

## Limits

Let  $\lim x$  stand for  $\bigcup x$ .

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**Proposition 0.1.** Let  $x$  be a subset of **Ord**. Then  $\lim x$  is an ordinal.

*Proof.* (1)  $\lim x$  is transitive.

Proof. Let  $y \in \lim x$  and  $z \in y$ . Take  $w \in x$  such that  $y \in w$ . Hence  $w$  is transitive. Thus  $z \in w$ . Therefore  $z \in \lim x$ . Qed.

(2) Every element of  $\lim x$  is transitive.

Proof. Let  $y \in \lim x$ . Let  $z \in y$  and  $v \in z$ . Take  $w \in x$  such that  $y \in w$ . Hence  $w$  is an ordinal. Thus  $y$  is an ordinal. Therefore  $y$  is transitive. Consequently  $v \in y$ . Qed.  $\square$

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**Definition 0.2.** A limit ordinal is an ordinal  $\lambda$  such that neither  $\lambda$  is a successor ordinal nor  $\lambda = 0$ .