

Continuity of $f(x, y)$

Def $f(x, y)$ is continuous at (x_0, y_0) if

$$\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)} f(x, y) = f(x_0, y_0)$$

i.e.

Given $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\sqrt{(x-x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2} < \delta \implies |f(x, y) - f(x_0, y_0)| < \varepsilon$$

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

Then (i) $f(x, y)$ is continuous
at $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$.

(ii) Is $f(x, y)$ cont. at $(0, 0)$?

Ans No:

$$\frac{2xy}{x^2 + y^2} = 2 \cos\theta \sin\theta$$

$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0}$ is different for different θ

$\therefore f(x, y)$ is cont. on $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus (0, 0)$

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

Let $y = mx, x \rightarrow 0$

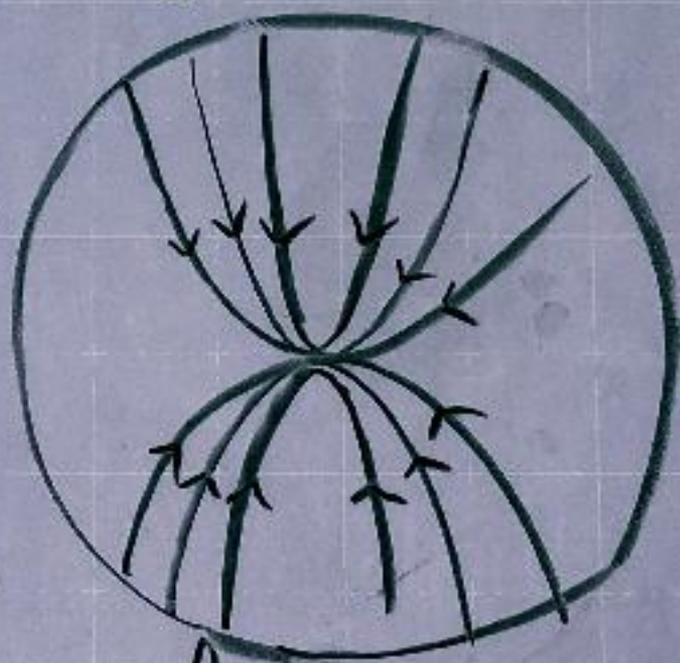
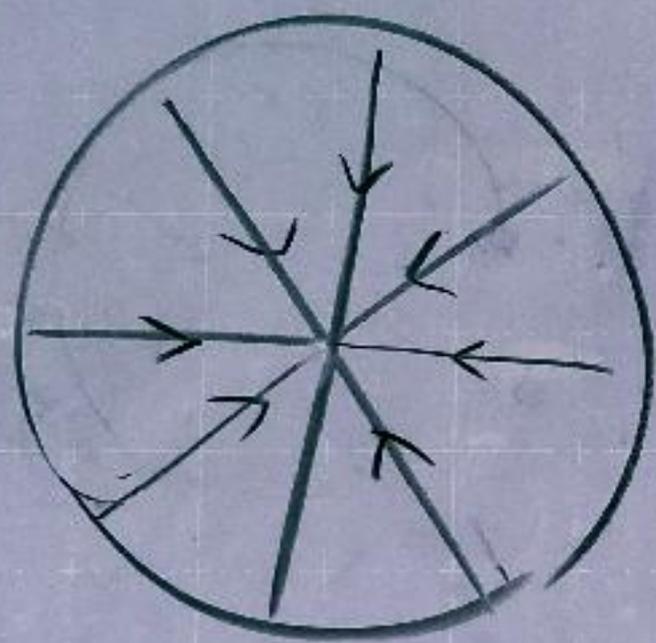
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x^2 mx}{x^4 + m^2 x^2} = 0$$

What if $y = kx^2, x \rightarrow 0$?

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2kx^4}{x^4(1+k^2)} = \frac{2k}{1+k^2}$$

In other words

$f(x, y) \rightarrow 0$ when
 $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ along straight lines



But $f(x, y) \rightarrow \frac{2k}{1+k^2}$ when

$(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ along $y = kx^2$

From "two path test"

limit does not exist.

