

New Functions from old.

1) Cartesian product of functions

$$f_i: \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \longmapsto f_i(x)$$

$$f = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m) = \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \\ x \longmapsto (f_1(x), \dots, f_m(x))$$

2) Composition of 2 functions

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, \quad g: \mathbb{R}^m \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^s$$

~~(g \circ f)~~ \neq

$$(g \circ f) = \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^s \\ x \longmapsto g(f(x))$$

3) If f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n
are functions on \mathbb{R}

we can define

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \longmapsto f_1(x_1)f_2(x_2) \\ \dots f_n(x_n)$$

f is called function
with separated variables

e.g. Monomials.

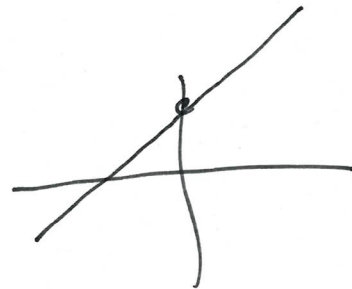
$$M: \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (x_1, \dots, x_n) \longmapsto x_1^{d_1} x_2^{d_2} \dots x_n^{d_n}$$

Ways of visualizing functions

① Graph of f

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\text{graph}(f) := \{(x, y, f(x, y)) \in \mathbb{R}^3\}.$$



②. Parametric plot.

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$
$$t \mapsto (f_1(t), f_2(t))$$

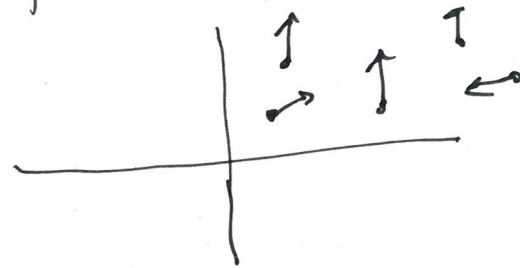
eg: $t \mapsto \underbrace{(t, t+1)}$

$$y = x + 1$$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

③ Vector Plot.

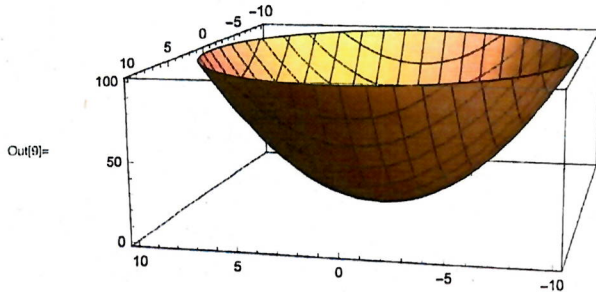
$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$



See the pictures.

Graph of Functions $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

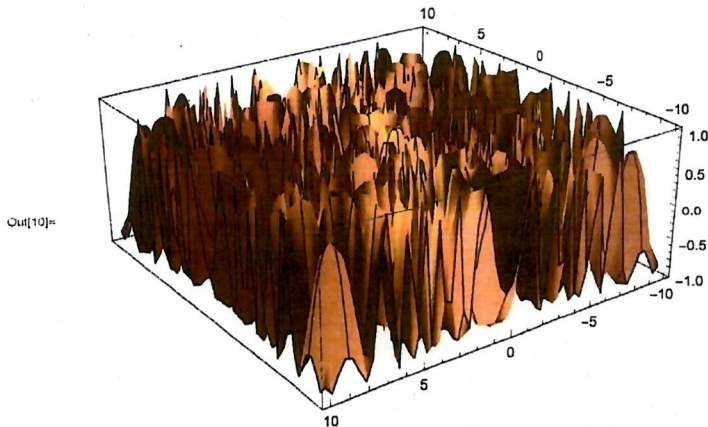
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In[9]= Plot3D[x^2+y^2, {x, -10, 10}, {y, -10, 10},
RegionFunction->Function[{x, y, z}, x^2+y^2 < 100]]
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$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(x, y) \mapsto x^2 + y^2$$

