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$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ multivariable functions

• level set ("slicing")

Limit of multivariable functions

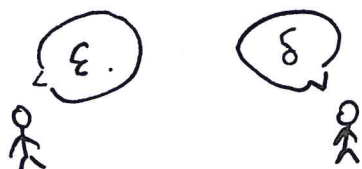
Def: $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ multivariable function

" $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{x}_0} f(\vec{x}) = L$ " \Leftrightarrow ϵ - δ definition
 $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ s.t.

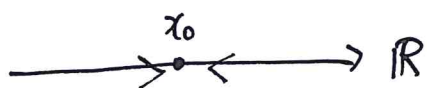
if $0 < \|\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0\| < \delta$

then $|f(\vec{x}) - L| < \epsilon$

Dynamic picture



1-dim:

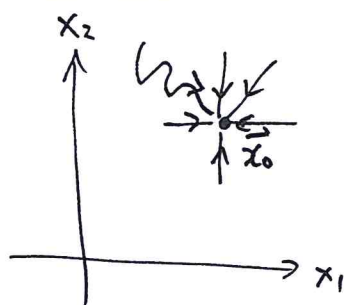


$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^-} = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} = L$$

\Downarrow

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} = L$$

2-dim:



Note: There are many ways to approach \vec{x}_0 in $\text{dim} \geq 2$.

Remark: $n \geq 2$.

$\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{x}_0} f(\vec{x}) = L \Leftrightarrow$ limit of $f(x)$ approach L along any possible path.

Useful to show that limit does not exist.

Examples

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

Pf: Fix an $\epsilon > 0$,

Goal: find a $\delta > 0$ st.

$$\underbrace{\|(x,y) - (0,0)\|}_{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} < \delta \Rightarrow \underbrace{|x^2 + y^2 - 0|}_{x^2 + y^2} < \epsilon$$

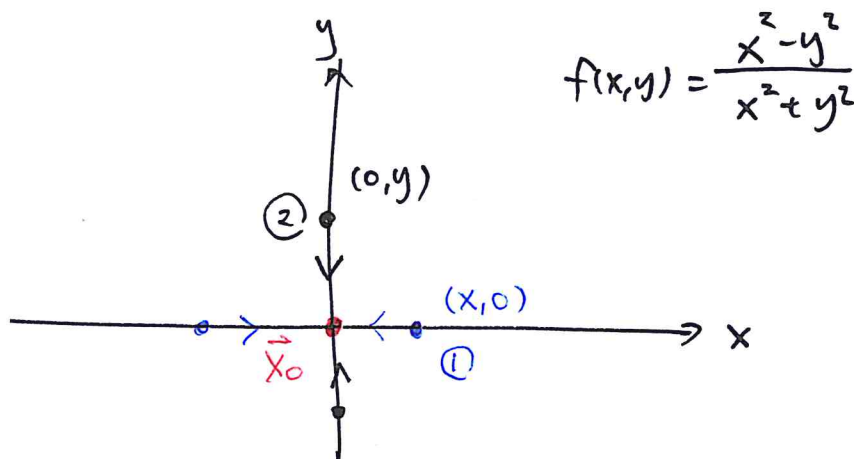
If I take $\delta^2 \leq \epsilon$ (say $\delta = \sqrt{\epsilon}$)

then Goal is met. — ■

Observe: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} (x^2 + y^2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 = 0$
 $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x^2 + y^2) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} y^2 = 0$ } double limit

$$2) \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} = ? \text{ does not exist.}$$

Observe: ① $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{x^2} = 1$
 ② $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{-y^2}{y^2} = -1$ \Rightarrow 2D limit does not exist.

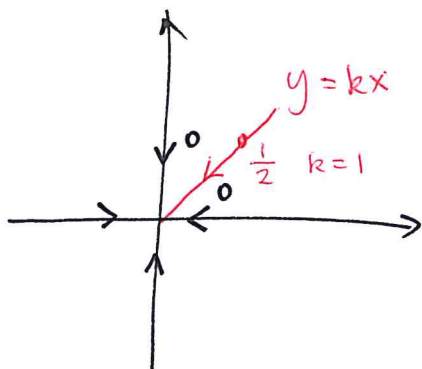


3) $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2} = ?$ does not exist

Observe: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{x^2} = 0$

$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{y^2} = 0$

If $y = kx$,



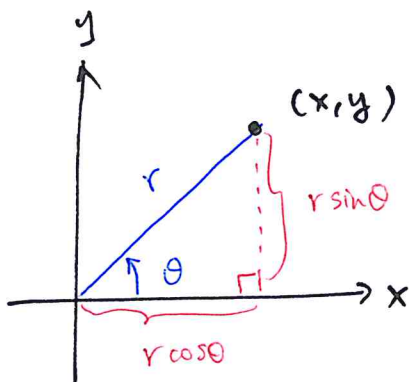
$\lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0) \\ y=kx}} \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{kx^2}{x^2+k^2x^2}$

