

Limit(极限)

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$$\text{then } |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$$

定义: 在 x_0 附近的开区间上定义的函数 $f(x)$, 若存在常数 L 使得, 对于任意给定的 $\varepsilon > 0$, 总存在 $\delta > 0$ 使得当 $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta$ 时, 总有 $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$, 则 L 称为函数 $f(x)$ 当 $x \rightarrow x_0$ 时的极限, 记为 $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L$.

简记: $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L \iff \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \text{ when } 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta, |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$

Note 1: Arbitrarily close

Arbitrarily close to L means that for any small real number ε , $f(x)$ lies in the interval $(L - \varepsilon, L + \varepsilon)$ or $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$

Note 2: x approaches c

(for the arbitrarily ε given above), there exists a positive number δ such that x lies in either $(c - \delta, c)$ or $(c, c + \delta)$, or $0 < |x - c| < \delta$

Note 3: How to read

The limit of $f(x)$, as x approaches c , equals to L .

Note 4: L is a fixed real number

a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x + 1)(x - 2) = -2$: -2 is a fixed number

b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x+1)}{(x-1)}$: $+\infty/-\infty$ are NOT fixed

number, $\rightarrow$ limit not exist

Note 5: The expression $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$

implies

a) The limit exists

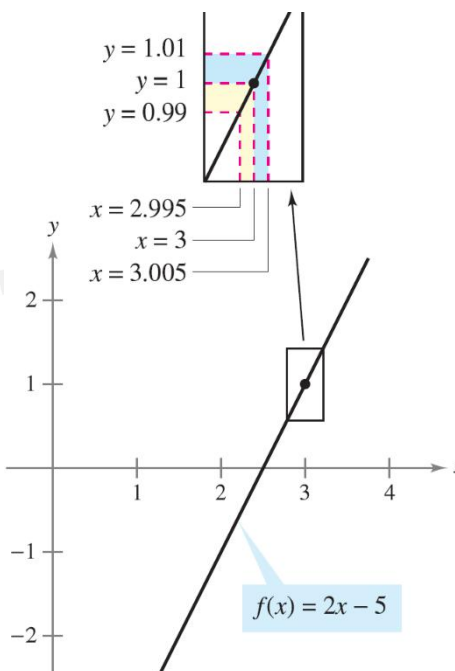
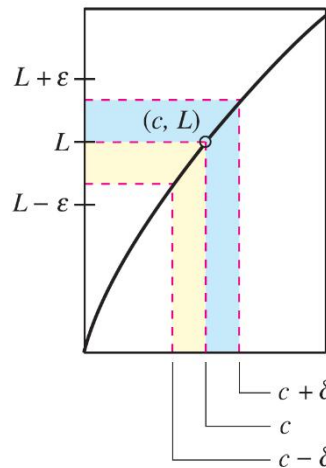
b) The limit is L

Example 6: Given the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (2x - 5) = 1$, find δ such that $|2x - 5| < 0.01$

whenever $0 < |x - 3| < \delta$

目标: 求出 $|x - c|$ ($c = 3$) 的不等式

Solution (a) $f(x) = 2x - 5$, (b) $L = 1$, (c) $\varepsilon = 0.01$, (d) $c = 3$, find δ .



Note

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$$|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |(2x - 5) - 1| < 0.01$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |2x - 6| = 2|x - 3| < 0.01$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |x - 3| < \frac{0.01}{2} = 0.005 = \delta$$

Example 7: Use the the $\varepsilon - \delta$ definition of limit to

prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (3x - 2) = 4$

目标: 找出 $|f(x) - L|$ 与 $|x - c|$ 之间的关系,
即 $|(3x - 2) - 4|$ 与 $|x - 2|$ 之间的关系。

Solution (a) $f(x) = 3x - 2$, (b) $L = 4$, (c) $c = 2$ (d) ε ,
find δ .

For each $\varepsilon > 0$, to prove that $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$

$$\Leftrightarrow |(3x - 2) - 4| < \varepsilon$$

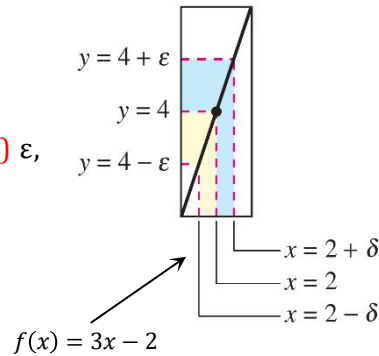
$$\Leftrightarrow |3x - 6| < \varepsilon$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow |x - 2| < \varepsilon/3$$

There exists a $\delta = \varepsilon/3$, so that $0 < |x - 2| < \delta = \varepsilon/3$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (3x - 2) = 4$$



倒推法: 找 $|x - c|$ 的表达式

Example 8: Use the the $\varepsilon - \delta$ definition of limit to prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (2x^2 - 1) = 1$

Solution (a) $f(x) = 2x^2 - 1$, (b) $L = 1$, (c) $c = 1$
(d) ε , find δ .