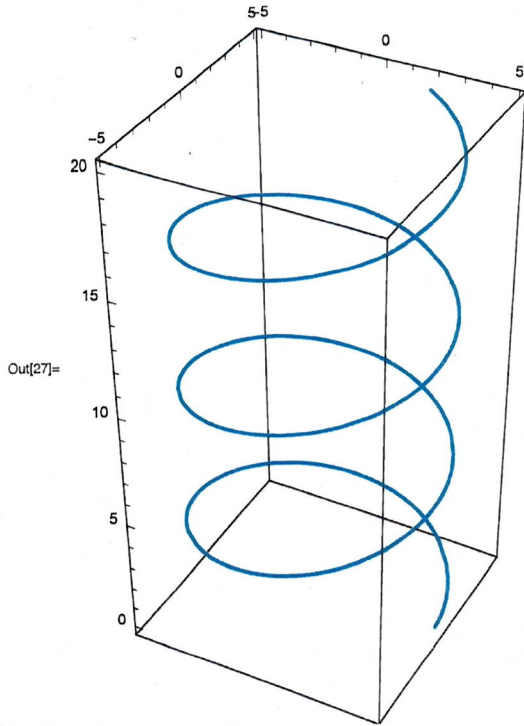
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In[10]= Plot3D[Sin[x^2+y^2], {x, -10, 10}, {y, -10, 10}]
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$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(x, y) \mapsto \sin(x^2 + y^2)$$

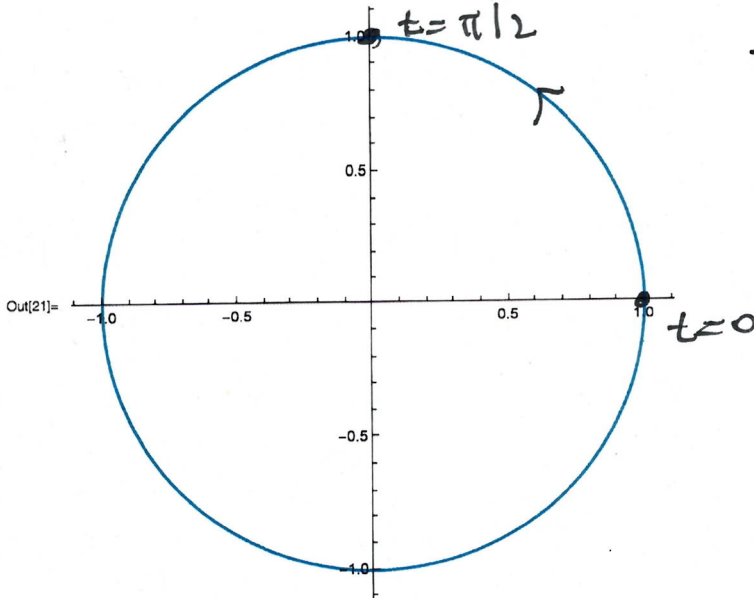
In[27]:= ParametricPlot3D[{5 Cos[t], 5 Sin[t], t}, {t, 0, 20}]



$$g(t) = (5 \cos t, 5 \sin t, t)$$

$$g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$
$$t \mapsto (5 \cos t, 5 \sin t, t)$$

In[21]:= ParametricPlot[{Cos[t], Sin[t]}, {t, 0, 10}]

