

**If you can get your Week 2 in before I post solutions, no deduction.**

**See Late Edition for Week 2.**

**It will close and I will open up a Late-Late Edition, with 30% discount that'll just stay open, indefinitely.**

**Let me know if your Week 1 didn't get graded. To see how I marked it up, go to Assignments, where you entered/uploaded your assignment. It's either graded, right there, OR there's an attachment with the annotations (grading).**

**Some of them were too big to leave in the same place and required an attachment, separately.**

## Section 1.7

## The Precise Definition of a Limit

How close does  $x$  have to be to  $x=3$  for  $f(x)=3x-1$  to be less than 2 units from  $y=8$ ?

The answer will be of the form  $|x-3| < \text{some } \#$ .

Note  $f(3) = 3(3) - 1 = 8 = \text{functional value of } f \text{ @ } x=3$ .

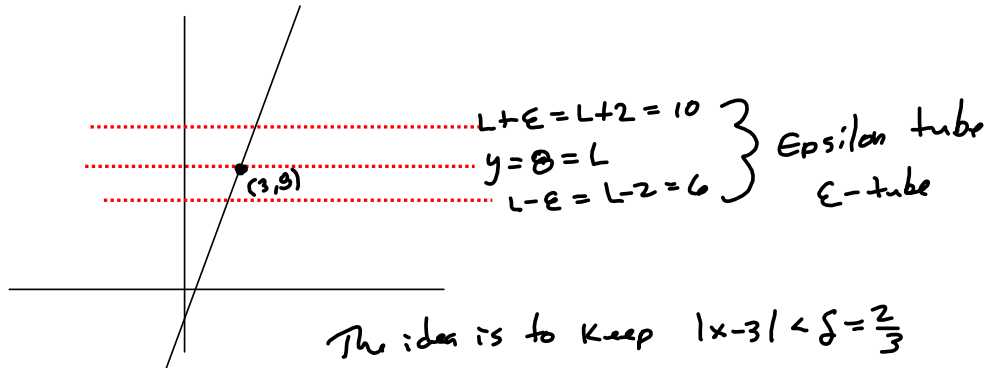
Want  $|f(x) - 8| < \boxed{2 \equiv \epsilon}$

This means  $|3x - 1 - 8| = |3x - 9| = |3(x-3)|$

$$= 3|x-3| < 2 = \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow |x-3| < \frac{2}{3} = \delta$$

Define  $\delta \equiv \frac{2}{3}$



The idea is to keep  $|x-3| < \delta = \frac{2}{3}$

That means

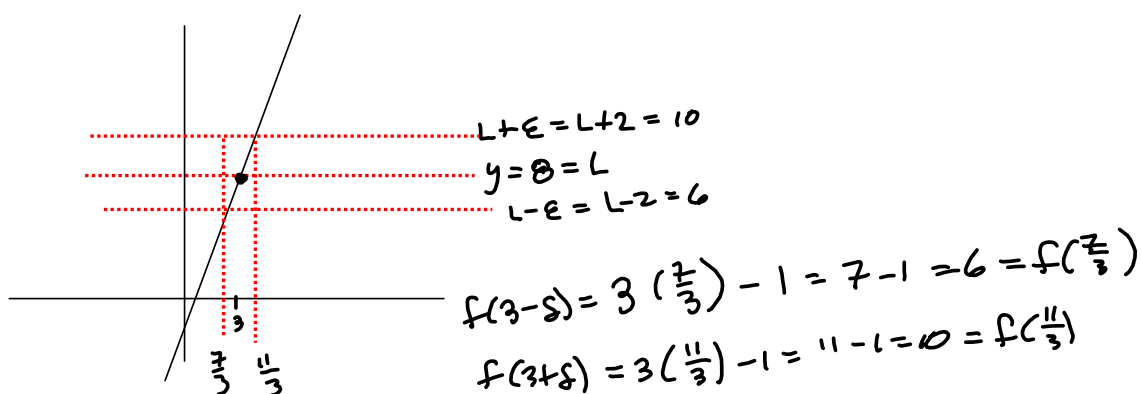
$$-\delta < x-3 < \delta$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 - \delta < x < 3 + \delta$$

since  $\delta = \frac{2}{3}$ , this means

$$3 - \frac{2}{3} < x < 3 + \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{7}{3} < x < \frac{11}{3}$$



Summarize:

$$|f(x) - L| = |f(x) - 8| = |3x - 1 - 8| = |3x - 9| = 3|x - 3| < 3\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = 2$$

whenever  $|x - 3| < \frac{2}{3}$

It's a limit so we never let  $x = 3$ :

$$0 < |x - 3| < \frac{2}{3}$$

Claim

To keep  $3x-1$  less than  $\epsilon = 2$  units from  $L=8$ ,  
 keep  $x$  less than  $\frac{2}{3}$  units from  $x=3$ .

