

# MATB41 - Multivariable Calculus

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Week 1 (Sep 14th)

\* No tutorials \*

Week 2 (Sep 21st)

## Curved Lines

Parabola: (with vertex) at the origin

- $y = ax^2$  → open up when  $a > 0$  and down when  $a < 0$
- $x = by^2$  → open right when  $b > 0$  and left when  $b < 0$

\* Remember: We can replace  $x$  with  $x-m$  to shift right and  $y$  with  $y+n$  to shift up!

Ellipse: (with center) at the origin

$$\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{b}\right)^2 = 1 \quad \text{intersections } (\pm a, 0) \text{ and } (0, \pm b)$$

When  $a=b$ , the curve is a circle of radius  $a=b$ .

Hyperbola: (with center) at the origin

$$\cdot \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{y}{b}\right)^2 = 1 \quad \text{It has two curves that goes in opposite directions and do not touch the slant asymptote}$$

$$\cdot \left(\frac{y}{a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^2 = 1$$

Ex ① - Sketch the following curves:

a)  $x^2 + 3y^2 + 2x - 12y + 10 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} (x^2 + 2x) + 3(y^2 - 4y) + 10 &= 0 \\ (x^2 + 2x + 1) - 1 + 3(y^2 - 4y + 4) - 12 + 10 &= 0 \\ (x+1)^2 + 3(y-2)^2 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(x+1)^2}{3} + (y-2)^2 = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \left(\frac{x+1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 1$$

Okie, now what?! Another way to write the ellipse equation would be:

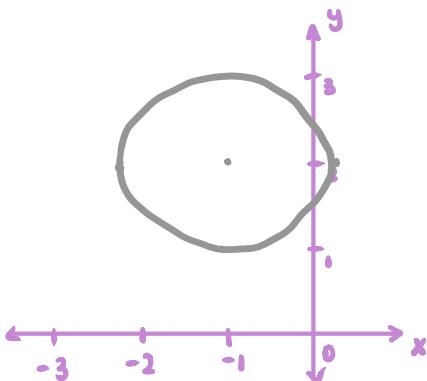
$$\left(\frac{x-m}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y-n}{b}\right)^2 = 1 \quad \rightarrow \text{we just combined it with *}$$

So the new origin will be  $(-1, 2)$  as the ellipse will be shifted left by one and up by 2.

Now, let's find the end points

→ The horizontal max/min will be  $(-1 \pm \sqrt{3}, 2)$

→ The vertical max/min will be  $(-1, 2 \pm 1)$



b)  $\left(\frac{x-2}{4}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{y+2}{9}\right)^2 = 1$

$$\left(\frac{x-2}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{y+2}{3}\right)^2 = 1$$

The origin will be  $(2, -2)$ , we are shifting right 2 and 2 down.

Check the x-int :  $(y=0)$

$$\left(\frac{x-2}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{4}{9} = 1$$

$$\left(\frac{x-2}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{13}{9}$$

$$(x-2)^2 = \frac{52}{9}$$

$$x-2 = \pm \frac{2\sqrt{13}}{3}$$

$$x = 2 \pm \frac{2\sqrt{13}}{3}$$

Check the y-int :  $(x=0)$

$$1 - \left(\frac{y+2}{3}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$y = -2$$

Find the slant asymptote:

$$\left(\frac{x-2}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{y+2}{3}\right)^2 = 0$$

