

1. Calculate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 2x$ .

We guess that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 2x = 2(3) = 6$ . To demonstrate this, we use the epsilon-delta definition.

$$\begin{aligned} |2x - 6| &< \epsilon. \\ -\epsilon &< 2x - 6 < \epsilon. \\ -\epsilon + 6 &< 2x < \epsilon + 6. \\ -\frac{\epsilon}{2} + 3 &< x < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + 3. \\ -\frac{\epsilon}{2} + 3 - 3 &< x - 3 < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + 3 - 3. \\ -\frac{\epsilon}{2} &< x - 3 < \frac{\epsilon}{2}. \\ |x - 3| &< \frac{\epsilon}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus for an arbitrary  $\epsilon$  we know that  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  satisfies the definition.

2. Calculate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 3x - 4$ .

We guess that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 3x - 4 = 3(3) - 4 = 5$ . To demonstrate this, we use the epsilon-delta definition.

$$\begin{aligned} |3x - 4 - 5| &= |3x - 9| < \epsilon. \\ -\epsilon &< 3x - 9 < \epsilon. \\ -\epsilon + 9 &< 3x < \epsilon + 9. \\ -\frac{\epsilon}{3} + 3 &< x < \frac{\epsilon}{3} + 3. \\ -\frac{\epsilon}{3} + 3 - 3 &< x - 3 < \frac{\epsilon}{3} + 3 - 3. \\ -\frac{\epsilon}{3} &< x - 3 < \frac{\epsilon}{3}. \\ |x - 3| &< \frac{\epsilon}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus for an arbitrary  $\epsilon$  we know that  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{3}$  satisfies the definition.

3. Calculate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (2x) + (3x - 4)$ .

We guess that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (2x) + (3x - 4) = 2(3) + 3(3) - 4 = 11$ . To demonstrate this, we use the epsilon-delta definition.

We modify our technique, however, to use the work done above.

$$\begin{aligned} |(2x) + (3x - 4) - 11| &= \\ |(2x) + (3x - 4) - (6 + 5)| &= \\ |(2x - 6) + (3x - 4 - 5)| &= \\ |(2x - 6) + (3x - 9)| &\leq \\ |2x - 6| + |3x - 9|. \end{aligned}$$

The last step is using the triangle inequality.

We want to find a  $\delta$  so that  $|(2x - 6) + (3x - 4 - 5)| < \epsilon$  when  $|x - 3| < \delta$ . We know from the first two limit problems that  $|2x - 6| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  when  $\delta_f = \frac{\epsilon}{4}$ . Also,  $|3x - 9| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  when  $\delta_g = \frac{\epsilon}{6}$ . Because  $\frac{\epsilon}{6} < \frac{\epsilon}{4}$ , it is also true that  $|2x - 6| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  when  $\delta_f = \frac{\epsilon}{6}$ .

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} |[(2x) + (3x - 4)] - 11| &= \\ |(2x - 6) + (3x - 4 - 5)| &\leq \\ |2x - 6| + |3x - 9| &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &= \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

when  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{6}$ .