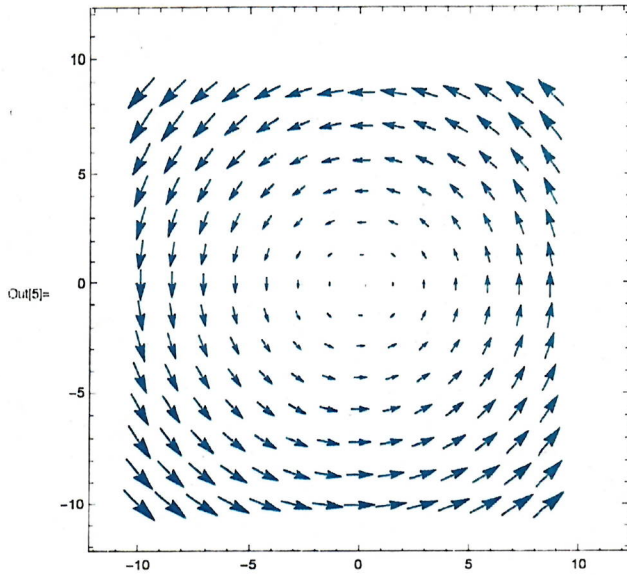


$$f(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

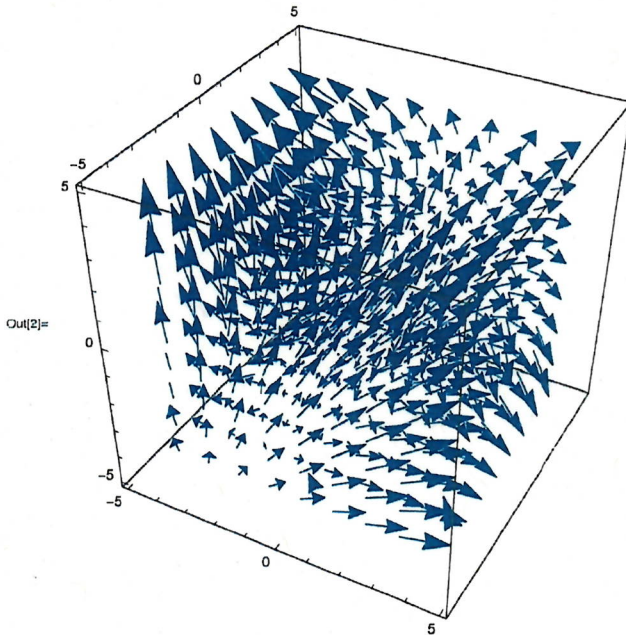
$$t \mapsto (\cos t, \sin t)$$

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In[5]= VectorPlot[{-y, x}, {x, -10, 10}, {y, -10, 10}]
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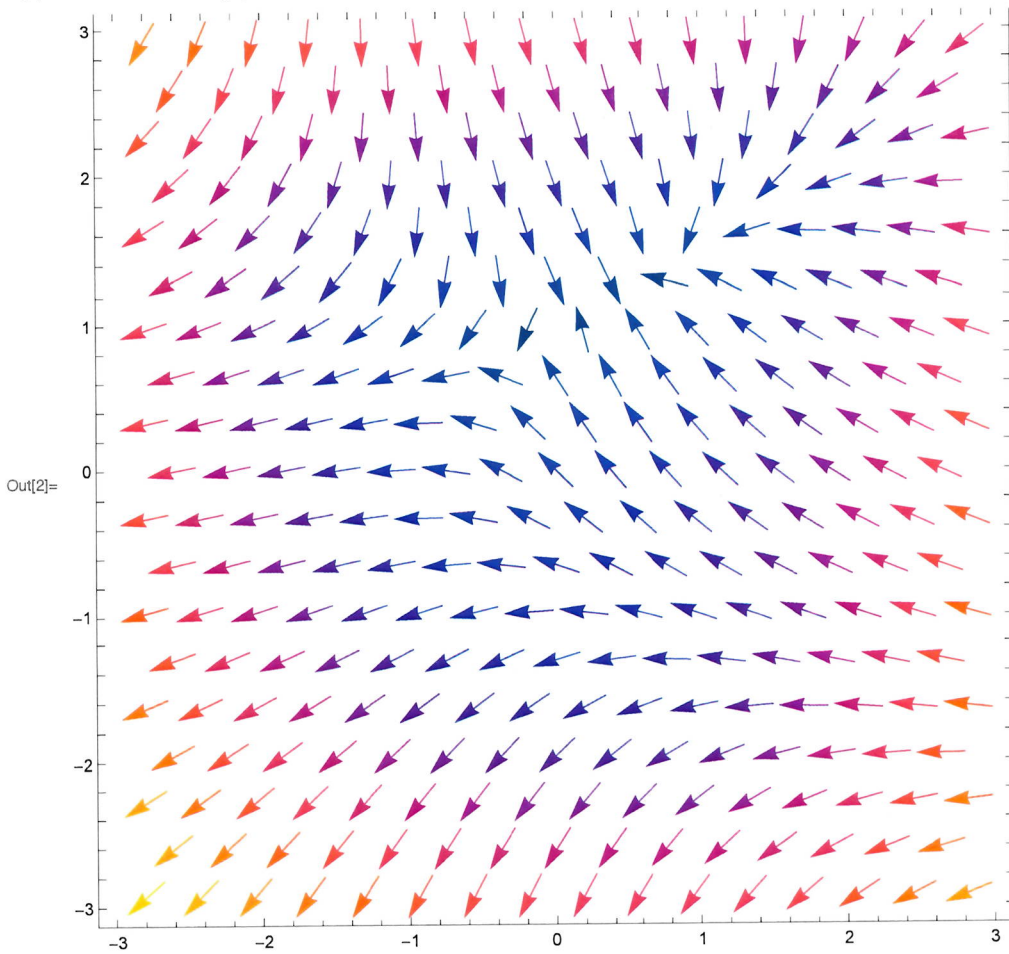
$$f = \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$
$$(x, y) \rightarrow (-y, x)$$

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In[2]= VectorPlot3D[{x, -y, z+1}, {x, -4, 4}, {y, -4, 4}, {z, -4, 4}]
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$$f = \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$
$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow (x, y, z+1)$$

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In[2]= VectorPlot[{-x^2+y-1, x-y^2+1}, {x, -3, 3}, {y, -3, 3}]
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$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$
$$(x, y) \mapsto (-x^2 + y - 1, x - y^2 + 1) .$$

§3.2 Continuity in \mathbb{R}^n .

