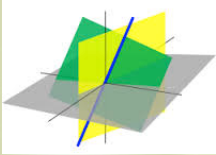
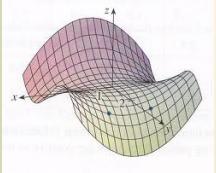


# Limits and Continuity

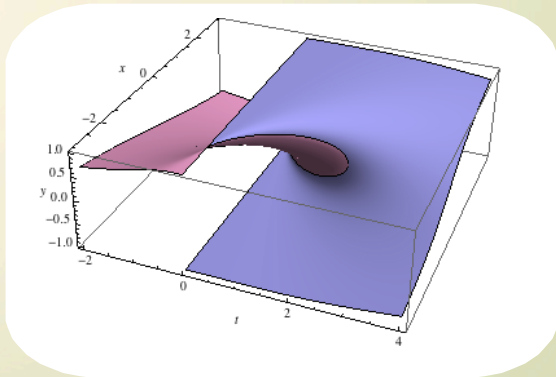


$$f_x = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h}$$

$$f_y = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y+h) - f(x, y)}{h}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \int_0^{2y} xy \, dx \, dy &= \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} y \right]_{x=0}^{x=2y} dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{(2y)^2}{2} y \, dy = \int_0^1 2y^3 \, dy \\ &= \left[ \frac{y^4}{2} \right]_{y=0}^{y=1} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$



## Review from Calculus 1

### Definition: Continuity at a Point

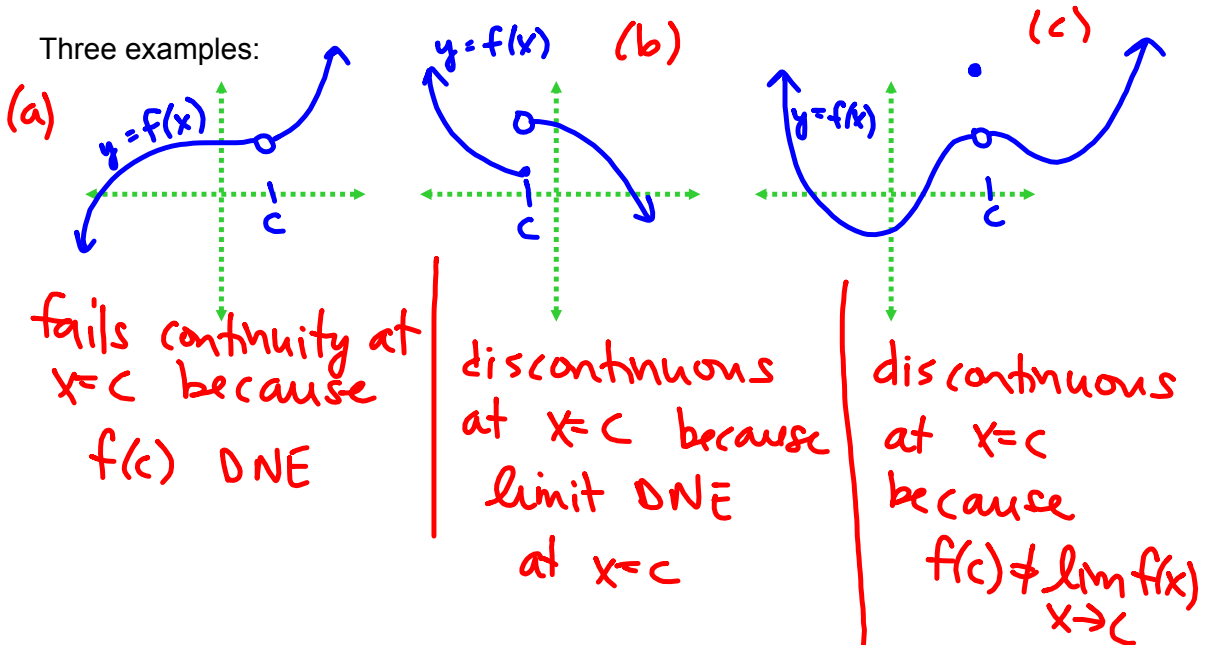
Let  $f$  be defined on an open interval containing  $c$ . We say that  $f$  is continuous at  $c$  if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$$

This indicates three things:

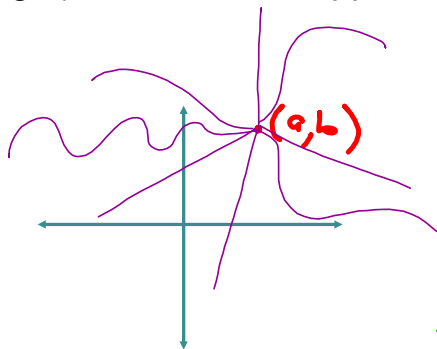
1. The function is defined at  $x = c$ .
2. The limit exists at  $x = c$ .
3. The limit at  $x = c$  needs to be exactly the value of the function at  $x = c$ .

Three examples:



## Limits and Continuity

Intuitively,  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y) = L$  means that as the point  $(x,y)$  gets very close to  $(a,b)$ , then  $f(x,y)$  gets very close to  $L$ . When we did this for functions of one variable, it could approach from only two sides or directions (left or right). Now we can approach  $(a,b)$  from infinitely many directions.



there are infinitely many paths to  $(a,b)$  in  $xy$  plane

## Definition of Limit

$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y) = L$  means that for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a corresponding  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|f(x,y) - L| < \varepsilon$  provided that  $0 < |(x,y) - (a,b)| < \delta$ . We can make  $f(x,y)$  as close as we'd like to  $L$  by choosing  $(x,y)$  sufficiently close to  $(a,b)$ .

note:

$$|(x,y) - (a,b)| = \sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2}$$

EX 1 Find  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (-2,1)} (xy^3 - xy + 3y^2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= (-2(1^3) - (-2)(1) + 3(1^2)) \\ &= -2 + 2 + 3 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

EX 2 Find  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{1+xy}{\cos(xy)}$ .

$$= \frac{1+0(0)}{\cos(0)} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

### Strategies for finding a limit

- ① try plugging in the numbers
- ② manipulate algebraically into something we recognize (from previous knowledge)
- ③ try approaching the pt from 2 different paths
- ④ use polar coordinates

$$\text{EX 3 } \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\tan(x^2 + y^2)}{x^2 + y^2} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \left( \frac{\sin(x^2 + y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\cos(x^2 + y^2)} \right)$$

try plugging in  
 $x=0$ , and  $y=0$

$$\frac{\tan 0}{0} = \frac{0}{0} \text{ case}$$

$\Rightarrow f(x,y) = \frac{\tan(x^2 + y^2)}{x^2 + y^2}$   
 is undefined  
 at  $(0,0)$

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

$$= 1 \left( \frac{1}{1} \right) = 1$$

note:

$$\lim_{\heartsuit \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \heartsuit}{\heartsuit} = 1$$

EX 4 Show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy + y^3}{x^2 + y^2}$  does not exist.

try 2 different paths:

①  $x=y$   
 (a line that goes  
 through  $(0,0)$ )

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{y^2 + y^3}{y^2 + y^2}$$

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

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1+y}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

②  $y=x^2$  (a curve that  
 goes thru  $(0,0)$ )

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(x^2) + (x^2)^3}{x^2 + (x^2)^2} =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 + x^6}{x^2 + x^4}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3(1+x^3)}{x^2(1+x^2)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(1+x^3)}{1+x^2} = \frac{0(1)}{1} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  limit DNE

EX 5 Find the limits.

a)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3}{x^2 + y^2}$  *Hint: Use polar coordinates.*

$$\begin{array}{l}
 r^2 = x^2 + y^2 \\
 x = r \cos \theta \\
 y = r \sin \theta
 \end{array}
 \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l}
 = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{(r \cos \theta)^3}{r^2} \\
 = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} (r \cos^3 \theta) = \cos^3 \theta \left( \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r \right) \\
 = 0
 \end{array}
 \right.$$

note:  $(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0) \Leftrightarrow x^2 + y^2 \rightarrow 0$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{r \cos \theta}{r^2} \\
 &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \quad \text{DNE}
 \end{aligned}$$

c)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{r^2 \cos^2 \theta}{r^2} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \cos^2 \theta$

$$= \cos^2 \theta$$

( $\theta$  can be literally any value)

