

Conditions

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 5 \text{ if } |f(x) - 5| < 3x^2$$

Solution

We must consider

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$$

where

$$|f(x) - 5| < 3x^2$$

Let's remind the definition of a limit F of a function $f(x)$ at a point x_0 :

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0 : \forall x: |x - x_0| < \delta \implies |f(x) - F| < \varepsilon$$

I claim, that the limit of our function at point 0 is equal to 5. Let me prove this:

$$\text{Fix } \varepsilon > 0, \text{ now I have to find } \delta(\varepsilon): \forall x: |x| < \delta \implies |f(x) - 5| < \varepsilon$$

Consider:

$$|f(x) - 5|$$

According to conditions:

$$|f(x) - 5| < 3x^2 < 3\delta^2$$

$$\text{Here it's enough to take } \delta = \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{3}}$$

So, we have:

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta = \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{3}} > 0 : \forall x: |x| < \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{3}} \implies |f(x) - 5| < \varepsilon$$

The claim is proved.

Answer: The limit is equal to 5