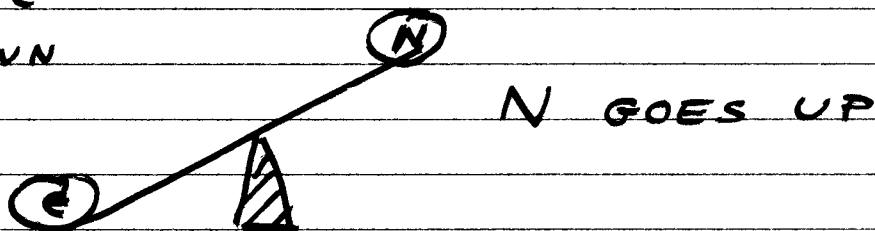


2.3 THE LIMIT OF A SEQUENCE

2.3-2 FALSE THE LIMIT OF  
A SEQUENCE IS UNIQUE

2.3-3 TRUE, USE OF THIS DEFINITION  
DOES NOT REQUIRE US TO FIND  
THE MOST EFFICIENT (SMALLEST)  $N$ ,

2.3-4 TRUE, YOU CAN THINK OF  
 $\epsilon$  AND  $N$  ON A "SEE-SAW"  
WHEN  $\epsilon$   
GOES DOWN



2.3-5 TRUE

$$|x_n - l| < \epsilon$$

$$-\epsilon < x_n - l < \epsilon$$

$$l - \epsilon < x_n < l + \epsilon$$

2.3-6 TRUE ONLY THE TERMS

FOR VERY LARGE  $n$  EFFECT THE  
VALUE OF THE LIMIT, A FINITE NO.  
OF TERMS HAS A LAST TERM  $x_N$   
AND ONLY TERMS AFTER THE  
 $N^{\text{TH}}$  TERM EFFECT THE LIMIT  
VALUE,

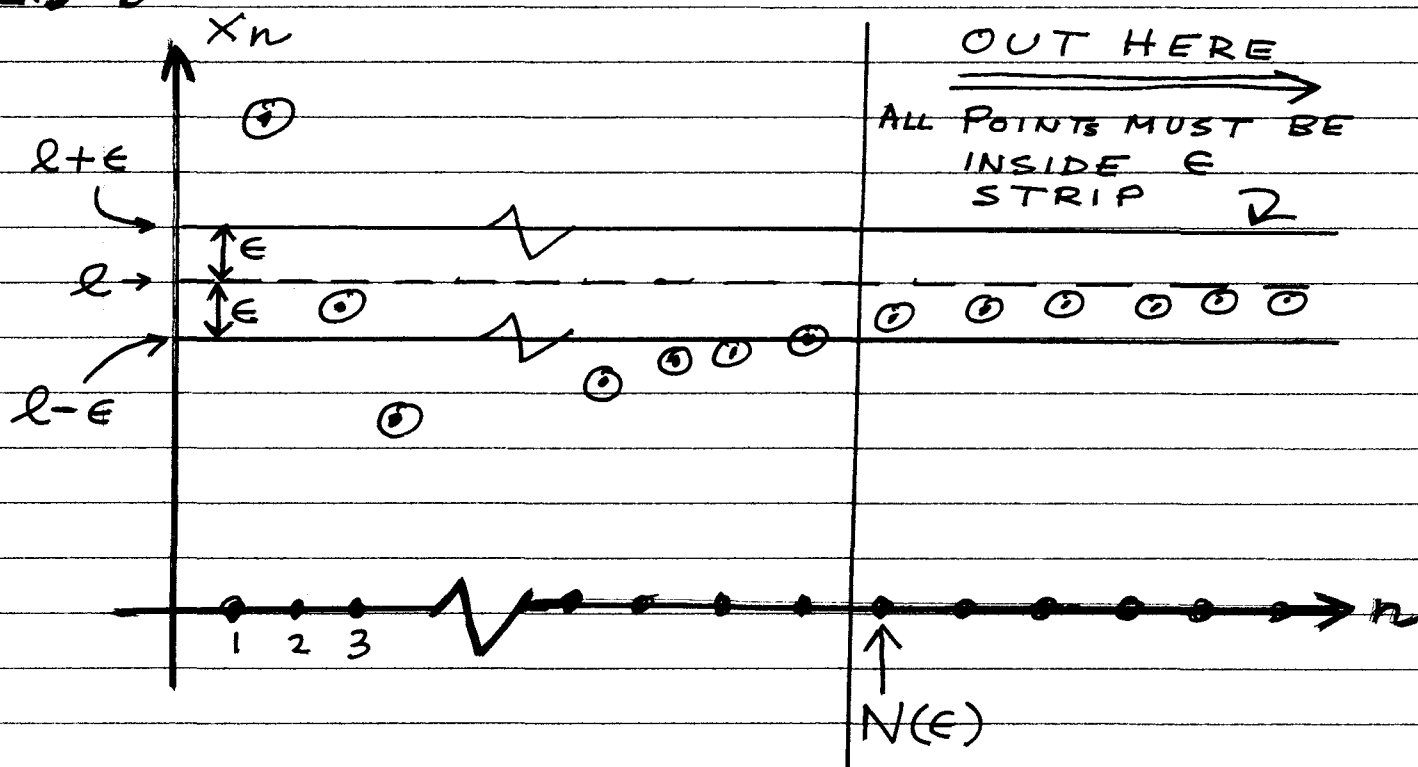
## 2.3 LIMIT OF SEQ. (CONT.)