$$\frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y+2}{3}$$

$$3x-6 = 2y+4$$

$$2y = 3x - 10$$

$$y = \frac{3x - 10}{2}$$

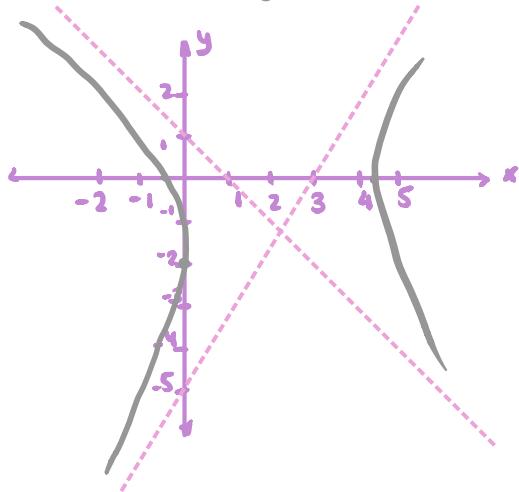
or

$$\frac{-x+2}{2} = \frac{y+2}{3}$$

$$-3x+6 = 2y+4$$

$$2y = -3x + 2$$

$$y = \frac{-3x + 2}{2}$$



## Curved Surfaces

**3D Sphere:** (with center) at the origin of radius  $R$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = R^2$$

**3D Ellipsoid:** (with center) at the origin

$$\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{b}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z}{c}\right)^2 = 1 \quad \text{3 points } (a, 0, 0), (0, b, 0), (0, 0, c)$$

We can replace  $x^2 + y^2$  with  $r^2$  to indicate the rotation.

**Ex② - Sketch the following surfaces:**

a)  $x^2 + y^2 + \frac{z^2}{4} = 1$

$$r^2 + \frac{z^2}{4} = 1$$

$$4r^2 + z^2 = 4$$

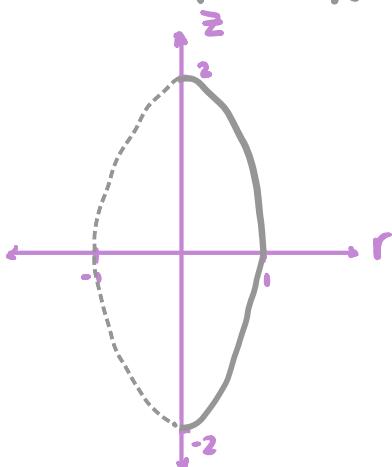
$$r^2 + \frac{z^2}{4} = 1$$

(center at  $(0, 0)$ )

$r$ -int:  $(\pm 1, 0)$

$z$ -int:  $(0, \pm 2)$

\* Use the ellipsoid formula



$r \geq 0$  because  
 $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

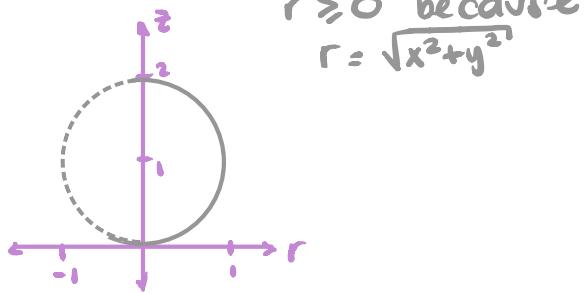
b)  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2z$

$$r^2 + z^2 - 2z = 0$$

$$r^2 + z^2 - 2z + 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$r^2 + (z-1)^2 = 1 \rightarrow \text{circle!}$$

Center  $(0, 1)$



$r \geq 0$  because  
 $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

## Dot and Cross Product

let  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + \dots$

let  $\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} = \left( \begin{vmatrix} u_2 & u_3 \\ v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}, -\begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ v_1 & v_2 \end{vmatrix} \right)$   
 $= (u_2v_3 - u_3v_2, u_3v_1 - u_1v_3, u_1v_2 - u_2v_1)$

You can find the angle between two vectors using dot product:

Let the angle be called  $\theta$ , then  $\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\|}$

Ex ③ - Find the angle between  $\vec{u} = (1, -3, 1)$  and  $\vec{v} = (2, 1, 2)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

First, we need the dot product and lengths:

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = (1, -3, 1) \cdot (2, 1, 2) = 2 - 3 + 2 = 1$$

$$\|\vec{u}\| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-3)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{11}$$

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{11}} \quad \therefore \quad \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3\sqrt{11}}\right)$$

## Line and Planes

Vector equation of a line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :  $\vec{l} = (a_1, a_2, a_3) + t[v_1, v_2, v_3]$   
 $\vec{l} = \vec{a} + t\vec{v}$

Parametric equation of a line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :  $x = a_1 + t v_1$   
 $y = a_2 + t v_2$   
 $z = a_3 + t v_3$

