

1) Compute $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y)$, where $f(x,y) = \frac{2x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + 2y^2}$

Ans If we approach $(0,0)$ along the x -axis, we have $y = 0$.

$$\text{Then } f(x,0) = \frac{2x^2}{x^2} = 2 \text{ for all } x \neq 0.$$

Therefore $f(x,y) \rightarrow 2$ as $(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)$ along the x -axis.

If we now approach $(0,0)$ along the y -axis, then $x = 0$,

and

$$f(0,y) = \frac{-y^2}{2y^2} = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ for all } y \neq 0.$$

Therefore, $f(x,y) \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}$ as $(x,y) \rightarrow 0$ along the y -axis.

Since f has two different limits along two different lines, $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{2x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + 2y^2}$ D.N.E.

2) $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy^2}{x^2 + y^4}$

Ans Let $f(x,y) = \frac{xy^2}{x^2 + y^4}$

Let's approach $(0,0)$ along the y -axis i.e $x = 0$.

Then,

$$f(0,y) = \frac{0}{y^4} = 0 \text{ for all } y \neq 0.$$

Therefore,

$$f(x,y) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } (x,y) \rightarrow (0,0) \text{ along the } y\text{-axis.}$$

On the other hand, let $(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)$ along the parabola $x = y^2$, we have

$$f(x,y) = f(y^2, y) = \frac{y^2 \cdot y^2}{(y^2)^2 + y^4} = \frac{y^4}{2y^4} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ for all } y \neq 0.$$

Therefore, $f(x,y) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$ as $(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)$ along $x=y^2$

Since f has two different limits along two different lines, $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy^2}{x^2+y^4}$ D.N.E.

3) Find $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ for $f(x,y) = \frac{ax+by}{cx+dy}$

Soln To find $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$, treat y as a constant and differentiate $f(x,y)$ with respect to x .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= \frac{a}{\partial x} \left(\frac{ax+by}{cx+dy} \right) = \frac{(cx+dy) \cdot a - (ax+by) \cdot c}{(cx+dy)^2} \\ &= \frac{acx+ady - acx - bcy}{(cx+dy)^2} = \frac{y(ad-bc)}{(cx+dy)^2} \end{aligned}$$