Example Continuous extension

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

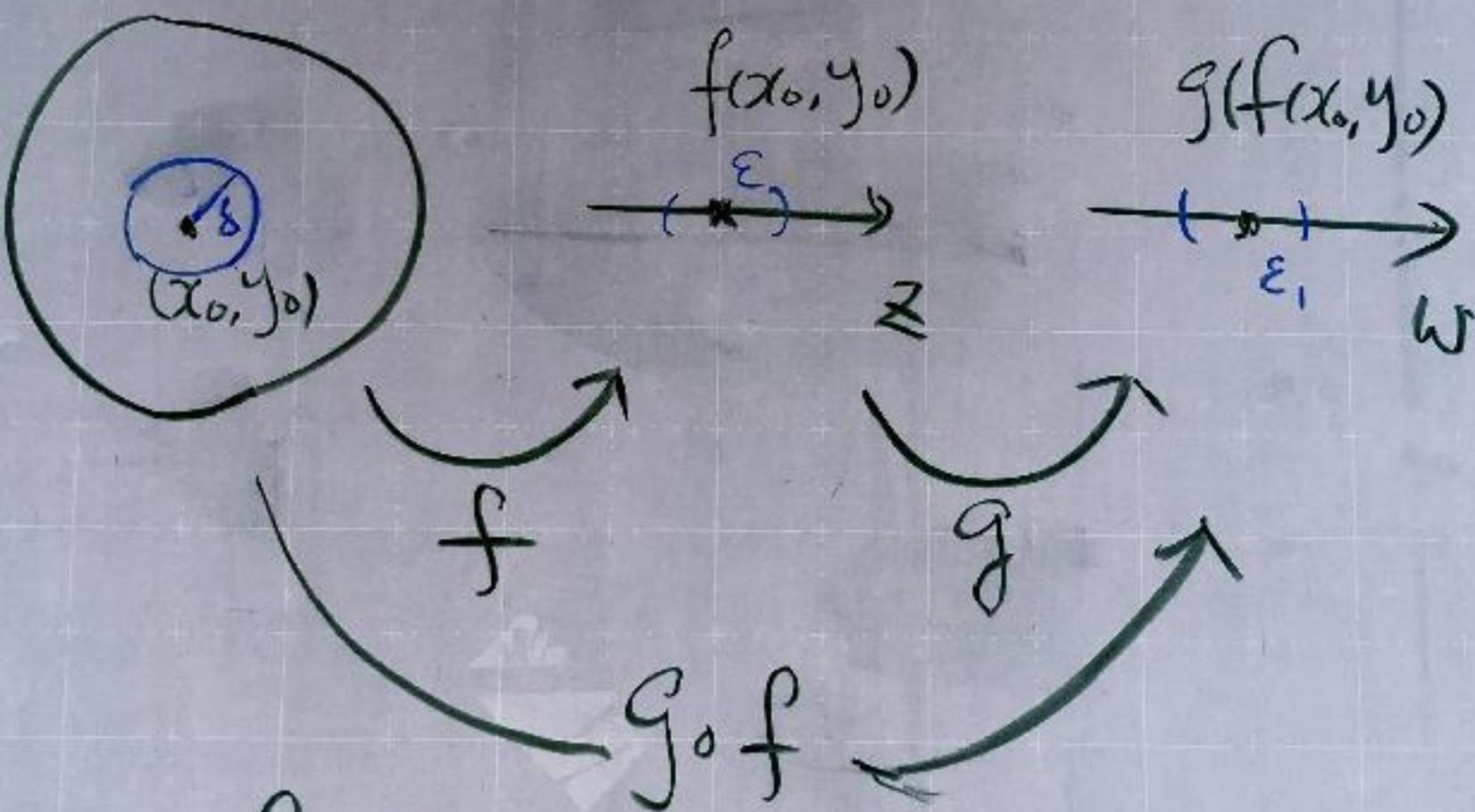
f is defined and cont. on $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus (0, 0)$. Is it possible to define $f(0, 0)$ so that f is cont. in \mathbb{R}^2 ?

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

Ans: Define $f(0, 0) = 0$.

Example $\cos\left(\frac{xy}{x^2+1}\right)$

$$(x, y) \xrightarrow{f} z = \frac{xy}{x^2+1} \xrightarrow{g} w = \cos z$$



If f is cont. at (x_0, y_0)
and g is cont. at $f(x_0, y_0)$
Then $g \circ f$ is cont. at (x_0, y_0)

g is cont. at $f(x_0, y_0)$

{ Given $\varepsilon_1 > 0$, $\exists \varepsilon > 0$, so that (*)
 $|z - f(x_0, y_0)| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow |g(z) - g(f(x_0, y_0))| < \varepsilon_1$

f is cont. at (x_0, y_0)

{ Given $\varepsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ so that (**)
 $\sqrt{(x-x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2} < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x, y) - f(x_0, y_0)| < \varepsilon$

For $g \circ f$, given $\varepsilon_1 > 0$, find $\varepsilon > 0$ from (*)
for this $\varepsilon > 0$, find $\delta > 0$ from (**)

