{(x-1)^2} = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{(x-1)^2})^2} = \frac{1}{(|x-1|)^2} > \frac{1}{\delta^2} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathbf{M}}}\right)^2} = \mathbf{M}$$

i.e.,  $|x - 1| < \delta \Rightarrow \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} > \mathbf{M}$ .

Hence,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} = \infty$  ■

**Scratch Work:** We want  $\frac{1}{(x-1)^2} > \mathbf{M}$  whenever  $0 < |x - 1| < \delta$

Observe:  $\frac{1}{(x-1)^2} = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{(x-1)^2})^2} = \frac{1}{(|x-1|)^2} > \frac{1}{\delta^2} = \mathbf{M}$

i.e.,  $\frac{1}{\delta^2} = \mathbf{M} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\mathbf{M}} = \delta^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathbf{M}}} = \delta$

So let  $\delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathbf{M}}}$

17. **Prove:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2 + 3x - 4) = 6$

**Proof.** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given.

Let  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  be given by  $\delta = \underline{\min\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{8}, 1\right)}$

**Observe:** For  $\underbrace{0 < |x - 2| < \delta}_{0 < |x - c| < \delta}$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{|(x^2 + 3x - 4) - 6|}_{|f(x) - L|} &= |x^2 + 3x - 10| = |(x + 5)(x - 2)| = \underbrace{|x + 5|}_{< 8} \underbrace{|x - 2|}_{< \delta} < 8\delta \\ &\leq 8\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{8}\right) = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that  $0 < |x - 2| < \delta \Rightarrow |(x^2 + 3x - 4) - 6| < \varepsilon$

Hence,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2 + 3x - 4) = 6$  ■

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**Scratch Work:**

**Given**  $\varepsilon > 0$ , **we want**  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  **such that**  $0 < |x - 2| < \delta \Rightarrow |(x^2 + 3x - 4) - 6| < \varepsilon$ .

**Observe:**  $|(x^2 + 3x - 4) - 6| = |x^2 + 3x - 10| = |(x + 5)(x - 2)| = |x + 5| \underbrace{|x - 2|}_{< \delta}$

**What about**  $|x + 5|$  ??? **Without loss of generality, we can assume that**  $\delta \leq 1$ .

**i.e.,**  $|x - 2| < 1$

$$\Rightarrow -1 < x - 2 < 1 \Rightarrow 6 < x + 5 < 8$$

$$\Rightarrow |x + 5| < 8$$

**Thus, we have:**

$$|(x^2 + 3x - 4) - 6| = \dots = |(x + 5)(x - 2)| = \underbrace{|x + 5|}_{< 8} \underbrace{|x - 2|}_{< \delta} < 8\delta \leq 8\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{8}\right) = \varepsilon$$

**So we let**  $\delta = \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{8}\right)$ . **(Actually, since we assumed that**  $\delta \leq 1$ , **we let**  $\delta = \min\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{8}, 1\right)$ ).

**(End of Scratch Work)**

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18. **Prove:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^3 + 4) = 12$

**Proof.** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given.

Let  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  be given by  $\delta = \underline{\min\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{19}, 1\right)}$

**Observe:** For  $\underbrace{0 < |x - 2| < \delta}_{0 < |x - c| < \delta}$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{|(x^3 + 4) - 12|}_{|f(x) - L|} &= |x^3 - 8| = |(x - 2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)| = \underbrace{|x - 2|}_{< \delta} \underbrace{|x^2 + 2x + 4|}_{< 19} < 19\delta \\ &\leq 19\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{19}\right) = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that  $0 < |x - 2| < \delta \Rightarrow |(x^3 + 4) - 12| < \varepsilon$

Hence,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^3 + 4) = 12$  ■

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**Scratch Work:**

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we want  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that  $0 < |x - 2| < \delta \Rightarrow |(x^3 + 4) - 12| < \varepsilon$ .

**Observe:**  $|(x^3 + 4) - 12| = |x^3 - 8| = |(x - 2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)| = \underbrace{|x - 2|}_{< \delta} |x^2 + 2x + 4|$

What about  $|x^2 + 2x + 4|$  ??? Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $\delta \leq 1$ .

i.e.,  $|x - 2| < 1$

$\Rightarrow -1 < x - 2 < 1 \Rightarrow 1 < x < 3$

Hence:  $|x| < 3$  and  $|x^2| < 9$

Hence,  $|x^2 + 2x + 4| \leq |x^2| + |2x| + |4| < 9 + 2(3) + 4 = 19$

i.e.,  $|x^2 + 2x + 4| < 19$

Thus, we have:

$$|(x^3 - 5) - 3| = \dots = |(x - 2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)| = \underbrace{|x - 2|}_{< \delta} \underbrace{|x^2 + 2x + 4|}_{< 19} < 19\delta \leq 19\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{19}\right) = \varepsilon$$

So we let  $\delta = \min\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{19}, 1\right)$ .

