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Solution

Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \overbrace{(-2x+8)}^{f(x)} = 2$

Proof: Let $\epsilon > 0$. Let $|x-3| < \delta = \underline{\epsilon/2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } |-2x+8-2| &= |-2x+6| = | -2 ||x-3| \\ &= \underbrace{2|x-3|}_{< \delta} = 2 \cdot \delta = 2 \cdot (\epsilon/2) = \epsilon \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

So for every $\underline{\epsilon > 0}$ we found a $\delta = \underline{\frac{\epsilon}{2}}$ ($\underline{\delta > 0}$)

so that whenever $|x-3| < \delta$, then $|f(x)-2| < \epsilon$.

So by the definition of the limit, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (-2x+8) = 2$.

Note: ϵ, δ both must be positive. They are distances:

