

**Quiz 8**  
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1. (10 pts) Show that the limit does not exist.

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{6x^3y}{x^6+y^2}$$

along  $x=0$ ,

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{6x^3y}{x^6+y^2} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{6 \cdot 0^3 y}{0+y^2} = 0$$

along  $y=x^3$  (denominator  $x^6+y^2$ )

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{6x^3y}{x^6+y^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{6x^3 \cdot x^3}{x^6+(x^3)^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{6x^6}{2x^6} = 3 \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  the limit DNE

2. (10 pts) Determine the constant  $c$ , such that the function is continuous.

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3y^2}{x^2+y^2} & \text{for } (x,y) \neq (0,0), \\ c & \text{for } (x,y) = (0,0). \end{cases}$$

1° along  $x=0$ ,

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

2° Consider, for  $(x,y) \neq 0$

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

For  $y \neq 0$ , since  $x^2+y^2 \geq y^2$ ,  $\frac{1}{x^2+y^2} \leq \frac{1}{y^2}$

$$\Rightarrow |f(x,y) - 0| = \left| \frac{x^3y^2}{x^2+y^2} \right| \leq \frac{|x^3|y^2}{y^2} = |x^3|$$

For  $y=0$  ( $x \neq 0$ )

$$|f(x,y) - 0| = \left| \frac{x^3 \cdot 0}{x^2+0^2} \right| = 0 \leq |x^3|$$

Take  $g(x,y) = |x^3|$ .  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} |x^3| = 0$ .

Since  $|f(x,y) - 0| \leq g(x,y) = |x^3|$  for all  $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$ , &  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} |x^3| = 0$

by Thm 2.1,  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y) = 0$

3°  $\therefore \frac{x^3y^2}{x^2+y^2}$  is a ration fun,

$f$  is contin for  $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$

To make  $f$  a continuous,  
we simply take

$$f(0,0) = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y)$$

$$\text{or } c = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y) = 0$$

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