

Calculus III

Homework on Lecture 8

1. Find the limit or show that it does not exist. The answer key has not been proofread, use with caution.

(a) $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{y^4}{x^4 + 2y^2}.$

answer: 0

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

answer: the limit does not exist.

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

answer: 0

(d) $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 y^4}{x^4 + y^8}.$

answer: the limit does not exist.

Solution. 1.a Limits respect inequalities, therefore

$$0 \leq \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow 0} \frac{y^4}{x^4 + 2y^2} \leq \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow 0} \frac{y^4}{2y^2} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} y^2 = 0.$$

Therefore $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow 0} \frac{y^4}{x^4 + 2y^2} = 0.$