Recall Any function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$
 $x \mapsto (f_1(x), \dots, f_m(x))$

where $f_i: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Recall $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is
continuous at $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } |x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \varepsilon.$$

f cont. means : $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$ exists
and equal to $f(x_0)$.

We can also
look at the defn
using sequences:

For every sequence
 $(x_n)_n$ with limit x_0

we have that
the sequence $f(x_n)$
converges to $f(x_0)$

$$(x_n) \rightarrow x_0 \Rightarrow f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x_0)$$

$$\lim f(x_n) = f(\lim x_n)$$

To define limit and continuity

for $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

we recall:

$$\text{For } x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \|x\| := \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$$

$$\|x\| \geq 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$$

$$\|x\| = 0 \iff x = 0$$

$$\|tx\| = |t| \|x\|$$

$$\|x+y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$$

Defn let $(x_k)_k \subset \mathbb{R}^n$
be a sequence in \mathbb{R}^n

$$x_k = (x_{k,1}, x_{k,2}, \dots, x_{k,n})$$

let $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

we say the sequence

(x_k) converges to y

as $k \rightarrow \infty$, we write

$$\boxed{x_k \rightarrow y} \quad y$$

$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N \geq 1$ s.t.

$$\forall k \geq N \quad \|x_k - y\| < \varepsilon$$

$(x_k) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ $y = (1, 1)$



Lemma let (x_k) be
a sequence in \mathbb{R}^n

$(y_1, \dots, y_n) = y \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then
 $\exists \text{ A } \exists$ (following are
equivalent).

① $\lim x_k = y$

② For each i , $1 \leq i \leq n$

the sequence $(x_{k,i})_k \subset \mathbb{R}$

of real numbers converge

to $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$.

③ The sequence of real numbers
 $\|x_k - y\| \rightarrow 0$.

Defn. let $f: X \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$x_0 \in X$, $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$

We say f has a limit
as $x \rightarrow x_0$ (with $x \neq x_0$)

$\forall \epsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ s.t.

$\forall x \in X$, $x \neq x_0$ such that

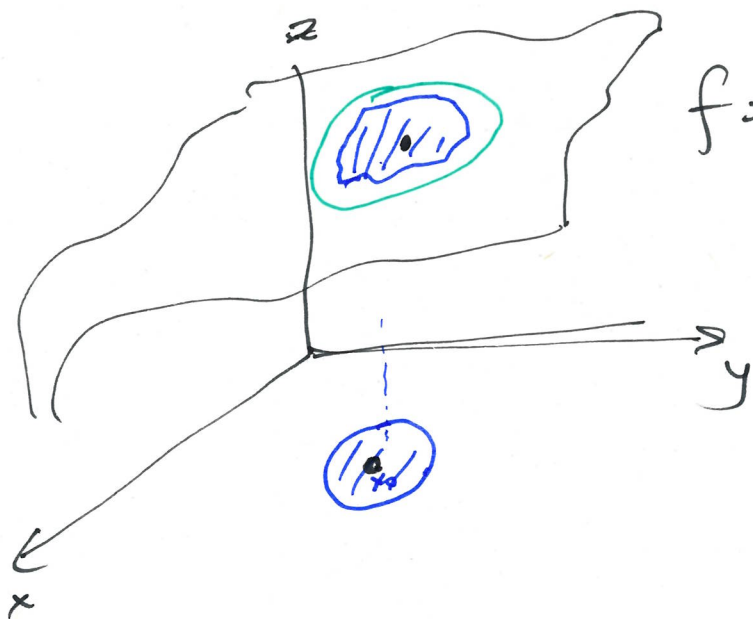
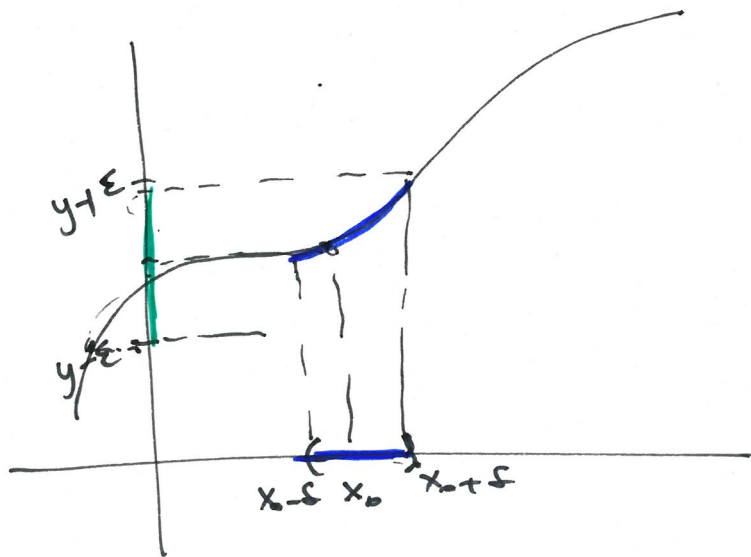
$\|x - x_0\| < \delta$ we have

