

**Question 2:** Evaluate the limit or show that it does not exist:

a)

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^2 + 2y^2}$$

Let  $y = mx, m \in \mathbb{R}, x = x$  :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{m^2 x^4}{x^2 + 2m^2 x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{m^2 x^2}{1 + 2m^2} = 0$$

Since  $m \in \mathbb{R}$ , it is obvious that the above conclusion passes the two path test, showing that the limit exists. Assume the limit  $L = 0$ . Let  $x = r \cos \theta$  and let  $y = r \sin \theta$ . It follows that:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{r^4 \cos^2(\theta) \sin^2(\theta)}{r^2 + r^2 \sin^2(\theta)}$$

$$\frac{r^2 \cos^2(\theta) \sin^2(\theta)}{1 + \sin^2(\theta)} \leq r^2 \cos^2(\theta) \sin^2(\theta) \rightarrow 0 \leq r^2 \cos^2(\theta) \sin^2(\theta) \leq r^2$$

It follows that:

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r^2 = 0$$

Therefore, by Squeeze Theorem,

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^2 + 2y^2} = 0$$

b)

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{2xy \cos y}{x^2 + 2y^2}$$

It is obvious that:

$$\frac{2xy \cos(y)}{x^2 + 2y^2} \leq 2xy \cos y \rightarrow -2xy \leq 2xy \cos y \leq 2xy$$

It follows that:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} -2xy = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} 2xy = 0$$

Thus, by Squeeze Theorem:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{2xy \cos y}{x^2 + 2y^2} = 0$$