**Ex ④ - Find the equation of the line or plane**

a) The line through  $(1, -1, 2)$  and  $(3, 1, 9)$

The direction vector for the line is  $(3, 1, 9) - (1, -1, 2) = (2, 2, 7)$

$$\rightarrow \text{v. eq. } \vec{l} = (1, -1, 2) + t(2, 2, 7), t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{P. eq. } x = 1 + 2t, y = -1 + 2t, z = 2 + 7t, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

b) The plane through  $(1, -3, 1), (2, 1, 1), (1, 4, 0)$

let's find a pair of directional vectors  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$

$$\vec{v}_1 = (2, 1, 1) - (1, -3, 1) = (1, 4, 0)$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = (1, 4, 0) - (1, -3, 1) = (0, 7, -1)$$

To get the equation of the plane, we need to find the normal which is  $\vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2$

$$\vec{n} = \vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (-4, 1, 7)$$

The plane then is  $-4x + y + 7z = d$

$$\text{Let's plug a point: } -4(2) + (1) + 7(1) = -8 + 1 + 7 = 0 = d$$

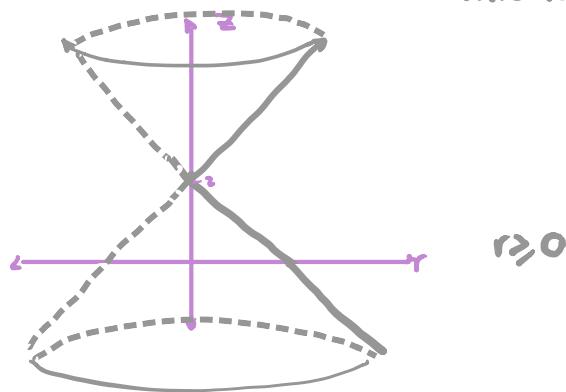
$\rightarrow$  The plane is  $-4x + y + 7z = 0$

## Level Set

**Ex ⑤ - Draw the level set of  $f(x, y, z) = z^2 - x^2 - y^2 - 4z$  for  $f = -4$**

$\hookrightarrow$  this is in 4D though

$$\begin{aligned} -4 &= z^2 - x^2 - y^2 - 4z \\ x^2 + y^2 &= z^2 - 4z + 4 \\ r^2 &= (z-2)^2 \\ r &= |z-2| \end{aligned}$$



**Week 3 (Sep 28th)**

## Limits and Continuity

$f(x, y)$  is continuous at the 2D point  $\vec{a}$  if  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow \vec{a}} f(x, y) = f(\vec{a})$

$(x,y) \rightarrow \vec{a}$

It's not too hard to show when a limit DNE in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  at  $(0,0)$ :  
 Try different curves in terms of  $x$  or  $y$ , if they approach to different values at  $(0,0)$

To show that the limit exists we can use the Squeeze Theorem:

To attain  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow \vec{a}} f(x,y)$ , can try to find  $g(x,y)$  and  $h(x,y)$  so that:

$$1. g(x,y) \leq f(x,y) \leq h(x,y) \text{ near the point } \vec{a}$$

$$2. \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow \vec{a}} g(x,y) = L = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow \vec{a}} h(x,y)$$

$$\text{Then we conclude } \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow \vec{a}} f(x,y) = L$$

Ex ② - Decide whether the function has a limit at  $(0,0)$

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

$$\text{Restrict to } x=0, \lim_{(0,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{-y^2}{y^2} = -1$$

$$\text{Restrict to } y=0, \lim_{(x,0) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2}{x^2} = 1$$

$$b) \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|x|}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} = \text{DNE}$$

$$\text{Restrict to } y=0, \lim_{(x,0) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|x|}{\sqrt{x^2}} = 1$$

$$\text{Restrict to } x=0, \lim_{(0,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|x|}{\sqrt{y}} = \frac{0}{\sqrt{y}} = 0$$

$$c) \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 - y^3}{x^2 + y^2} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\underset{\textcircled{1}}{x^3}}{\underset{\textcircled{2}}{x^2 + y^2}} - \frac{\underset{\textcircled{2}}{y^3}}{\underset{\textcircled{2}}{x^2 + y^2}} = 0$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x^2 \leq x^2 + y^2 \rightarrow 0 \leq \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2} \leq 1$$

$$\rightarrow 0 \cdot x \leq \frac{x^3}{x^2 + y^2} \leq x$$

$$\rightarrow \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} 0 \leq \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3}{x^2+y^2} \leq \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} x$$

$$\rightarrow 0 \leq \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3}{x^2+y^2} \leq 0 \\ \Rightarrow 0$$