Proof

if  $0 < |x-3| < \frac{2}{3}$ , then  $|f(x)-8| = |3x-1-8| = |3x-9| = 3|x-3|$   
 $< 3(\frac{2}{3}) = 2 = \epsilon$  & we are done (since this guarantees

$$|f(x)-L| = |3x-1-8| < 2.)$$

What about  $\epsilon = 0.1$ ?

$$\text{Scratch: want } |3x-1-8| < 0.1 = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3|x-3| < \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow |x-3| < \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{10} = \frac{1}{30} = \delta$$

Claim:

$$0 < |x-3| < \frac{1}{30} \Rightarrow |f(x)-L| < 0.1$$

Proof

$$0 < |x-3| < \frac{1}{30} \Rightarrow |f(x)-L| = |3x-1-8| = |3x-9| = 3|x-3|$$

$$< 3\delta = 3\left(\frac{1}{30}\right) = \frac{1}{10}, \text{ so we're done. } \square$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$  means

Given any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  
 $0 < |x - c| < \delta$  implies  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$

Prove  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (3x - 1) = 9$ .

Scratch: want  $|f(x) - L| = |3x - 1 - 9| = 3|x - 3| < \epsilon \Rightarrow$

$$|x - 3| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}. \text{ Define } \boxed{\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{3}}$$

Write proof:

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Define  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ . Then  
 $0 < |x - 3| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| = |3x - 1 - 9| = |3x - 9|$   
 $= 3|x - 3| < 3\delta = 3\left(\frac{\epsilon}{3}\right) = \epsilon$   $\square$

Math shorthand

such that or so that  $\exists$

Implies  $\Rightarrow$

$\exists$  - There is or There exists

$\forall$  - For each or for all or for every

Claim

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} (7x - 5) = 30 \quad . \quad f(x) = 7x - 5$$

Proof

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Define  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{7}$ . Then

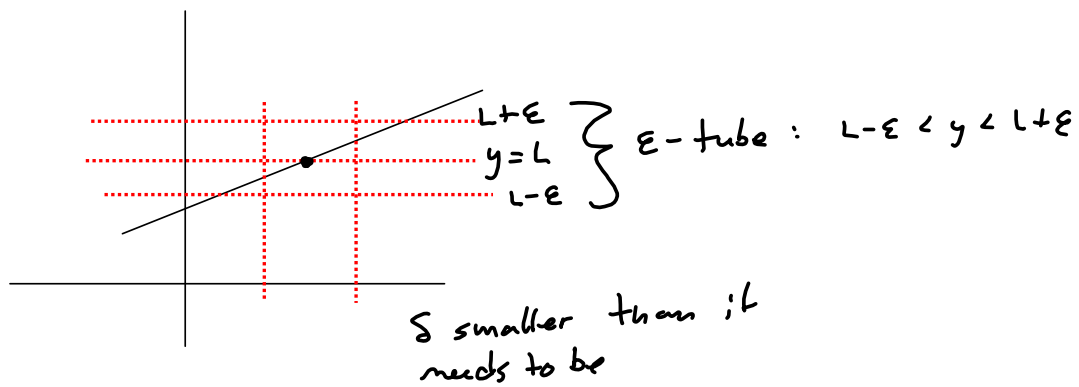
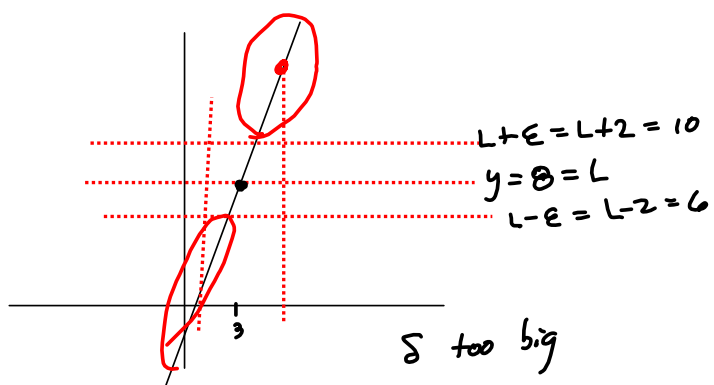
$$0 < |x - 5| < \delta \rightarrow$$

$$|f(x) - L| = |7x - 5 - 30| = |7x - 35| = 7|x - 5| < 7\delta = 7\left(\frac{\epsilon}{7}\right) = \epsilon$$

If  $m$  is slope/growth rate giving change in  $y$  with respect to unit change in  $x$ , then

$$\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{m}, \text{ every time.}$$

We want to keep  $f(x)$  from leaking out the bottom or top of the "Epsilon tube" ( $\epsilon$ -tube)



Tomorrow:

The next level is handling a quadratic.

Let  $f(x) = x^2 - 3x - 5$ . Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = -7.$$

The idea:

Scratch want  $|f(x) - L| = |x^2 - 3x - 5 - (-7)|$

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

we'll need a bound on this factor.