For each $\varepsilon > 0$, to prove that $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$

$$\Leftrightarrow |(2x^2 - 1) - 1| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |2x^2 - 2| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2|x^2 - 1| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |x^2 - 1| < \varepsilon/2$$

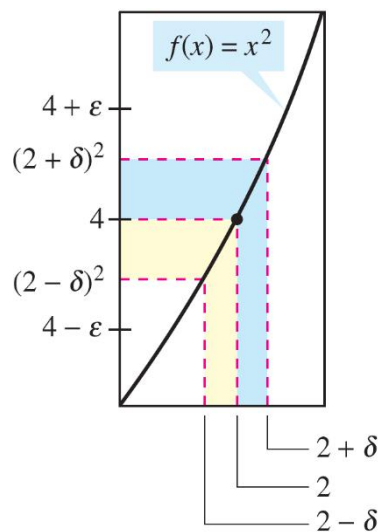
$$\Leftrightarrow |x + 1||x - 1| < \varepsilon/2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \text{when } x \text{ apporachs } 1, |x + 1| \approx 2 < 3 \\ \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = 3 \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{6} \right) = 3\delta \end{cases}$$

There exists a $\delta = \varepsilon/6$, when $0 < |x - 1| < \delta =$

$\varepsilon/6$, we have $0 < |x + 1||x - 1| < \varepsilon/2$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (2x^2 - 1) = 1$$



$|x - c|$

Example 8 的简化写法:

$\forall \varepsilon > 0$, to prove $|f(x) - L| = |(2x^2 - 1) - 1| < \varepsilon$

$$\Leftrightarrow |(2x^2 - 1) - 1| < \varepsilon \Leftrightarrow |2x^2 - 2| < \varepsilon \Leftrightarrow 2|x^2 - 1| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |x^2 - 1| < \varepsilon/2 \Leftrightarrow |x + 1||x - 1| < \varepsilon/2 = 3(\varepsilon/6) = 3\delta$$

$\exists \delta = \varepsilon/6 > 0$, s.t. $|x + 1||x - 1| < 3(\varepsilon/6) = \varepsilon/2$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (2x^2 - 1) = 1$$

Example 9: Quotient Function $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{3}{x-2} = -3$

Solution (a) $f(x) = \frac{3}{x-2}$, (b) $L = -3$, (c) $c = 1$ (d) ε , find δ .

For each $\varepsilon > 0$, to prove that $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left| \frac{3}{x-2} - (-3) \right| = 3 \left| \frac{1}{x-2} + 1 \right| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3 \left| \frac{1+(x-2)}{x-2} \right| < \varepsilon \Leftrightarrow \left| \frac{1+(x-2)}{x-2} \right| = \left| \frac{x-1}{x-2} \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$$

$$|x-c|$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \text{when } x \text{ approaches } 1, \frac{1}{|x-2|} \approx 1 < 2 \\ \frac{\varepsilon}{3} = 2\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{6}\right) = 2\delta \end{cases}$$

There exists a $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{6}$, when $0 < |x-1| < \delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{6}$, we have $0 < \left| \frac{x-1}{x-2} \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (2x^2 - 1) = 1$$

Example 10: Radical function $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{2x+3} = \sqrt{5}$

Solution (a) $f(x) = \sqrt{2x+3}$, (b) $L = \sqrt{5}$, (c) $c = 1$ (d) ε , find δ .