2.3-7 ~~ANY~~ ANY VALUE LARGER  
THAN  $N = \frac{2}{\epsilon}$  IS OK.

(a) NO, (b) OK, (c) OK

(d) NO

2.3-8



2.3-9 TRUE

2.3-10 ANY CONSTANT SEQUENCE  
 $c, c, c, c, \dots$

2.3-11 FALSE — AS  $\epsilon$  GOES UP,  
 $N$  USUALLY GOES DOWN,

2.4 USING THE DEF. OF LIMIT

2.4-1 THE PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS DID SEVERAL THINGS:

(1) IT DETERMINED A SUITABLE CHOICE FOR  $N$  AS A FUNCTION OF  $\epsilon$

$$N(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

(2) IT GAVE US SEVERAL STEPS INVOLVING THE ALGEBRA OF INEQUALITIES THAT WE LATER COULD REVERSE TO FORM A "NICER" PROOF.

(3) THIS PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS IS ITSELF A "PROOF". WE CARRY OUT THE "FORMAL PROOF" AFTER IT, ONLY TO MAKE IT READ NICELY. (THE FORMAL PROOF FOLLOWS THE WORDS OF THE DEFINITION OF LIMIT CLOSELY.)

~~2.4-2~~

~~(a)  $\lceil 123.4 \rceil = 124$~~

~~(b)  $\lceil 100 \rceil = 100$~~

~~(c)  $\lceil -1.5 \rceil = -1$~~

~~2.4-3~~

~~$N(\epsilon) = \lceil \frac{1}{\epsilon} \rceil + 1$~~

~~(a)  $N(.1) = \lceil \frac{1}{.1} \rceil + 1 = \lceil 10 \rceil + 1 = 11$~~

~~(b)  $N(.02) = \lceil \frac{1}{.02} \rceil + 1 = \lceil 50 \rceil + 1 = 51$~~

~~(c)  $N(.001) = \lceil \frac{1}{.001} \rceil + 1 = \lceil 1000 \rceil + 1 = 1001$~~

~~(d) "increase"~~

2.4-4 ~~THE~~ THE PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS IS ITSELF A PROOF. THE SECOND "FORMAL" PROOF SIMPLY READS IN THE STYLE OF THE DEFINITION OF LIMIT, MAKING IT "NICER",