$\|f(x) - y\| < \epsilon$

we write

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = y.$$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$



$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Prop. $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$$X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$x_0 \in X, y \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = y$$

$\Leftrightarrow \forall$ sequence (x_k) with

$$\lim x_k = x_0$$

we have

$$\lim f(x_k) = y$$

Defn let $x_0 \in X$
 $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

f is continuous at x_0

$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ s.t

$$\|x - x_0\| < \delta \Rightarrow \|f(x) - f(x_0)\| < \epsilon$$

f is continuous on X

\iff it is continuous $\forall x_0 \in X$

Prop f is cont at x_0
 $\iff \forall$ sequence $(x_k) \subset X$

with $\lim x_k = x_0$ we have

$$\lim f(x_k) = f(x_0)$$

$$\text{ie } \boxed{\lim f(x_k) = f(\lim x_k)}$$

Examples of continuous functions

① Cartesian product of continuous func

are continuous.

$$f_1: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$f_2: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^s$$

then $f = (f_1, f_2): \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+s}$
 $x \mapsto (f_1(x), f_2(x))$
is continuous.

② A function

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$
$$x \mapsto (f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_m(x))$$

is continuous

$$\Leftrightarrow f_i: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
$$x \mapsto f_i(x)$$

are continuous \forall
 $1 \leq i \leq m$.

③ Any linear map

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$
$$x \mapsto Ax$$

for some $A_{m \times n}$

is continuous.

It is enough to consider
the case $m=1$

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n$$

If (x_k) is a sequence conv.
to $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$

Then $(x_k) = (x_{k,1}, \dots, x_{k,n})_k$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{k,i} = y_i \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

and $\lim a_i x_{k,i} = a_i y_i$

$$f(x_k) = a_1 x_{k,1} + a_2 x_{k,2} + \dots + a_n x_{k,n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow a_1 y_1 + \dots + a_n y_n \\ &= f(y) \end{aligned}$$

We are using

$$a_i \rightarrow a \quad \text{then } a_i + b_i \rightarrow a + b$$

$$b_i \rightarrow b$$

④ Sums and products of finitely many cont. functions

are continuous.

⑤ Functions w/ separated variables are continuous

~~iff~~ each factor is continuous.

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f_1(x_1) \cdot \dots \cdot f_n(x_n)$$

In particular Polynomials are continuous.

⑥ Composition of continuous functions are continuous.

let $(x_n) \rightarrow x$

f cont: $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$

g cont

$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$g: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^t$

w.t.s $(g \circ f)$ is continuous at x

w.t.s. $(g \circ f)(x_n) \rightarrow (g \circ f)(x)$

Since f is cont.

we know: $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$

g cont $\Rightarrow g(f(x_n)) \rightarrow g(f(x))$

i.e. $(g \circ f)(x_n) \rightarrow (g \circ f)(x)$

⑦ If $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

is continuous. Fix $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}$

Define $g_{y_0}(x) = f(x, y_0)$

Then $g_{y_0}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous.

Since it is
composition of f
with the function
 $x \mapsto (x, y_0)$

Warning! Converse is
not true!