For each $\varepsilon > 0$, to prove that $|f(x) - L| = |\sqrt{2x+3} - \sqrt{5}| < \varepsilon$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left| \frac{(\sqrt{2x+3}-\sqrt{5})(\sqrt{2x+3}+\sqrt{5})}{(\sqrt{2x+3}+\sqrt{5})} \right| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left| \frac{(2x+3)-5}{(\sqrt{2x+3}+\sqrt{5})} \right| = \left| \frac{2x-2}{(\sqrt{2x+3}+\sqrt{5})} \right| = 2 \left| \frac{x-1}{(\sqrt{2x+3}+\sqrt{5})} \right| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left| \frac{x-1}{(\sqrt{2x+3}+\sqrt{5})} \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \text{when } x \rightarrow 1, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x+3}+\sqrt{5}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} \approx 0.2 < 1 \\ \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = 1\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) = 1\delta \end{cases}$$

There exists a $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$, when $0 < |x-1| < \delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$, we have $0 < \left| \frac{x-1}{(\sqrt{2x+3}+\sqrt{5})} \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{2x+3} = \sqrt{5}$$

倒推法总结:

(1) 明确 $f(x)$, L , C , ε

(2) 利用 $|f(x) - L|$ 找出 $|x - c|$

即找出 δ

(3) 经常将 $|x - c|$ 的表达式写成
乘法形式

$$\begin{cases} \text{二次函数: } |x^2 - 1| \rightarrow |x+1||x-1| \\ \text{分式函数: } \left| \frac{x-1}{x-2} \right| \rightarrow |x-1| \left| \frac{1}{x-2} \right| \\ \text{根式函数: } \left| \frac{x-1}{(\sqrt{2x+3}+\sqrt{5})} \right| \rightarrow |x-1| \left| \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2x+3}+\sqrt{5})} \right| \end{cases}$$

Example 11: exponential function $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (10^x - 9) = 1$

Solution (a) $f(x) = 10^x - 9$, (b) $L = 1$, (c) $c = 1$ (d) ε , find δ .

For each $\varepsilon > 0$, to prove that $|f(x) - L| = |(10^x - 9) - 1| < \varepsilon$

$$\xLeftrightarrow{\text{if } x > 1} |10^x - 10| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 10^x - 10 < \varepsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 10^x < 10 + \varepsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x < \lg(10 + \varepsilon)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x - 1 < \lg(10 + \varepsilon) - 1$$

There exists $0 > \delta = \lg\left(10 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) - 1 < \lg(10 + \varepsilon) - 1$, when $0 < |x - 1| < \delta$, we

$$\text{have } x - 1 < \lg(10 + \varepsilon) - 1$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (10^x - 9) = 1$$

$$\text{if } 0 < x < 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow |10^x - 10| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 10 - 10^x < \varepsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 10 - \varepsilon < 10^x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lg(10 - \varepsilon) < x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lg(10 - \varepsilon) - 1 < x - 1$$

There exists $\lg(10 - \varepsilon) - 1 < \lg\left(10 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) - 1 = \delta$, when $0 < |x - 1| < \delta$, we

$$\text{have } \lg(10 - \varepsilon) - 1 < x - 1$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (10^x - 9) = 1$$

Example 12: trigonometric function $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/4} \sin x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

Solution (a) $f(x) = \sin x$, (b) $L = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$, (c) $c = \pi/4$ (d) ε , find δ .

For each $\varepsilon > 0$, to prove that $|f(x) - L| = \left|\sin x - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right| < \varepsilon$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left|\sin x - \sin \frac{\pi}{4}\right| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \left| \cos \frac{x + \frac{\pi}{4}}{2} \sin \frac{x - \frac{\pi}{4}}{2} \right| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left| \cos \frac{x + \frac{\pi}{4}}{2} \right| \left| \sin \frac{x - \frac{\pi}{4}}{2} \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \text{when } x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}, \cos \frac{x + \frac{\pi}{4}}{2} < 1 \\ \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = 1 \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right) = 1\delta \end{cases}$$

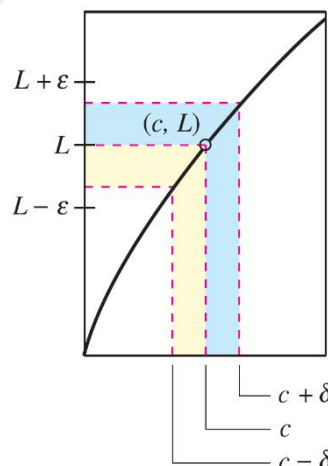
There exists $0 > \delta = \arcsin \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$, when $0 < \left|x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right| < \delta$, we have

$$\left| \cos \frac{x + \frac{\pi}{4}}{2} \right| \left| \sin \frac{x - \frac{\pi}{4}}{2} \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/4} \sin x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

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The Derivative of a function(函数的导数)