$\Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta$  can be different values

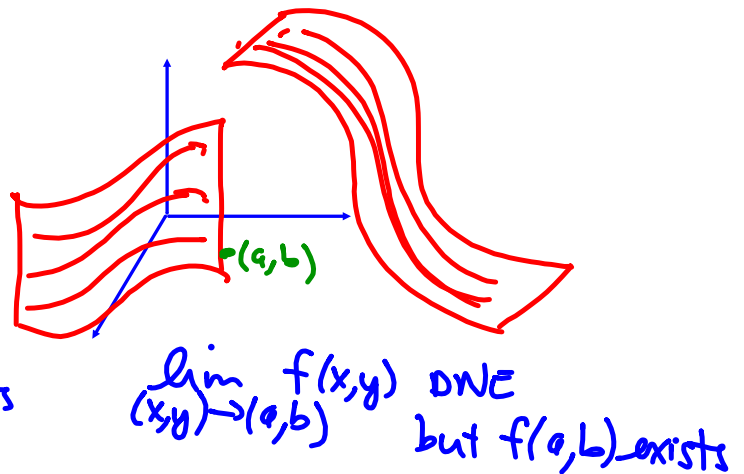
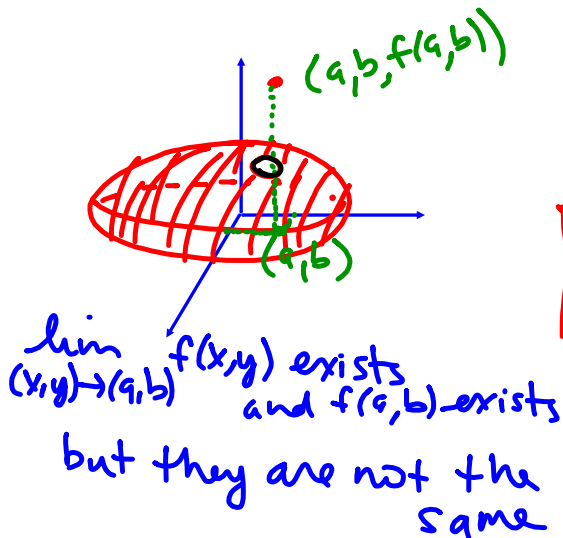
$\Rightarrow$  limit DNE

## Continuity

A function  $f(x,y)$  is continuous at  $(a,b)$  if  $f(a,b) = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y)$

This indicates three things:

- the function is defined at  $(a,b)$ ,
- the limit of  $f$  as  $(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)$  exists, and
- the limit of  $f$  at  $(a,b)$  is exactly the same as  $f(a,b)$ .



## Composition of Functions

If a function,  $g$ , of two variables is continuous at  $(a,b)$  and a function,  $f$ , of one variable is continuous at  $g(a,b)$ , then

$(f \circ g)(x,y) = f(g(x,y))$  is continuous at  $(a,b)$ .

EX 6 Show that  $f(x,y) = \sin(x^2-4xy)$  is continuous everywhere.

$g(x,y) = x^2 - 4xy$  is polynomial in 2 vars  
and continuous everywhere  
and  $h(w) = \sin w$  is also continuous  
 $f \Rightarrow h(g(x,y))$  is continuous

EX 7 Determine where  $f(x,y) = \ln(1-x^2-y^2)$  is continuous.

require that  $1-x^2-y^2 > 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow x^2+y^2 < 1$

EX 8 Is  $f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(xy)}{xy} & \text{if } xy \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } xy = 0 \end{cases}$  continuous everywhere?

piece 1:

$\frac{\sin(xy)}{xy}$  has problems if  $xy=0$  ( $\Leftrightarrow x=0$  or  $y=0$ )

need to find  $\lim_{xy \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(xy)}{xy} = 1$

$\Rightarrow$  limit and the  $f$ -value are both 1  
as  $xy \rightarrow 0$

$\Rightarrow f$  is continuous