Assume:

~~Assume~~ for a given

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

The function $g_{y_0}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $x \mapsto f(x, y_0)$

is continuous $\forall y_0 \in \mathbb{R}$

Can we conclude that

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is}$$

also continuous?

NO!

eg Defn: $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } y \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } y < 0 \end{cases}$$

For each $y_0 \geq 0$

$$g_{y_0}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
$$x \mapsto f(x, y_0) = x$$

cont.

If $y_0 < 0$

$$g_{y_0} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \rightarrow -x$$

is also cont.

But f is not continuous.

For example $f(1, 0) = 1$

Take the sequence

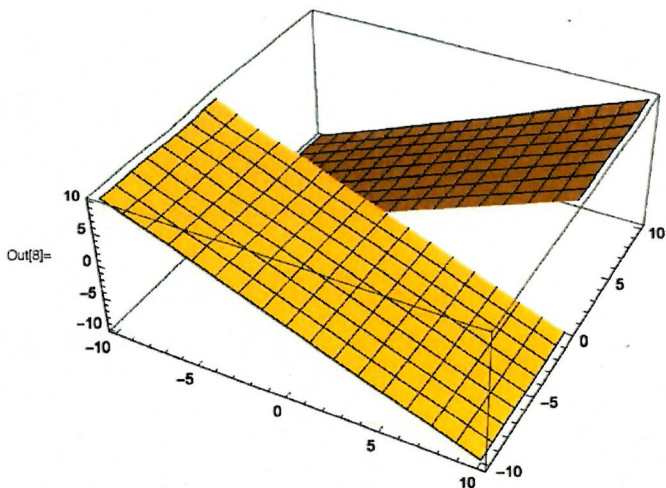
$$\left(\left(1, -\frac{1}{k} \right) \right)_k \rightarrow (1, 0)$$

$$f\left(1, -\frac{1}{k}\right) = -1$$

$$\lim f\left(1, -\frac{1}{k}\right) = -1 \neq 1 = f(\lim(1, -\frac{1}{k})) = f(1, 0)$$

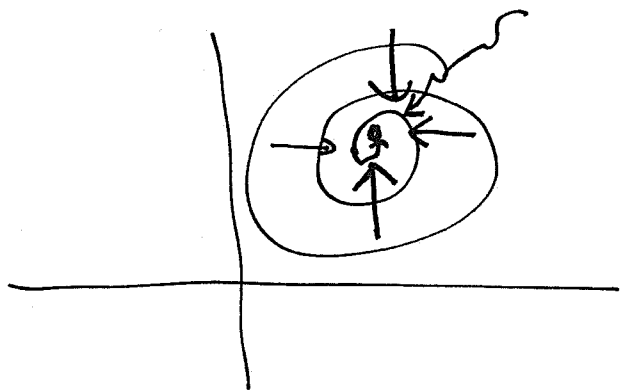
(See the picture)


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In[7]:= f[x_, y_] := Piecewise[{{-x, y < 0}, {x, y > 0}}]
Plot3D[f[x, y], {x, -10, 10}, {y, -10, 10}]
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$f(x, y)$ is not continuous as a function
of 2 variables

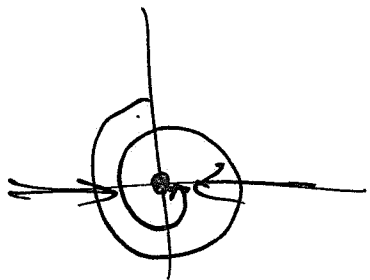
even though $g(x) = g_{y_0}(x) = f(x, y_0)$
for any y_0 is continuous.



Rk. For functions of 1 variable, when we are checking if the limit exists at one point, we really only need to check as we approach from right or from left. These are the only possible ways we can approach a point on the real line

But when the point
 is in \mathbb{R}^n , $n > 1$
 there are ∞ many
 ways we can approach
 the pt.

eg. We can approach
 $(0,0)$ via $(k,0)$
 $k \rightarrow 0$
 via $(0,k)$



or $\frac{\cos k}{k}$, $\frac{\sin k}{k}$
 $k \rightarrow 0$.

Ex.

