

Pi equals 0, or, how I learned to stop worrying and let delta depend on x

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Lemma. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (x) = \pi$

Proof. Suppose $\varepsilon > 0$. We must find δ such that $0 < x < \delta$ implies that $|x - \pi| < \varepsilon$. Let $\delta = -x^2 + (2\pi + 1)x + \varepsilon^2 - \pi^2$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < x < \delta &\Rightarrow x < -x^2 + (2\pi + 1)x + \varepsilon^2 - \pi^2 \\ &\Rightarrow 0 < -x^2 + 2\pi x + \varepsilon^2 - \pi^2, \text{ apply quadratic formula:} \\ &\Rightarrow x \text{ is between } \frac{-2\pi \pm \sqrt{(2\pi)^2 - 4(-1)(\varepsilon^2 - \pi^2)}}{-2(-1)} \\ &\Rightarrow x \text{ is between } \pi \pm \varepsilon \\ &\Rightarrow |x - \pi| < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

It follows that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (x) = \pi$.

Theorem. Since x is a continuous function, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (x) = 0$. Therefore, $\pi = 0$.

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