

1. Definition: $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ iff $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ s.t.

$$0 < |x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

5 pts.

$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $0 < |x - 2| < \delta \Rightarrow |(-3x + 1) - (-5)| < \epsilon$

2. Prove: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} -3x + 1 = -5$ (with an ϵ, δ proof, supplying reasons for each step!)

20 pts.

Proof:

$c = 2, f(x) = -3x + 1, L = -5$

Let $\epsilon > 0$

choose $\delta = \epsilon/3$

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

so $x \neq 2$ and $|x - 2| < \delta$ by alg

so $|x - 2| < \epsilon/3$ by sub

so $3|x - 2| < \epsilon$ by alg

so $|-3||x - 2| < \epsilon$ " "

so $|(-3)(x - 2)| < \epsilon$ " "

so $|-3x + 6| < \epsilon$ " "

so $|-3x + 1 + 5| < \epsilon$ " "

so $|(-3x + 1) - (-5)| < \epsilon$ " "

scribble:

$$|(-3x + 1) - (-5)| < \epsilon \Leftrightarrow$$

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

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

Excellent!!!

$$\left(-\frac{7}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$c = -3 = -\frac{6}{2}$$

3. Label the interval (a, b) on the x -axis where $a = -\frac{7}{2}$ and $b = -\frac{1}{2}$. Now label $c = -3$. Next, find the largest

5 pts.

value of $\delta > 0$ s.t. $\forall x, 0 < |x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow a < x < b$. Finally, portray the region $0 < |x - c| < \delta$ on the number line.

Find $\delta > 0$ s.t.

the distance btwn x & c (where $x \neq c$) less than $\delta \Rightarrow -\frac{7}{2} < x < -\frac{1}{2}$

$$0 < |x - (-3)| < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x \neq -3 \text{ and } -\frac{7}{2} = -3 - \frac{1}{2} < x < -3 + \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{5}{2}$$

Answer:

$$\delta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$c - \delta < x < c + \delta$$

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

Choose the smallest distance btwn c and the endpoints a & b !

