

MA 101 Real Analysis  
Limit and continuity for function of several variables

1. Find the following limits, if they exist:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (i) \quad & \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (-1,2)} \frac{xy^3}{x+y} & (ii) \quad & \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x-y}{x^2+y^2} & (iii) \quad & \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3y}{x^6+y^2} \\
 (iv) \quad & \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} & (v) \quad & \lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (0,0,0)} \frac{xyz}{x^2+y^4+z^4} & (vi) \quad & \lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (0,0,0)} \frac{xyz}{x^3+y^3+z^3} \\
 (vii) \quad & \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} F(t) \text{ where } F(t) = (2\cos t, \frac{\sin t}{t}, t^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Consider the function  $f(x, y) = \frac{x+y}{x-y}$  for  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $x+y \neq 0$ . What can you say about the existence of  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y)$ .
3. Let  $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2y^2}{x^2y^2+(x-y)^2}$  whenever  $x^2y^2+(x-y)^2 \neq 0$ . Compute the limit  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y)$ , if it exists.
4. Show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy(x^2-y^2)}{x^2+y^2} = 0$ .
5. Show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sqrt{(x^2y^2+1)}-1}{x^2+y^2} = 0$ .
6. Show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2}$  does not exist.
7. Show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3+y^3}{x-y}$  does not exist.
8. Suppose

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-y^2}{x^2+y^2}, & \text{for } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & \text{for } (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

Is  $f$  continuous at  $(0,0)$ ?

9. Suppose

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

Is  $f$  continuous at  $(0,0)$ ?

10. Suppose

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

Show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y)$  does not exist.

11. Suppose

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x \sin \frac{1}{y} + y \sin \frac{1}{x}, & \text{for } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & \text{for } (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

Then show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y)$  exist.

12. Examine the following functions for continuity at  $(0, 0)$ . The expression below give the value at  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ . At  $(0, 0)$ , the function value should be taken as zero.

(i)  $\frac{x^2}{x^2+y^2}$

(ii)  $x^p y^q \frac{x^2-y^2}{x^2+y^2}$ ,  $p > 0$ ,  $q > 0$

(iii)  $xy \log(x^2 + y^2)$

(iv)  $|x| + |y|$

13. Explain why the function  $F : [0, \infty] \rightarrow R^2$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} F(t) &= (t+1, 2t-3), & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 1 \\ &= (t^2+1, t) & \text{if } 1 \leq t < 2 \\ &= (7-t, |t-4|) & \text{if } 2 \leq t \end{aligned}$$

is discontinuous. At which points, it is discontinuous?