

Exercises for Section 4.1

- Determine a condition on $|x - 1|$ that will assure that:
 - $|x^2 - 1| < \frac{1}{2}$,
 - $|x^2 - 1| < 1/10^{-3}$,
 - $|x^2 - 1| < 1/n$ for a given $n \in \mathbb{N}$,
 - $|x^3 - 1| < 1/n$ for a given $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
- Determine a condition on $|x - 4|$ that will assure that:
 - $|\sqrt{x} - 2| < \frac{1}{2}$,
 - $|\sqrt{x} - 2| < 10^{-2}$.
- Let c be a cluster point of $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ if and only if $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} |f(x) - L| = 0$.
- Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and let $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ if and only if $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x + c) = L$.
- Let $I := (0, a)$ where $a > 0$, and let $g(x) := x^2$ for $x \in I$. For any points $x, c \in I$, show that $|g(x) - c^2| \leq 2a|x - c|$. Use this inequality to prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^2 = c^2$ for any $c \in I$.
- Let I be an interval in \mathbb{R} , let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and let $c \in I$. Suppose there exist constants K and L such that $|f(x) - L| \leq K|x - c|$ for $x \in I$. Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$.
- Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^3 = c^3$ for any $c \in \mathbb{R}$.
- Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sqrt{x} = \sqrt{c}$ for any $c > 0$.
- Use either the ε - δ definition of limit or the Sequential Criterion for limits, to establish the following limits.
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{1 - x} = -1$,
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x}{1 + x} = \frac{1}{2}$,
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{|x|} = 0$,
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - x + 1}{x + 1} = \frac{1}{2}$.
- Use the definition of limit to show that
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2 + 4x) = 12$,
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x + 5}{2x + 3} = 4$.
- Use the definition of limit to prove the following.
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{2x + 3}{4x - 9} = 3$,
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 6} \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x + 3} = 2$.
- Show that the following limits do *not* exist.
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^2}$ ($x > 0$),
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ ($x > 0$),
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x + \operatorname{sgn}(x))$,
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin(1/x^2)$.
- Suppose the function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has limit L at 0, and let $a > 0$. If $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $g(x) := f(ax)$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = L$.
- Let $c \in \mathbb{R}$ and let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be such that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x))^2 = L$.
 - Show that if $L = 0$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = 0$.
 - Show by example that if $L \neq 0$, then f may not have a limit at c .
- Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by setting $f(x) := x$ if x is rational, and $f(x) = 0$ if x is irrational.
 - Show that f has a limit at $x = 0$.
 - Use a sequential argument to show that if $c \neq 0$, then f does not have a limit at c .
- Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, let I be an *open* interval in \mathbb{R} , and let $c \in I$. If f_1 is the restriction of f to I , show that f_1 has a limit at c if and only if f has a limit at c , and that the limits are equal.
- Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, let J be a *closed* interval in \mathbb{R} , and let $c \in J$. If f_2 is the restriction of f to J , show that if f has a limit at c then f_2 has a limit at c . Show by example that it does *not* follow that if f_2 has a limit at c , then f has a limit at c .