Then, given $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\sqrt{(x-x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2} < \delta$$

$$\stackrel{(**)}{\implies} |f(x, y) - f(x_0, y_0)| < \varepsilon$$

\downarrow
 z

$$\stackrel{(*)}{\implies} |g(f(x, y)) - g(f(x_0, y_0))| < \varepsilon,$$

$\implies g \circ f$ is cont. at (x_0, y_0)

Continuity of composite functions

Partial Derivatives

Def

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0+h, y_0) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0, y_0+k) - f(x_0, y_0)}{k} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Notation $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = f_x = \partial_x f$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = f_y = \partial_y f$$

Example $f(x, y) = x^2 + 3xy + y - 1$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = ? \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = ?$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y)$$

$$= 2x + 3y + 0$$

↑
treat y as a constant

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) = 0 + 3x + 1$$

↑
 $x \approx$ constant

Example Find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ if

$$yz - \ln z = x + y$$

That means $z(x, y)$ is implicitly defined by

$$yz(x, y) - \ln z(x, y) = x + y$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \Rightarrow y z_x - \frac{z_x}{z} = 1$$

($y = \text{constant}$)

$$\therefore \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}(x, y) = \frac{1}{y - \frac{1}{z(x, y)}} = \frac{1}{y - \frac{1}{z}}$$

Example $f(x, y, z) = x \sin(y + 3z)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \underset{\substack{y = \text{const} \\ z = \text{const}}}{=} \sin(y + 3z)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \underset{\substack{x = \text{const} \\ z = \text{const}}}{=} x \cos(y + 3z)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \underset{\substack{x = \text{const} \\ y = \text{const}}}{=} x (\cos(y + 3z)) \cdot 3$$

1D

$f(x)$ is cont at x_0

$\frac{df}{dx}(x_0)$ exists

$\Leftrightarrow f$ is diff. at x_0

$\Leftrightarrow f$ can be approximated

by $y = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0)$

near $(x_0, f(x_0))$

(Existence of tangent
line)

2D

$f(x, y)$ is cont at (x_0, y_0)

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)$ exist

$\Leftrightarrow f$ is diff. at (x_0, y_0)

$\Leftrightarrow f(x, y)$ can be approximated

by $z = f(x_0, y_0) + f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$

near $(x_0, y_0, f(x_0, y_0))$

(Existence of tangent plane)

Example $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & xy \neq 0 \\ 1 & xy = 0 \end{cases}$

(i) $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} f(x, y)$ does not exist.

i. $\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y = 0}} f(x, y) = 1$, $\lim_{\substack{x = y \\ x \rightarrow 0}} f(x, y) = 0$

(ii) $f(x, y)$ is not cont. at $(0, 0)$

(iii) $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0) = 0$, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0, 0) = 0$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0), \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)$ exist $\not\Rightarrow$ f is continuous at (x_0, y_0)

Def $Z = f(x, y)$ is differentiable
at (x_0, y_0) if $f'_x(x_0, y_0), f'_y(x_0, y_0)$
exist and