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2} & (x,y) \neq (0,0) \\ 0 & (x,y) = (0,0) \end{cases}$$

If we approach along
 x-axis

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

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

If we approach
along the line
 $y = mx$

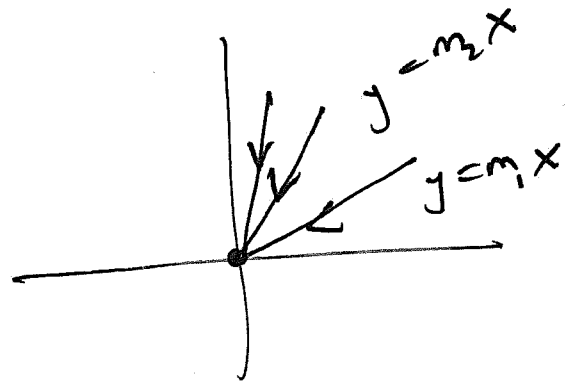
$$\lim_{(x, mx) \rightarrow (0, 0)} f(x, y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(mx)}{x^2 + (mx)^2}$$

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

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

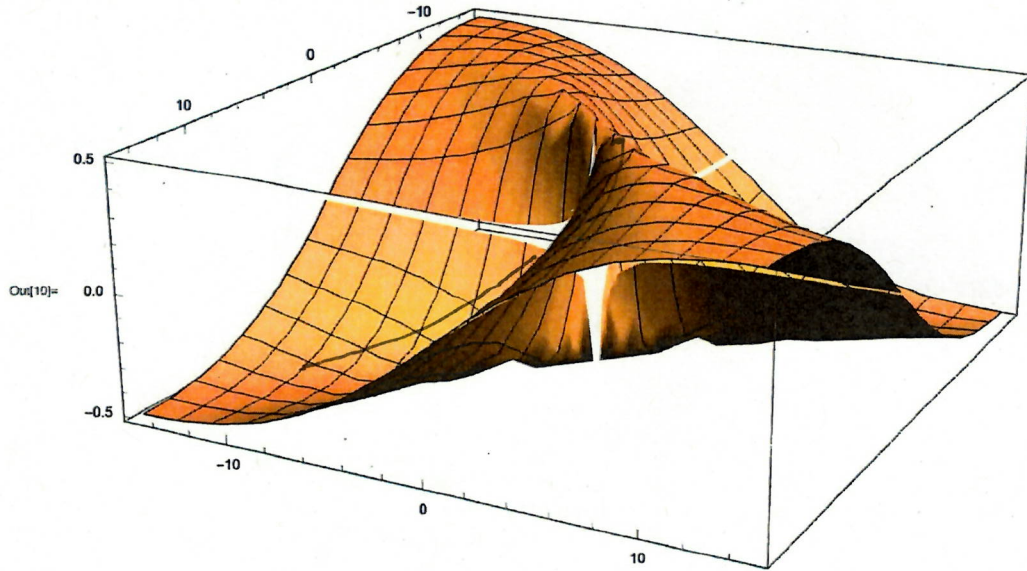
$$= \frac{m}{1+m^2}$$

Changes as we change the
slope.



Hence f does not
have a limit at $(0, 0)$

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In[10]= Plot3D[x*y / (x^2+y^2), {x, -15, 15}, {y, -15, 15}, Exclusions -> {x = 0, y = 0}]
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$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
$$(x, y) \mapsto$$

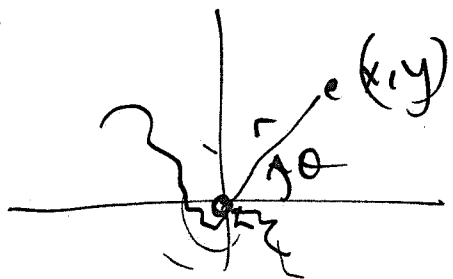
$$\begin{cases} xy / (x^2 + y^2) \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$$

$$(x, y) = (0, 0)$$

Looks like it is discontinuous
at $(0, 0)$

For functions of 2 variables sometimes polar coordinates is helpful.



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

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

$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \cos \theta \sin \theta$$

This has different values for different θ 's.

Ex - $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 y}{x^2 + y^2} & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$

If we use polar coordinates

$$\lim_{(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) \rightarrow (0, 0)} \frac{r^2 \cos^2 \theta \cdot r \sin \theta}{r^2}$$