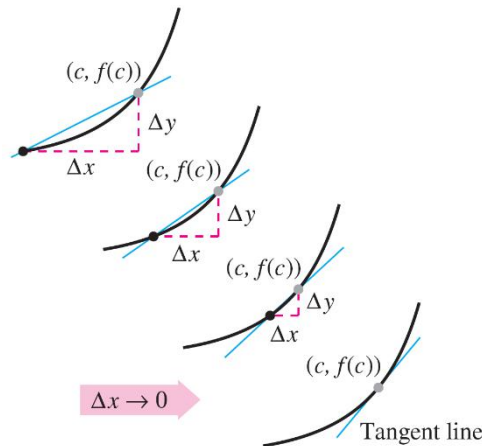
1. The derivative of function $f(x)$ at x is given by(x 点的导数)

$$f'(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

2. For all x for which this limit exists, $f'(x)$ is a function of x .(导函数)

3. Notation for derivatives

$$f'(x), \frac{dy}{dx}, y', \frac{d}{dx}[f(x)], D_x[y]$$



Differential of a function(函数的微分)

The differential is defined by

$$dy = f'(x)dx$$

The notion dy/dx is read as the *derivative of y with respect to x* or dy/dx

Antiderivatives and Indefinite Integration(反导数和不定积分)

A function $F(x)$ is an **antiderivative(反导数)** of $f(x)$ on interval I if

$$F'(x) = f(x) \quad \text{for all } x \text{ in } I.$$

The operation of finding all solutions of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x) \quad \text{or} \quad dy = f(x)dx$$

is called **antidifferentiation** or **indefinite integration(不定积分)**. It is denoted by an integral sign $\int$

$$y = \int f(x)dx = F(x) + C$$

The expression $\int f(x)dx$ is read as the *antiderivative of $f(x)$ respect to x* .

Definite Integration(定积分)

Sigma Notation: The sum of n terms

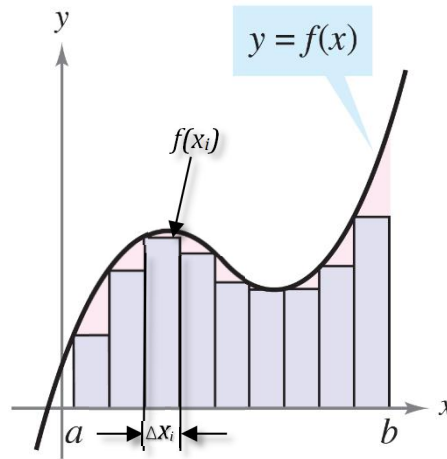
$a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$ is written as

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$$

If $f(x)$ is defined on the closed interval $[a, b]$ and the limit of

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \Delta x_i = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

is called the **definite integral** of $f(x)$ from a to b .



Infinite Series(无穷级数)

If $\{a_n\}$ is an infinite sequence $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n, \dots$, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n + \dots$$

is an **infinite series** (or simply a series).

Exercise 1: Given the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{1}{x-1} \right) = 1$, find δ such that $\left| \frac{1}{x-1} \right| < 0.01$

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Solution

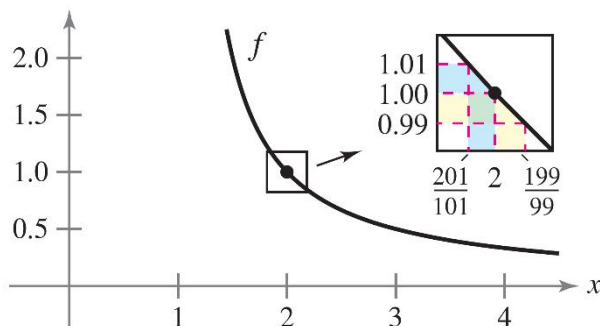
(a) $f(x) =$

(b) $L =$

(c) $\varepsilon =$

(d) $c =$

find δ .



Exercise 2: Find the limit L . Then find $\delta > 0$ such that $|f(x) - L| < 0.01$

whenever $0 < |x - c| < \delta$

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \left(4 - \frac{x}{2} \right)$

Solution (a) $f(x) =$ (b) $L =$ (c) $c =$ (d) ε find δ .

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(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} (x^2 + 4)$

Solution (a) $f(x) =$ (b) $L =$ (c) $c =$ (d) ε find δ .

Exercise 3: Find the limit L , then use the $\varepsilon - \delta$ definition to prove that the limit is L .

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt[3]{x}$

Solution (a) $f(x) =$ (b) $L =$ (c) $c =$ (d) ε find δ .

For each $\varepsilon > 0$, to prove that $|f(x) - L| =$ $< \varepsilon$

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(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \sqrt{x - 2}$

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(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^2 - 1$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \left(\frac{x-3}{x+1} \right)$