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- 1 (5 points): Determine if the limit below exists or not. Give reasons for your answer.

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

The limit does not exist. Consider the following curves $x = 0$ and $y = x^2$. Along the path $x = 0$ we have

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

Along the path $y = x^2$ we have

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

Since the limit along two different paths are not the same, thus the limit does not exist.

- 2 (5 points): Find the value of $\frac{\partial x}{\partial z}$ at the point $(1, 5, -1)$ if the equation

$$z^5 x + y \ln x + x^3 + 2 = 2$$

defines x as a function of the two independent variables z and y and the partial derivative exist.

Doing implicit differentiation on the above equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (z^5 x + y \ln x + x^3 + 2) &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} z^5 x + y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \ln x + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} x^3 + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} 2 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} 2 \\ 5z^4 x + \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} z^5 + \frac{y}{x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} + 3x^2 \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting in $(x, y, z) = (1, 5, -1)$ we have

$$5 - \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} + 5 \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} + 3 \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} = 0$$

which implies

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial z} = -\frac{5}{7}.$$