$$f(x, y) = f(x_0, y_0) +$$

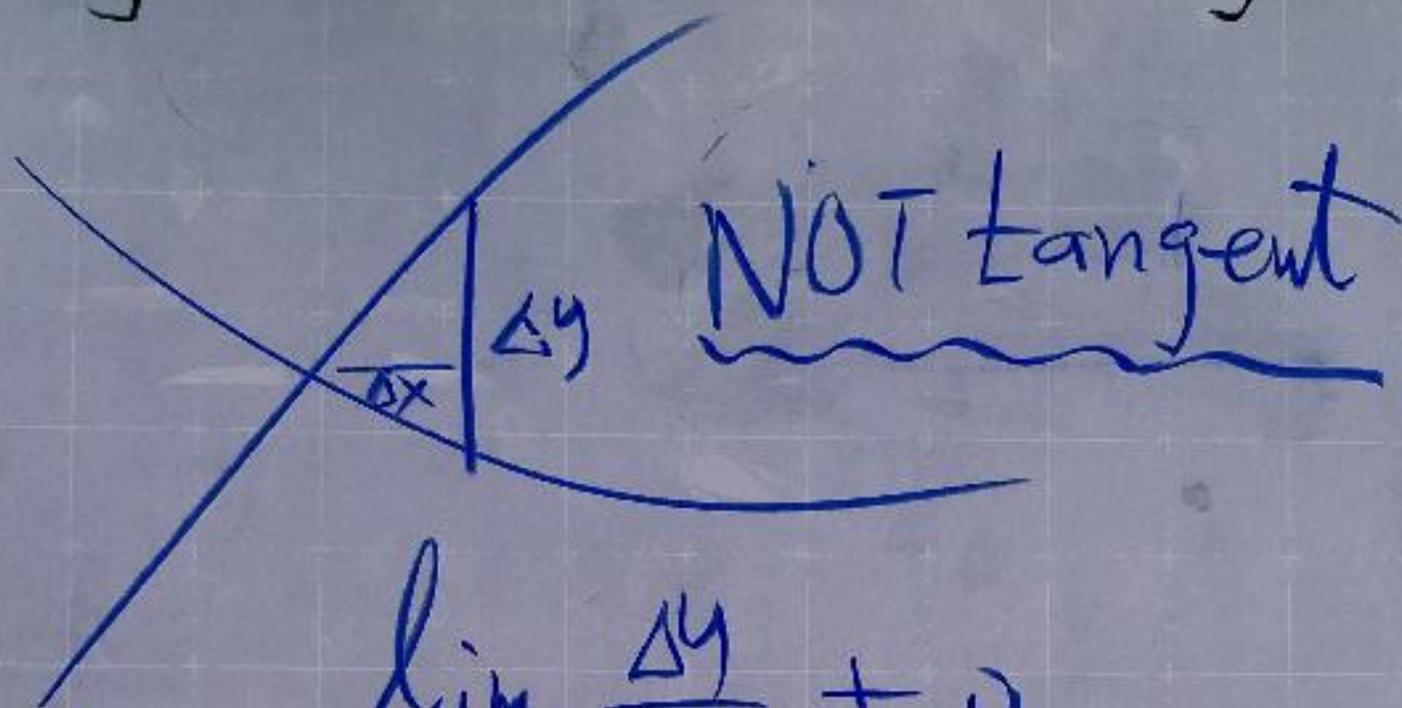
$$\left[f'_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f'_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0) \right]$$

$$+ \underbrace{\varepsilon_1(x - x_0) + \varepsilon_2(y - y_0)}$$

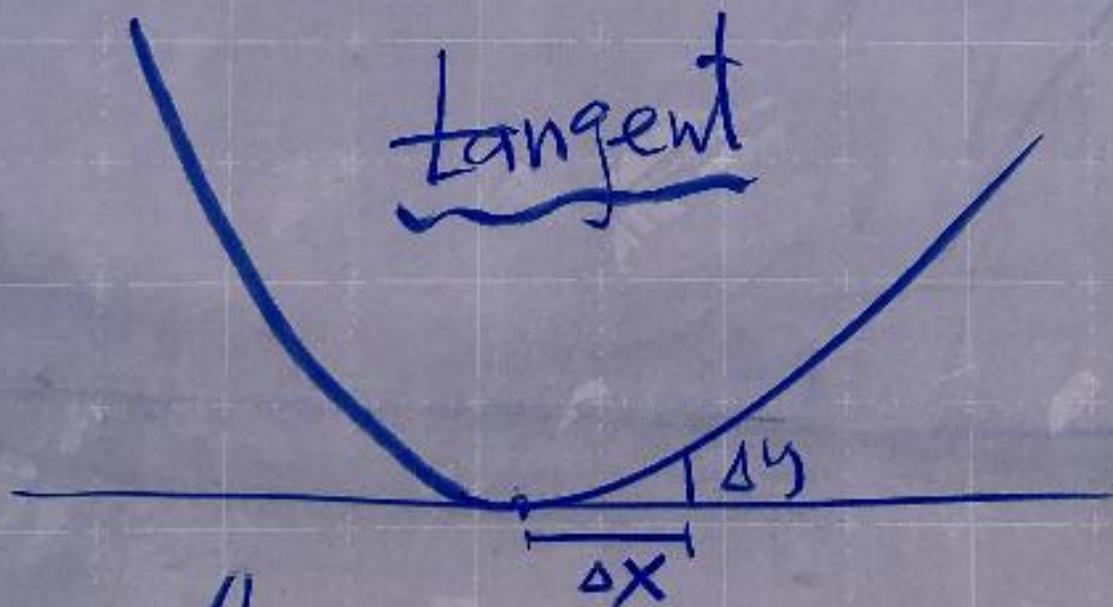
$$\left(\alpha + \varepsilon \cdot \sqrt{(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2} \right)$$

where $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)} \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 = 0$

Tangent Vs Not tangent



$$\lim \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \neq 0$$



$$\lim \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = 0$$