**(End of Scratch Work)**

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19. **Prove:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^3 - 5) = 3$

**Proof.** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given.

Let  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  be given by  $\delta = \underline{\min\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{19}, 1\right)}$

**Observe:** For  $\underbrace{0 < |x - 2| < \delta}_{|x - c| < \delta}$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{|(x^3 - 5) - 3|}_{|f(x) - L|} &= |x^3 - 8| = |(x - 2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)| = \underbrace{|x - 2|}_{< \delta} \underbrace{|x^2 + 2x + 4|}_{< 19} < 19\delta \\ &\leq 19\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{19}\right) = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that  $0 < |x - 2| < \delta \Rightarrow |(x^3 - 5) - 3| < \varepsilon$

Hence,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^3 - 5) = 3$  ■

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**Scratch Work:**

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we want  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that  $0 < |x - 2| < \delta \Rightarrow |(x^3 - 5) - 3| < \varepsilon$ .

**Observe:**  $|(x^3 - 5) - 3| = |x^3 - 8| = |(x - 2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)| = \underbrace{|x - 2|}_{< \delta} |x^2 + 2x + 4|$

What about  $|x^2 + 2x + 4|$  ??? Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $\delta \leq 1$ .

i.e.,  $|x - 2| < 1$

$\Rightarrow -1 < x - 2 < 1 \Rightarrow 1 < x < 3$

Hence:  $|x| < 3$  and  $|x^2| < 9$

Hence,  $|x^2 + 2x + 4| < |9 + 2(3) + 4| = 19$

i.e.,  $|x^2 + 2x + 4| < 19$

Thus, we have:

$$|(x^3 - 5) - 3| = \dots = |(x - 2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)| = \underbrace{|x - 2|}_{< \delta} \underbrace{|x^2 + 2x + 4|}_{< 19} < 19\delta \leq 19\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{19}\right) = \varepsilon$$

So we let  $\delta = \min\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{19}, 1\right)$ .

**(End of Scratch Work)**

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20. **Prove:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x+2}{(x-1)^2} = \infty$

**Proof.** Let  $M > 0$  be given.

Let  $\delta = \delta(M) > 0$  be given by  $\delta = \min\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{M}}, 1\right)$

**Observe:** For  $\underbrace{0 < |x - 1| < \delta}_{|x-c|<\delta}$  we have:

$$\underbrace{\frac{x+2}{(x-1)^2}}_{f(x)} = \frac{x+2}{(\sqrt{(x-1)^2})^2} = \frac{x+2}{|x-1|^2} > \frac{x+2}{\delta^2} > \frac{2}{\delta^2} \geq \frac{2}{\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{M}}\right)^2} = \frac{2}{\left(\frac{2}{M}\right)} = M$$

i.e.,  $\forall M > 0, \exists \delta = \delta(M) > 0$  such that  $0 < |x - 1| < \delta \Rightarrow \frac{x+2}{(x-1)^2} > M$

Hence,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x+2}{(x-1)^2} = \infty$  ■

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**Scratch Work:**

Given  $M > 0$ , we want  $\delta = \delta(M) > 0$  such that  $\underbrace{0 < |x - 1| < \delta}_{|x-c|<\delta} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{x+2}{(x-1)^2}}_{f(x) > M} > M$ .

**Observe:**  $\frac{x+2}{(x-1)^2} = \frac{x+2}{(\sqrt{(x-1)^2})^2} = \frac{x+2}{|x-1|^2} > \frac{x+2}{\delta^2}$

What do we do about  $x$  ??? Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $\delta \leq 1$ .

i.e.,  $|x - 1| < 1$

$\Rightarrow -1 < x - 1 < 1 \Rightarrow 2 < x + 2 < 4$

i.e.,  $x > 0$

$\Rightarrow x + 2 > 2$

Thus, we have:  $\frac{x+2}{(x-1)^2} = \frac{x+2}{(\sqrt{(x-1)^2})^2} = \frac{x+2}{|x-1|^2} > \frac{x+2}{\delta^2} > \underbrace{\frac{2}{\delta^2}}_{\text{make } \frac{2}{\delta^2} \text{ equal to } M} = M$

i.e.,  $\frac{2}{\delta^2} = M \Rightarrow \frac{2}{M} = \delta^2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{2}{M}} = \delta$

So we let  $\delta = \min\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{M}}, 1\right)$ .