② Same as ①

$$y^2 \leq x^2+y^2 \rightarrow 0 \leq \frac{y^2}{x^2+y^2} \leq 1$$

$$\rightarrow 0 \cdot \leq \frac{y^3}{x^2+y^2} \leq$$

$$\rightarrow \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} y \cdot 0 \leq \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{y^3}{x^2+y^2} \leq \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} y$$

$$\rightarrow 0 \leq \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{y^3}{x^2+y^2} \leq 0 \\ \Rightarrow 0$$

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

We know  $|\sin \theta| \leq 1$  and we saw in class  $|\sin \theta| \leq \theta$

$$\Rightarrow |\frac{\sin(x^2+y^2)}{x^2+y^2}| \leq \frac{x^2+y^2}{x^2+y^2} = 1$$

Recall  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin t}{t} = 1$ , what if we let  $t = x^2+y^2$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin t}{t} = 1 = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sin(x^2+y^2)}{x^2+y^2}$$

Ex③ - Find if the limit of  $f$  exists at  $(0,0)$ , if it does, find  $f(0,0)$  for  $f$  to be continuous.

$$f(x,y) = \frac{x^3-x^2-2x^2y+xy^2-y^2-2y^3}{x^2+y^2}$$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2(x-1-2y)+y^2(x-1-2y)}{x^2+y^2} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{(x^2+y^2)(x-1-2y)}{x^2+y^2}$$

$$= \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} x-1-2y \\ = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(0,0) = -1$$

$f(\vec{x})$  is homogeneous of degree  $k$  if for every  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and every scalar  $c > 0$  we have:

$$f(cx) = c^k f(x)$$

Ex(4) - Show if  $f$  is homogeneous

a)  $f(x,y) = 8x^2y^2 - 9x^4$

$$\begin{aligned} f(cx, cy) &= 8(cx)^2(cy)^2 - 9(cx)^4 \\ &= 8c^2x^2c^2y^2 - 9c^4x^4 \\ &= 8c^4x^2y^2 - 9c^4x^4 \\ &= c^4(8x^2y^2 - 9x^4) \\ &= c^4 f(x,y) \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is homogeneous of degree 4.

b)  $f(x,y) = \frac{x^2}{y^2} + xy + \frac{y^2}{x^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} f(cx, cy) &= \frac{(cx)^2}{(cy)^2} + (cx)(cy) + \frac{(cy)^2}{(cx)^2} \\ &= \frac{c^2x^2}{c^2y^2} + c^2xy + \frac{c^2y^2}{c^2x^2} \\ &= \frac{x^2}{y^2} + c^2xy + \frac{y^2}{x^2} \quad \Rightarrow \text{cannot factor } c. \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is not homogeneous.

Week 4 (Oct. 5th)

## Partial derivatives

Ex(1) - Find the partial derivatives of  $f(x,y) = y \sin(xy) + xe^{-y^2}$

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

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \sin(xy) + xy \cos(xy) - 2xye^{-y^2}$$

A function, whose partial derivatives exist and are continuous, is said to be of class  $C^1$ .