2.4-5 ANY LARGER VALUE OF  $N$  IS EQUALLY VALID. THUS

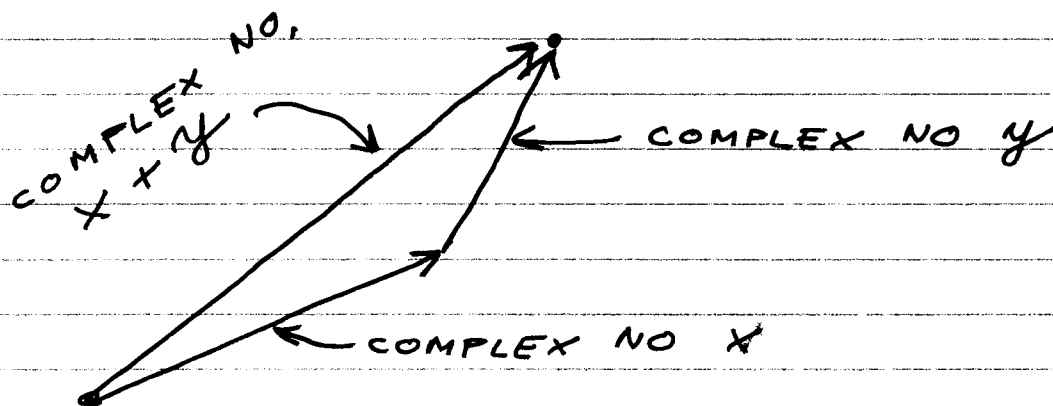
$$N = \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right] + 2 \quad \text{OR}$$

$$N = \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right] + 100 \quad \text{OR}$$

$$N = 2 \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right] + 1$$

ARE ALL ACCEPTABLE.

2.4-6



$|x+y|$  = LENGTH OF VECTOR  $x+y$

$|x|$  = "  $x$

$|y|$  = "  $y$

THE INEQUALITY  $|x+y| \leq |x| + |y|$  IS NOW CLEAR FROM THE "TRIANGLE" ABOVE,

2.4-7

(a)  $\lim \frac{1}{n} = 0$

PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS

$$|x_n - l| = \left| \frac{1}{n} - 0 \right| = \left| \frac{1}{n} \right| = \frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$$

THUS  $\frac{1}{\epsilon} < n$

FOR <sup>ALL</sup>  $n > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$

, WE SEE THAT

$$|x_n - l| < \epsilon.$$

WE WILL NOT BOTHER TO REVERSE  
THE STEPS FOR A "FORMAL" PROOF,  
THIS IS LEFT FOR THE STUDENT,

(b)  $\lim \frac{5n+2}{n} = 5$

PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS

$$|x_n - l| = \left| \frac{5n+5}{n} - 5 \right| = \left| \frac{5n+5-5n}{n} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{5}{n} \right| = \frac{5}{n} < \epsilon$$

THUS  $\frac{5}{\epsilon} < n$

SELECT  $N(\epsilon) = \left\lceil \frac{5}{\epsilon} \right\rceil$  5

2.4-7 (CONTINUED)

$$(c) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5n+2}{3n+1} = \frac{5}{3}$$

PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS:

$$|x_n - l| = \left| \frac{5n+2}{3n+1} - \frac{5}{3} \right| = \left| \frac{15n+6-15n-5}{3(3n+1)} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{1}{3(3n+1)} \right| = \frac{1}{3(3n+1)}$$

$$< \frac{1}{3(3n)} = \frac{1}{9n} < \epsilon$$

$$\text{Thus } \frac{1}{9\epsilon} < n$$

$$\text{SELECT } N(\epsilon) = \left\lceil \frac{1}{9\epsilon} \right\rceil + 1$$

$$(d) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n^2+n+2}{4n^2+2n+1} = \frac{3}{4}$$

PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS:

$$|x_n - l| = \left| \frac{3n^2+n+2}{4n^2+2n+1} - \frac{3}{4} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{12n^2+4n+8-12n^2-6n-3}{4(4n^2+2n+1)} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{-2n+5}{4(4n^2+2n+1)} \right|$$