**(End of Scratch Work)**

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21. **Prove:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-2}{(x-1)^2} = -\infty$

**Proof.** Let  $M < 0$  be given.

Let  $\delta = \delta(M) > 0$  be given by  $\delta = \min\left(\sqrt{\frac{-2}{M}}, 1\right)$

**Observe:** For  $\underbrace{0 < |x - 1| < \delta}_{0 < |x - c| < \delta}$  we have:

$$\underbrace{\frac{x-2}{(x-1)^2}}_{f(x)} = \frac{x-2}{(\sqrt{(x-1)^2})^2} = \frac{x-2}{|x-1|^2} < \frac{x-2}{\delta^2} < \frac{-2}{\delta^2} \leq \frac{-2}{\left(\sqrt{\frac{-2}{M}}\right)^2} = \frac{-2}{\left(\frac{-2}{M}\right)} = M$$

i.e.,  $\forall M < 0, \exists \delta = \delta(M) > 0$  such that  $|x - 1| < \delta \Rightarrow \frac{x-2}{(x-1)^2} < M$

Hence,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-2}{(x-1)^2} = -\infty$  ■

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**Scratch Work:**

Given  $M < 0$ , we want  $\delta = \delta(M) > 0$  such that  $\underbrace{0 < |x - 1| < \delta}_{|x - c| < \delta} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{x-2}{(x-1)^2} < M}_{f(x) < M}$ .

**Observe:**  $\frac{x-2}{(x-1)^2} = \frac{x-2}{(\sqrt{(x-1)^2})^2} = \frac{x-2}{|x-1|^2} < \frac{x-2}{\delta^2}$

What do we do about  $x$  ??? Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $\delta < 1$ .

i.e.,  $|x - 1| < 1$

$\Rightarrow -1 < x - 1 < 1 \Rightarrow -2 < x - 2 < 0$

**Observe:** ( $x - 2$  is *greater* than  $-2$ , but  $x - 2$  is *negative* as well)

Thus, we have:  $\frac{x-2}{(x-1)^2} = \frac{x-2}{(\sqrt{(x-1)^2})^2} = \frac{x-2}{|x-1|^2} < \frac{x-2}{\delta^2} < \underbrace{\frac{-2}{\delta^2}}_{\text{make } \frac{-2}{\delta^2} \text{ equal to } M} = M$

i.e.,  $\frac{-2}{\delta^2} = M \Rightarrow \frac{-2}{M} = \delta^2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{-2}{M}} = \delta$

So we let  $\delta = \min\left(\sqrt{\frac{-2}{M}}, 1\right)$ .

**(End of Scratch Work)**

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22. **Prove:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{x+2}{x-3} = \infty$

**Hint:**  $x \rightarrow 3^+$  means that  $x$  approaches 3 from the right only. Thus,  $(x - 3) > 0$ .

So instead of  $|x - 3| < \delta$ , we require that  $0 < x - 3 < \delta$ .

**Proof.** Let  $M > 0$  be given.

Let  $\delta = \delta(M) > 0$  be given by  $\delta = \frac{2}{M}$

**Observe:** For  $\underbrace{0 < (x - 3) < \delta}_{0 < (x-c) < \delta}$  we have:

$$\underbrace{\frac{x+2}{x-3}}_{f(x)} > \frac{x+2}{\delta} > \frac{2}{\delta} \geq \frac{2}{\left(\frac{2}{M}\right)} = M$$

i.e.,  $\forall M > 0, \exists \delta = \delta(M) > 0$  such that  $0 < (x - 3) < \delta \Rightarrow \frac{x+2}{x-3} > M$

Hence,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{x+2}{x-3} = \infty$  ■

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**Scratch Work:**

Given  $M > 0$ , we want  $\delta = \delta(M) > 0$  such that  $\underbrace{0 < (x - 3) < \delta}_{0 < (x-c) < \delta} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{x+2}{x-3}}_{f(x) > M} > M$ .

**Observe:**  $\frac{x+2}{x-3} > \frac{x+2}{\delta}$

What do we do about  $x + 2$  ???

Recall:  $0 < (x - 3) < \delta$

$\Rightarrow 3 < x < \delta + 3 \Rightarrow 2 < x < 4$

In particular,  $x > 0$

Consequently,  $x + 2 > 2$

Thus, we have:  $\frac{x+2}{x-3} > \frac{x+2}{\delta} > \underbrace{\frac{2}{\delta}}_{\text{make } \frac{2}{\delta} \text{ equal to } M} = M$

i.e.,  $\frac{2}{\delta} = M \Rightarrow \frac{2}{M} = \delta$

So we let  $\delta = \frac{2}{M}$ .

