

2. (2 points) Show that $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy^2}{x^2 + y^4}$ does not exist.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \ x = 0 \text{ path: } \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{0 \cdot y^2}{0 + y^4} &= \frac{0}{y^2} = 0. & \bullet \ y = 0 \text{ path: } \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x \cdot 0}{x^2 + 0} &= \frac{0}{x^2} = 0. \\ \bullet \ x = y^2 \text{ path: } \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{y^2 \cdot y^2}{y^4 + y^4} &= \frac{y^4}{2y^4} = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the limit is not the same along all paths, the limit does not exist.

3. (2 points each) Find each indicated partial derivative:

(a) $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (xy^2 \cos(x + y^3) - e^{xy})$

Solution.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (xy^2 \cos(x + y^3) - e^{xy}) =$$

(b) $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\ln(x + y + z) - y^2 z^3 + x)$

(c) $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (x^3 y + y^3 \tan(xy))$

4. (3 points) Complete each of the following steps to prove that $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{3x^2 y}{x^2 + y^2} = 0$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Choose $\delta = \epsilon/3$. Suppose that (x, y) is chosen so that $\|(x, y) - (0, 0)\| < \delta$ and $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$.

(a) Explain why $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < \delta$.

(b) Explain why $x^2 \leq x^2 + y^2$, and thus $\frac{x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)} \leq 1$.

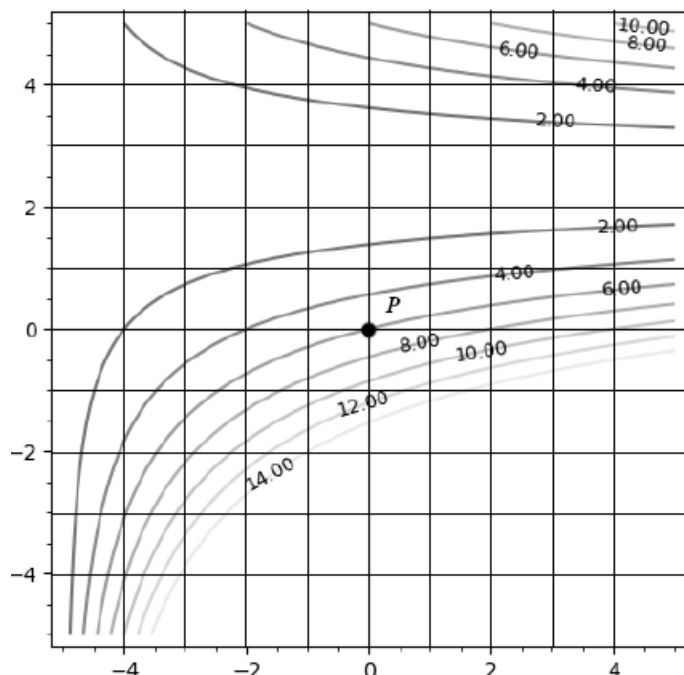
(c) Explain why $\frac{3x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)} \leq 3$.

(d) Explain why $\frac{3x^2|y|}{(x^2 + y^2)} \leq 3|y|$.

(e) Now, show that $\left| \frac{3x^2 y}{x^2 + y^2} - 0 \right| \leq 3\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$.

(f) Conclude that whenever (x, y) is in the δ -disk centered at $(0, 0)$, then $\left| \frac{3x^2 y}{x^2 + y^2} - 0 \right| < \epsilon$.

5. (1 point each) Consider the contour plot of the function $f(x, y)$ shown below.



Determine the sign (+, −, or 0) of each of the following partial derivatives, including a *brief* justification.

- $f_x(0, 0)$
 - $f_y(0, 0)$
 - $f_{xx}(0, 0)$
 - $f_{yy}(0, 0)$
 - $f_{xy}(0, 0)$
6. (2 points) Find an equation of the tangent plane to $f(x, y) = x^2y - \sqrt{x} + y$ at the point $(3, 1)$.
7. (2 points) For the function $f(x, y, z) = \frac{x + \sin(xy)}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 1}$, find $\nabla f(x, y, z)$.
8. (2 points) Consider the function $f(x, y) = x^2y - y^3$. Find the directional derivative for f , at $(3, 4)$, in the direction of $\mathbf{u} = 5\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$.