## Directional Derivative

The directional derivative towards the direction  $\vec{u}$  at the point  $\vec{a}$ :

$$D_{\vec{u}} f(\vec{a}) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\vec{a} + h\vec{u}) - f(\vec{a})}{h} \quad \text{where } \vec{u} \text{ is a unit vector.}$$

If  $f$  is differentiable, then all directional derivatives exist and

$$D_{\vec{u}} f = \nabla f \cdot \vec{u} \quad \text{where } \vec{u} \text{ is a unit vector.}$$

\* If  $f$  is  $C^1$  at  $\vec{a}$ , then  $f$  is differentiable at  $\vec{a}$  ( $\nabla f$  exists)

**Ex ②** - At the point  $(3, 1, 2)$ , find the directional derivative of  $f(x, y, z) = xy^3z^2$  along the vector  $\vec{u} = (1, 3, 4)$

$f$  is  $C^1 \rightarrow$  its partial derivatives exist and are continuous.

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = (y^3z^2, 3xy^2z^2, 2xy^3z)$$

$$\nabla f(3, 1, 2) = (4, 36, 12)$$

$$\Rightarrow D_{\vec{u}} f(p) = \frac{(4, 36, 12)(1, 3, 4)}{\sqrt{1+9+16}} = \frac{4+108+48}{\sqrt{26}} = \frac{160}{\sqrt{26}}$$

## Tangent Planes

A tangent plane is given by  $\nabla g(a, b, c) \cdot ((x, y, z) - (a, b, c)) = 0$

**Ex ③** - Compute an equation for the tangent plane at the point  $p$  to the graph of the function  $z = f(x, y)$

$$p = (1, 1, 1) \text{ and } xy + yz + zx = 3$$

$$g(x, y, z) = xy + yz + zx - 3$$

$$\nabla g(x, y, z) = (y+z, x+z, y+x)$$

$$\nabla g(1, 1, 1) = (2, 2, 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (2, 2, 2)((x, y, z) - (1, 1, 1)) = 0$$

$$(2, 2, 2)(x-1, y-1, z-1) = 0$$

$$2x-2 + 2y-2 + 2z-2 = 0$$

$$x+y+z = 3$$

## Differentiation

$f$  is differentiable if the gradient vector  $\nabla f(\vec{a})$  satisfies

$$\lim_{\vec{h} \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\vec{a} + \vec{h}) - f(\vec{a}) - \nabla f(\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{h}}{|\vec{h}|}$$

**Ex ④** - Find all directional derivatives and show whether the function is differentiable at  $(0, 0)$

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{3x^2y + 5xy^2}{x^2 + y^2} & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{a} = (0, 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\vec{u}} f &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\vec{a} + h\vec{u}) - f(\vec{a})}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(ha, hb) - 0}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \frac{3(ha)^2(hb) + 5(ha)(hb)^2}{(ha)^2 + (hb)^2} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \cdot h^3 \frac{3a^2b + 5ab^2}{h^2(a^2 + b^2)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3a^2b + 5ab^2}{a^2 + b^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \vec{u} = (1, 0), D_{\vec{u}} f = \frac{3(1)(0) + 5(1)(0)}{(1)^2 + (0)^2} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \vec{u} = (0, 1), D_{\vec{u}} f = \frac{3(0)(1) + 5(0)(1)}{(0)^2 + (1)^2} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\nabla f(\vec{a}) = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = (0, 0)$$

Now, let's apply the definition of differentiability

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\vec{h} \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\vec{a} + \vec{h}) - f(\vec{a}) - \nabla f(\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{h}}{|\vec{h}|} &= \lim_{\vec{h} \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\vec{h})}{|\vec{h}|}, \text{ let } \vec{h} = (h_1, h_2) \\ &= \lim_{(h_1, h_2) \rightarrow (0, 0)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{h_1^2 + h_2^2}} \cdot \frac{3h_1^2h_2 + 5h_1h_2^2}{h_1^2 + h_2^2} \end{aligned}$$

Restrict  $h_1 = 0$

$$\lim_{h_2 \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{h_2^2}} \cdot \frac{3(0)h_2 + 5(0)h_2^2}{h_2^2} = 0$$

Restrict  $h_1 = h_2$

$$\lim_{h_2 \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2h_2^2}} \cdot \frac{3h_2^3 + 5h_2^3}{2h_2^2} = \lim_{h_2 \rightarrow 0} \frac{8h_2^3}{2\sqrt{2}h_2^3} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$\therefore f$  is not differentiable at  $(0, 0)$