2.14-7 (d) (CONTINUED)

$$|x_n - 2| < \left| \frac{-2n + 5}{4(4n^2)} \right| < \left| \frac{2n + 5}{16n^2} \right|$$

$$= \frac{2n + 5}{16n^2} < \frac{2n + 5n}{16n^2}$$

$$= \frac{7n}{16n^2} = \frac{7}{16n} < \epsilon$$

THUS  $\frac{7}{16\epsilon} < n$

SELECT  $N(\epsilon) = \left\lceil \frac{7}{16\epsilon} \right\rceil + 1$

1e)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n^2 - 2n + 1}{5n^2 - 2n - 3} = \frac{3}{5}$

$$|x_n - 2| = \left| \frac{3n^2 - 2n + 1}{5n^2 - 2n - 3} - \frac{3}{5} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{15n^2 - 10n + 5 - 15n^2 + 6n + 9}{5(5n^2 - 2n - 3)} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{-4n + 14}{5(5n^2 - 2n - 3)} \right|$$

$$< \left| \frac{4n + 14}{5(5n^2 - 2n - 3)} \right|$$

2.14-7 (e) (CONTINUED)

$$|x_n - 2| < \frac{4n + 14n}{|5(5n^2 - 2n - 3)|} = \frac{18n}{5|5n^2 - 2n - 3|}$$

NOW  $2n + 3 < n^2$  PROVIDED  $n \geq 3$

THUS

$$|5n^2 - 2n - 3| \geq |5n^2 - (2n + 3)| \geq |5n^2 - n^2|$$

(PROVIDED  $n \geq 3$ )

Now

$$|x_n - 2| < \frac{18n}{5|5n^2 - n^2|} = \frac{18n}{20n^2} = \frac{18}{20n}$$

$$= \frac{18}{20n} < \epsilon$$

$$\frac{18}{20\epsilon} < n$$

SELECT  $N(\epsilon) = \text{MAX} \left\{ \frac{18}{20\epsilon}, 3 \right\}$

(f)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3 + 1}{n^3 - n + 3} = 1$

$$|x_n - 2| = \left| \frac{n^3 + 1}{n^3 - n + 3} - 1 \right| = \left| \frac{n^3 + 1 - n^3 + n - 3}{n^3 - n + 3} \right| = \left| \frac{n - 2}{n^3 - n + 3} \right|$$

2.4-7 (f) (CONTINUED)

$$|x_n - l| < \left| \frac{n}{n^3 - n + 3} \right| = \left| \frac{n}{n^3 - (n-3)} \right|$$

BUT  $|n-3| < \frac{n^3}{2}$  FOR  $n \geq 2$

$$|x_n - l| < \left| \frac{n}{n^3 - \frac{n^3}{2}} \right| \Leftrightarrow \left| \frac{n}{\frac{n^3}{2}} \right|$$

$$= \frac{2}{n^2} < \epsilon$$

$$\frac{2}{\epsilon} < n^2$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2}{\epsilon}} < n$$

SELECT  $N(\epsilon) = \left[ \sqrt{\frac{2}{\epsilon}} \right] + 1, \sqrt{\frac{2}{\epsilon}}$

2.4-7 (g)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n}{3n^5 + 1} = 0$

$$|x_n - l| = \left| \frac{4n}{3n^5 + 1} - 0 \right| = \frac{4n}{3n^5 + 1}$$

$$< \frac{4n}{3n^5} = \frac{4}{3n^4} < \epsilon$$

THUS  $\frac{4}{3\epsilon} < n^4 \Rightarrow \sqrt[4]{\frac{4}{3\epsilon}} < n$

SELECT  $N(\epsilon) = \left[ \sqrt[4]{\frac{4}{3\epsilon}} \right] + 1$

2.4-7 (CONTINUED)

$$(h) \lim \frac{n^2}{2^n} = 0$$

$$(i) |x_n - l| = \left| \frac{n^2}{2^n} - 0 \right| = \frac{n^2}{2^n}$$

FROM THE BINOMIAL THEOREM WE HAVE

$$(1+1)^n = 2^n = 1 + \frac{n}{1} + \frac{n(n-1)}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} + \dots + 1$$

SINCE ALL THE TERMS (BINOMIAL COEFFICIENTS) IN THE ABOVE SUM ARE POSITIVE,

$$2^n > \frac{n}{1} \frac{n-1}{2} \frac{n-2}{3} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6}$$