**(End of Scratch Work)**

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23. **Prove:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{x+2}{x-3} = -\infty$

**Hint:**  $x \rightarrow 3^-$  means that  $x$  approaches 3 from the left only. Thus,  $(x - 3) < 0$ .

So instead of  $|x - 3| < \delta$ , we require that  $-\delta < x - 3 < 0$ .

**Proof.** Let  $M < 0$  be given.

Let  $\delta = \delta(M) > 0$  be given by  $\delta = \underline{\min\left(-\frac{2}{M}, 1\right)}$

**Observe:** For  $\underbrace{-\delta < (x - 3) < 0}_{-\delta < (x-c) < 0}$  we have:

$$\underbrace{\frac{x+2}{x-3}}_{f(x)} < \frac{x+2}{-\delta} < \frac{2}{-\delta} \leq \frac{2}{-\left(-\frac{2}{M}\right)} = M$$

i.e.,  $\forall M < 0, \exists \delta = \delta(M) > 0$  such that  $-\delta < (x - 3) < 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x+2}{x-3} < M$

Hence,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{x+2}{x-3} = -\infty$  ■

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### Scratch Work:

Given  $M < 0$ , we want  $\delta = \delta(M) > 0$  such that  $\underbrace{-\delta < (x - 3) < 0}_{-\delta < (x-c) < 0} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{x+2}{x-3}}_{f(x) < M} < M$ .

**Observe:**  $\frac{x+2}{x-3} < \frac{x+2}{-\delta}$

What do we do about  $x$  ??? Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $\delta < 1$ .

i.e.,  $-1 < (x - 3) < 0$

$\Rightarrow 2 < x < 3$

In particular,  $x > 0$

$\Rightarrow x + 2 > 2$  ( $x + 2$  is *greater* than 2, and  $x + 2$  is *positive* as well)

Thus, we have:  $\frac{x+2}{x-3} < \frac{x+2}{-\delta} < \underbrace{\frac{2}{-\delta}}_{\text{make } \frac{2}{-\delta} \text{ equal to } M} = M$

i.e.,  $\frac{2}{-\delta} = M \Rightarrow \frac{2}{M} = -\delta \Rightarrow \delta = -\frac{2}{M}$

So we let  $\delta = -\frac{2}{M}$ .

### (End of Scratch Work)

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24. **Prove:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x+2}{x+5} = 3$

**Proof.** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given.

Let  $M = M(\varepsilon) > 0$  be given by  $M = \frac{13}{\varepsilon}$

**Observe:** For  $\underbrace{x > M}_{x > M}$  we have:

$$\underbrace{\left| \frac{3x+2}{x+5} - 3 \right|}_{|f(x)-L|} = \left| \frac{3x+2}{x+5} - \frac{3(x+5)}{x+5} \right| = \left| \frac{3x+2}{x+5} - \frac{3x+15}{x+5} \right| = \left| \frac{-13}{x+5} \right| = \frac{13}{x+5} < \frac{13}{x} < \frac{13}{M} = \frac{13}{\left(\frac{13}{\varepsilon}\right)} = \varepsilon$$

i.e.,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists M = M(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that  $x > M \Rightarrow \left| \frac{3x+2}{x+5} - 3 \right| < \varepsilon$

Hence,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x+2}{x+5} = 3$  ■

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**Scratch Work:**

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we want  $M = M(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that  $x > M \Rightarrow \left| \frac{3x+2}{x+5} - 3 \right| < \varepsilon$ .

**Observe:**  $\left| \frac{3x+2}{x+5} - 3 \right| = \left| \frac{3x+2}{x+5} - \frac{3(x+5)}{x+5} \right| = \left| \frac{3x+2}{x+5} - \frac{3x+15}{x+5} \right| = \left| \frac{-13}{x+5} \right| = \frac{13}{x+5}$

What about  $x + 5$  ??? Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $x > 0$ .

Also note that:  $x < x + 5$

Thus, we have:

$$\left| \frac{3x+2}{x+5} - 3 \right| = \dots = \frac{13}{x+5} < \frac{13}{x} < \underbrace{\frac{13}{M}}_{\text{make } \frac{13}{M} \text{ equal to } \varepsilon} = \varepsilon$$

i.e.,  $\frac{13}{M} = \varepsilon \Rightarrow M = \frac{13}{\varepsilon}$

So we let  $M = \frac{13}{\varepsilon}$ .

**(End of Scratch Work)**

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25. Problems similar to 13 - 24.