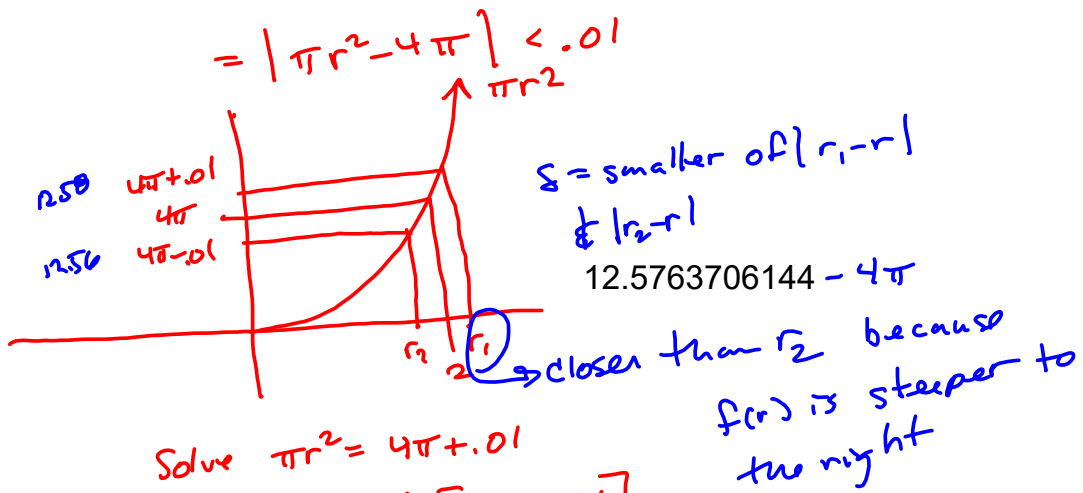


What's the tolerance on the radius of a disc,  
to keep its area within .01 of  $4\pi$ ? ( $2^2\pi$ )

$$\text{Area} = \pi r^2$$

$$\text{Want } |\text{Area} - 4\pi| < \epsilon = .01$$

$$= |\pi r^2 - 4\pi| < .01$$



$$\text{Solve } \pi r^2 = 4\pi + .01$$

$$r^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} [4\pi + .01]$$

$$r_1 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi} [4\pi + .01]}$$

Take  $r > 0$  ("+" )

plug it in

$$\pi r^2 = 4\pi - .01$$

$$r^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} [4\pi - .01]$$

$$r_2 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi} [4\pi - .01]}$$

plug it in

Claim  $f(x) = x^2 - 5x + 3 \Rightarrow$   $\frac{\epsilon}{-35}$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} f(x) = 49 - 35 + 3 = 17$

Scratch want  $|f(x) - L| = |x^2 - 5x + 3 - 17|$   
 $= |x^2 - 5x - 14| = |x - 7| |x + 2| < \delta |x + 2|$   
 Need a ceiling/bound on  $|x + 2|$   
 Start by assuming  $\delta \leq 1$ .

This is bad. This should be  $|x+2|$  from here  
 Since  $x \rightarrow 7$ , this means  $6 < x < 8$  idiot  
 $6+1 < x+1 < 8+1$   
 $7 < x+1 < 9$   
 $|x+1| < 9$   
 Then  $|x+1| \delta < 9 \delta$ .  
 Define  $\delta = \text{minimum of } 1 \text{ and } \frac{\epsilon}{9}$   
 $\delta = \min\{1, \frac{\epsilon}{9}\}$   
The heart of it Build  $m < x+1 < M$  from  $m < x < M$

Proof  
 Now.  
 Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Define  $\delta = \min\{1, \frac{\epsilon}{9}\}$ .  
 Then  $0 < |x - 7| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| = |x^2 - 5x + 3 - 17|$   
 $= |x^2 - 5x - 14| = |x+1| |x-7|$   
 $< |x+1| \delta < 9 \delta \leq 9(\frac{\epsilon}{9}) = \epsilon$   
 DONE!

This is good.

$$\delta \leq 1 \rightarrow$$

$$6 < x < 8 \rightarrow$$

$$8 < x+2 < 10 \rightarrow$$

$$\text{Let } \delta = \frac{\epsilon}{10} \min \left\{ 1, \frac{\epsilon}{10} \right\}.$$

$$\text{Then } 0 < |x-7| < \delta \rightarrow$$

$$|f(x)-L| = |x^2-5x+3-17|$$

$$= |x^2-5x-14| = |x-7||x+2|$$

$$< \delta |x+2| < \delta \cdot 10 = 10\delta \leq 10 \left( \frac{\epsilon}{10} \right) = \epsilon \quad \square$$

That's better.

This is Bonus

Should've waited until tomorrow. Hulk exhausted. Been up grading 1340 all night.

Needs a nap. Sun is getting low...