

LG: 14.1, 14.2 pdf Quiz

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1. Find the limit if it exists, or show that the limit DNE.

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

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0) \\ y=mx}} \frac{2x}{2x+3y} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x}{2x+3mx} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x}{(2+3m)x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{2+3m} \\ &= \frac{2}{2+3m} \quad \left(\text{Depends on } m \Rightarrow \text{limit DNE} \right) \end{aligned}$$

2. Find the limit if it exists, or show that the limit DNE.

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^5}{x^2+y^2} = \frac{0}{0} \text{ (INDETERMINATE)}$$

If we do as above, we would get that the limit is 0, no matter on which $y=mx$ you are traveling to $(0,0)$. So the limit probably exists, & if it does it is = to 0. But this is not a conclusive proof. To prove it conclusively, we convert to polar:

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

Recall that $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$, so

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^5}{x^2+y^2} &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{(r \cos \theta)^5}{r^2} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{r^5 \cos^5 \theta}{r^2} \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r^3 \cos^5 \theta = \cos^5 \theta \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r^3 \\ &= \cos^5 \theta \cdot 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$