$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta$$

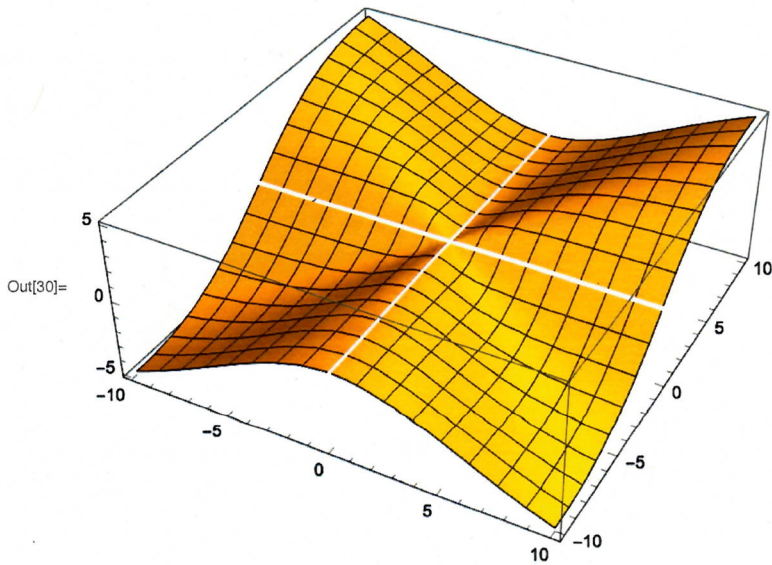
$$= 0 \quad \text{no matter}$$

what θ is

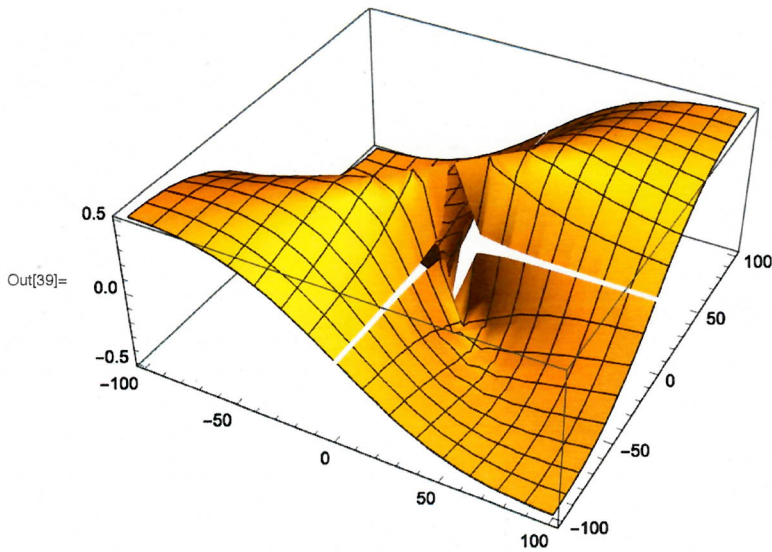
as we approach $(0, 0)$

since $r \rightarrow 0$.

In[30]:= `Plot3D[x^2 * y / (x^2 + y^2), {x, -10, 10}, {y, -10, 10}, Exclusions -> {x == 0, y == 0}]`



In[39]:= `Plot3D[x * y / (x^2 + y^2), {x, -100, 100}, {y, -100, 100}, Exclusions -> {x == 0, y == 0}]`



For studying functions

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

the following lemma
can be helpful

Lemma (Sandwich Lemma)

If f, g, h are functions
 $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where

$$f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\text{let } a \in \mathbb{R}^n \cdot \text{ If } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L \\ = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x)$$

Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g$ also

exists and is equal
to L .

Ex: $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 y}{x^2 + y^2} \\ 0 \end{cases}$

$$\left| \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right| \leq 1$$

$$0 \leq |f(x, y)| \leq |y|$$

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

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

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

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{(r \cos \theta)^2 r \sin \theta}{r^3 (\cos^3 \theta + \sin^3 \theta)} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos^2 \theta \sin \theta}{\cos^3 \theta + \sin^3 \theta}$$

depends on θ

hence the limit doesn't

exist!

$$y = mx$$

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

depends on m

hence the limit

doesn't exist.

Another difficulty w/
many variables is that
in dimensions ≥ 2

we also have many
options for sets
to define these functions
hence also sets of
"discontinuities".

Ex: 1) $\cos(x^2y) = f(x,y)$
defined for
all \mathbb{R}^2

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

2) $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $(x,y) \mapsto \log(x^2 + y^2)$

f is defined $\forall \mathbb{R}^2$
except $(0,0)$
 $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}$.

3) $\log(\cos(x^2 + y^2))$.
Not defined if $\cos(x^2 + y^2) = 0$
when $x^2 + y^2 = \left(\frac{2k+1}{2}\right)\pi$