GOING BACK TO (i) WE CAN SUBSTITUTE THIS SMALLER QUANTITY INTO THE DENOMINATOR TO GET

$$|x_n - l| = \frac{n^2}{2^n} < \frac{n^2}{\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6}} = \frac{6n^2}{n(n-1)(n-2)}$$

$$\text{Now } (n-1)(n-2) > \left(n - \frac{n}{2}\right) \left(n - \frac{n}{2}\right) \quad \text{PROVIDED } n \geq 4$$

$$= \frac{n^2}{4}$$

THUS

$$|x_n - l| < \frac{6n^2}{n(n-1)(n-2)} < \frac{6n^2}{n \cdot \frac{n^2}{4}} \quad \left\{ \text{IF } n \geq 4 \right\}$$

2.4-7 (A) (CONTINUED)

$$|x_n - l| < \frac{24n^2}{n^3} = \frac{24}{n} < \epsilon$$

THUS  $\frac{24}{\epsilon} < n$

SELECT  $N(\epsilon) = \max\left\{\left\lceil \frac{24}{\epsilon} \right\rceil, 4\right\}$

2.4-7 (i)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{3^n} = 0$ 

$$(1) |x_n - l| = \left| \frac{2^n}{3^n} - 0 \right| = \frac{2^n}{3^n} < \epsilon$$

SINCE  $y = \log x$  IS AN INCREASING FUNCTION WE HAVE:  
IF  $a < b$  THEN

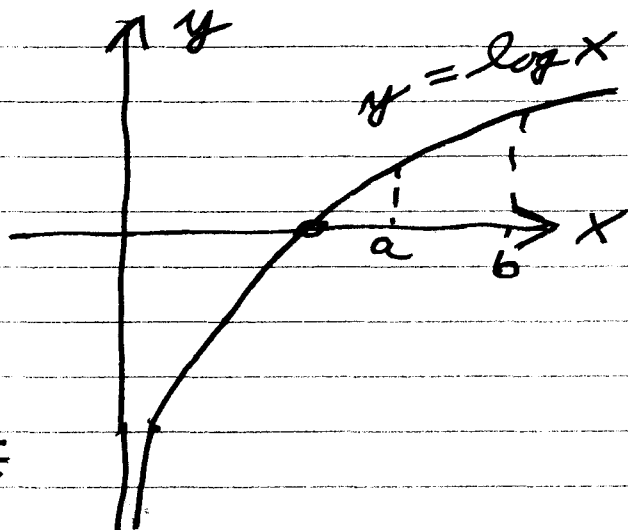
$$\log a < \log b$$

THUS WE CAN WRITE FROM (1)

$$\log \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n < \log \epsilon$$

$$(2) n \log \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) < \log \epsilon$$

SINCE BOTH  $\log \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$  AND  $\log \epsilon$  ARE NEGATIVE (IF  $\epsilon < 1$ ) WE REWRITE (2) SO THAT THE LOGS WILL BE POSITIVE,



2.4-7 (i) (CONTINUED)

MULTIPLYING (2) BY (-1) WE GET

$$-n \log\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) > -\log \epsilon$$

$$n \log\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-1} > \log \epsilon^{-1}$$

$$n \log \frac{3}{2} > \log \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

$$n > \frac{\log \frac{1}{\epsilon}}{\log \frac{3}{2}}$$

SELECT  $N(\epsilon) = \frac{\log \frac{1}{\epsilon}}{\log \frac{3}{2}}$

2.4-8

(a) PROVE  $\lim (-1)^n$  D.N.E.

