

Multivariable Calculus

(Lecture-4)

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Learning Outcome of the Lecture

We learn

- Limits of Functions $F : S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Limit and Iterated Limits
- Continuity of Functions $F : S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Properties of continuous functions

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