$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{k}{1+k^2}$

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 $= \frac{1}{2} \neq 0$

Remark: limit exists & equal along every line $y=kx$ \nRightarrow 2D limit exists.

Polar Coordinates (in \mathbb{R}^2)



polar coord. (r, θ) \longleftrightarrow rectangular coord. (x, y)

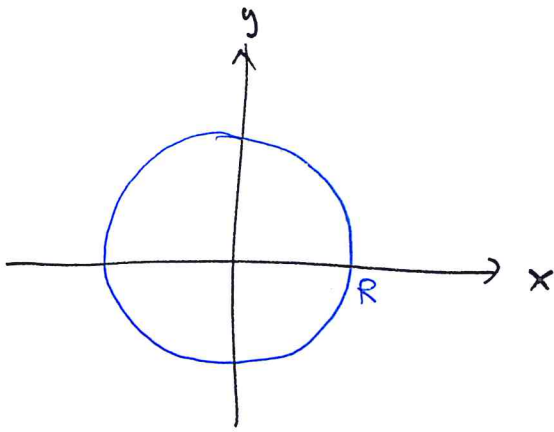
$x = r \cos \theta$
 $y = r \sin \theta$

$r = \sqrt{x^2+y^2}$
 $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$

\leftarrow only defined up to 2π .

Polar representation

(1)



circle: $x^2 + y^2 = R^2$ ($R > 0$) rectangular.

$$\boxed{r = R} \text{ polar coord.}$$

Systematic way:

Sub. $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$ into the rectangular eqⁿ:

$$x^2 + y^2 = R^2$$

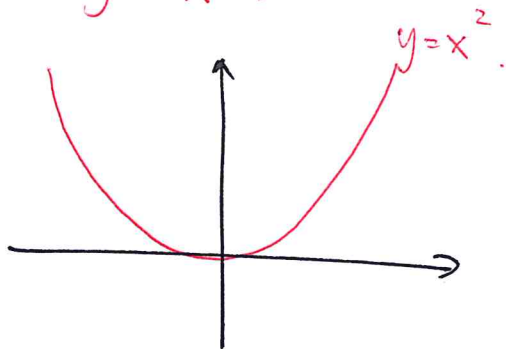
$$(r \cos \theta)^2 + (r \sin \theta)^2 = R^2$$

$$r^2 (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) = R^2$$

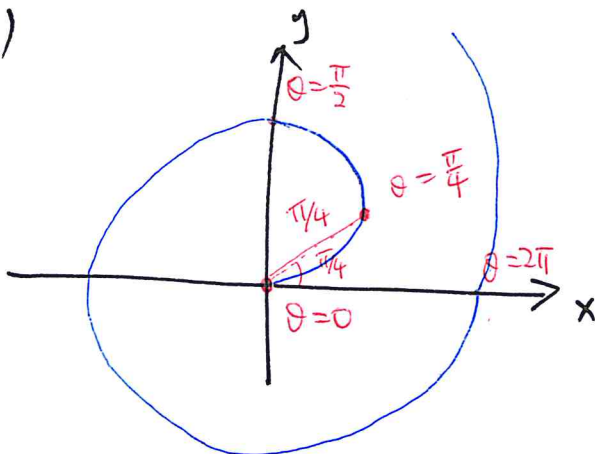
$$r^2 = R^2$$

$$r = R$$

Q: Write the polar eqⁿ for $y = x^2$.



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Polar eqⁿ: $\boxed{r = \theta}$

"Archimedean spiral"

Q: Sketch the polar curve

$$\boxed{r = 1 - a \cos \theta}$$

(i) $0 < a < 1$

(ii) $a = 1$

(iii) ~~a~~ $a > 1$. (tricky)