PROOF

ASSUME BY CONTRADICTION THAT THIS LIMIT DOES EXIST, CALL IT  $l$ . THEN GIVEN ANY  $\epsilon$

$$(1) \quad |(-1)^n - l| < \epsilon \quad \text{FOR ALL } n \geq N(\epsilon),$$

2.4 - 8 (a) (CONTINUED)

FOR  $n \geq N(\epsilon)$  THAT ARE EVEN,  
(1) BECOMES

$$|1 - l| < \epsilon \quad \text{or}$$

$$(2) \quad |l - 1| < \epsilon$$

AND FOR  $n$  ODD WE GET

$$|-1 - l| < \epsilon \quad \text{or}$$

$$(3) \quad |1 + l| < \epsilon$$

WRITING (2) AND (3) AS

$$(4) \quad -\epsilon < l - 1 < \epsilon$$

$$(5) \quad -\epsilon < l + 1 < \epsilon$$

AND ADDING 1 TO (4) AND (-1) TO (5);  
WE GET

$$1 - \epsilon < l < 1 + \epsilon$$

$$-1 - \epsilon < l < -1 + \epsilon$$

FOR  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{4}$  THESE READ

$$(6) \quad \frac{3}{4} < l < \frac{5}{4} \quad \text{AND}$$

$$(7) \quad -\frac{5}{4} < l < -\frac{3}{4}$$

NO SUCH NUMBER  $l$  EXISTS  
THAT SATISFIES BOTH (6) & (7)

2.1.8 (b)

PROVE THAT  $\lim n$  DOES NOT EXIST,

PROOF

BY CONTRADICTION, ASSUME THE LIMIT EXISTS. CALL IT  $l$ , GIVEN  $\epsilon$  THERE EXISTS  $N(\epsilon)$  SUCH THAT  $n$  SUCH THAT  $|n - l| < \epsilon$  FOR ALL  $n > N(\epsilon)$

THIS CAN BE WRITTEN AS

$$-\epsilon < n - l < \epsilon$$

$$l - \epsilon < n < l + \epsilon \quad \text{FOR ALL } n \text{ GREATER THAN } N(\epsilon).$$

THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE SINCE THIS LAST EXPRESSION DOES NOT ALLOW  $n$  TO EXCEED  $l + \epsilon$ ,

2.1.8 (c)

PROVE THAT  $\lim \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}\right)$

DOES NOT EXIST,

THIS IS THE SEQUENCE

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{3}, \sin \frac{2\pi}{3}, \sin \pi, \sin \frac{4\pi}{3}, \sin \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, 0, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\underline{2.4 - 8 (c)}$$

THUS WHEN  $n$  IS A MULTIPLE OF 3,

$$(1) \sin \frac{n\pi}{3} = 0 \quad (n = 3k, k \in \mathbb{Z})$$

AND

$$(2) \sin \frac{n\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad (\text{FOR } n = 6k + 1, k \in \mathbb{Z})$$

PROOF

BY CONTRADICTION, ASSUME THE LIMIT EXISTS AND CALL IT  $l$ .

$$(3) \left| \sin \frac{n\pi}{3} - l \right| = |0 - l| = |l|$$

FOR  $n = 3k$  FROM (1) ABOVE

AND

$$(4) \left| \sin \frac{n\pi}{3} - l \right| = \left| \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - l \right| = \left| l - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right|$$

FOR  $n = 6k + 1$  FROM (2),

GIVEN  $\epsilon > 0$ , THERE EXISTS  $N(\epsilon)$  SUCH THAT

$$(5) \left| \sin \frac{n\pi}{3} - l \right| < \epsilon \quad \text{FOR ALL } n \geq N(\epsilon)$$

2.4-8 (c) (CONTINUED)

RELATION (5) READS

$$(6) \quad |l| < \epsilon \quad \text{FROM (3) FOR CERTAIN } n \text{ AND}$$

$$(7) \quad \left| l - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right| < \epsilon \quad \text{FROM (4) FOR CERTAIN OTHER } n,$$

WRITE (6) AND (7) AS

$$(8) \quad -\epsilon < l < \epsilon$$

$$(9) \quad -\epsilon < l - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} < \epsilon$$

ADD  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  TO (9) TO GET

$$(10) \quad \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \epsilon < l < \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \epsilon$$

SELECT  $\epsilon = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8}$ , THEN (8) & (10)

BECOME

$$(11) \quad -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} < l < \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \quad \text{AND}$$

$$(12) \quad \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8} < l < \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{8}$$

NO NUMBER  $l$  EXISTS SATISFYING

(11) & (12),