

## 11.2 LIMITS AND CONTINUITY

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**1–22** ■ Find the limit, if it exists, or show that the limit does not exist.

- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,3)} (x^2y^2 - 2xy^5 + 3y)$
- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (-3,4)} (x^3 + 3x^2y^2 - 5y^3 + 1)$
- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2y^3 + x^3y^2 - 5}{2 - xy}$
- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (-2,1)} \frac{x^2 + xy + y^2}{x^2 - y^2}$
- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (\pi, \pi)} x \sin\left(\frac{x+y}{4}\right)$
- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,4)} e^{\sqrt{x+2y}}$
- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x-y}{x^2 + y^2}$
- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{2xy}{x^2 + 2y^2}$
- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{(x+y)^2}{x^2 + y^2}$
- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{8x^2y^2}{x^4 + y^4}$
- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 + xy^2}{x^2 + y^2}$
- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy + 1}{x^2 + y^2 + 1}$
- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$
- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,0)} \frac{xy - 2y}{x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 4}$
- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sqrt{x^2y^2 + 1} - 1}{x^2 + y^2}$
- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,1)} \frac{xy - x}{x^2 + y^2 - 2y + 1}$
- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,-1)} \frac{x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 2y}{x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 2y + 2}$
- $\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (1,2,3)} \frac{xz^2 - y^2z}{xyz - 1}$
- $\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (2,3,0)} [xe^z + \ln(2x - y)]$
- $\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (0,0,0)} \frac{x^2 - y^2 - z^2}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$
- $\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (0,0,0)} \frac{xy + yz + zx}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$
- $\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (0,0,0)} \frac{x^2y^2z^2}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

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**23–24** ■ Find  $h(x, y) = g(f(x, y))$  and the set on which  $h$  is continuous.

**23.**  $g(t) = e^{-t} \cos t, \quad f(x, y) = x^4 + x^2y^2 + y^4$

**24.**  $g(z) = \sin z, \quad f(x, y) = y \ln x$

**25–38** ■ Determine the set of points at which the function is continuous.

**25.**  $F(x, y) = \frac{x^2 + y^2 + 1}{x^2 + y^2 - 1}$

**26.**  $F(x, y) = \frac{x^6 + x^3y^3 + y^6}{x^3 + y^3}$

**27.**  $F(x, y) = \tan(x^4 - y^4)$

**28.**  $G(x, y) = e^{xy} \sin(x + y)$

**29.**  $F(x, y) = \frac{1}{x^2 - y}$

**30.**  $F(x, y) = \ln(2x + 3y)$

**31.**  $G(x, y) = \sqrt{x + y} - \sqrt{x - y}$

**32.**  $f(x, y, z) = \frac{xyz}{x^2 + y^2 - z}$

**33.**  $G(x, y) = 2^{x \tan y}$

**34.**  $f(x, y, z) = x \ln(yz)$

**35.**  $f(x, y, z) = x + y\sqrt{x+z}$

**36.**  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{2x^2 - y^2}{2x^2 + y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$

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

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

**39.** Prove, using Definition 1, that

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

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

(c)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} c = c$

**40.** Use polar coordinates to find

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

[If  $(r, \theta)$  are polar coordinates of the point  $(x, y)$  with  $r \geq 0$ , note that  $r \rightarrow 0^+$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ .]

## 11.2 ANSWERS

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1.  $-927$
3.  $-\frac{5}{2}$
5.  $\pi$
7. Does not exist
9. Does not exist
11. 0
13. 0
15. 0
17. Does not exist
19. 2
21. Does not exist
23.  $h(x, y) = e^{-(x^4+x^2y^2+y^4)} \cos(x^4+x^2y^2+y^4), \mathbb{R}^2$
24.  $h(x, y) = \sin(y \ln x), \{(x, y) \mid x > 0\}$
25.  $\{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 - 1 \neq 0\}$

2. 86
4. 1
6.  $e^3$
8. Does not exist
10. Does not exist
12. 1
14. Does not exist
16. Does not exist
18.  $-\frac{3}{5}$
20. Does not exist
22. 0

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26.  $\{(x, y) \mid y \neq -x\}$
27.  $\{(x, y) \mid x^4 - y^4 \neq (2n + 1)\frac{\pi}{2}, n \text{ an integer}\}$
28.  $\mathbb{R}^2$
29.  $\{(x, y) \mid y \neq x^2\}$
30.  $\{(x, y) \mid 2x + 3y > 0\}$
31.  $\{(x, y) \mid |y| \leq x\}$
32.  $\{(x, y, z) \mid z \neq x^2 + y^2\}$
33.  $\{(x, y) \mid y \neq (2n + 1)\frac{\pi}{2}, n \text{ an integer}\}$
34.  $\{(x, y, z) \mid yz > 0\}$
35.  $\{(x, y, z) \mid x + z \geq 0\}$
36.  $\{(x, y) \mid (x, y) \neq (0, 0)\}$
37.  $\mathbb{R}^2$
38.  $\{(x, y) \mid (x, y) \neq (0, 0)\}$
40. 1

## 11.2 SOLUTIONS

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- The function is a polynomial, so the limit equals  $(2^2)(3^2) - 2(2)(3^5) + 3(3) = -927$ .
- The function is a polynomial, so the limit equals  $(-3)^3 + 3(-3)^2(4)^2 - 5(4)^3 + 1 = 86$ .
- Since this is a rational function defined at  $(0, 0)$ , the limit equals  $(0 + 0 - 5)/(2 - 0) = -\frac{5}{2}$ .
- This is a rational function defined at  $(-2, 1)$ , so the limit equals  $(4 - 2 + 1)/(4 - 1) = 1$ .
- The product of two functions continuous at  $(\pi, \pi)$ , so the limit equals  $\pi \sin \frac{\pi + \pi}{4} = \pi$ .
- The composition of two continuous functions, so the limit equals  $e^{\sqrt{1+8}} = e^3$ .
- Let  $f(x, y) = \frac{x - y}{x^2 + y^2}$ . First approach  $(0, 0)$  along the  $x$ -axis. Then  $f(x, 0) = \frac{x}{x^2} = \frac{1}{x}$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x, 0)$  doesn't exist. Thus  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y)$  doesn't exist.
- Let  $f(x, y) = \frac{2xy}{x^2 + 2y^2}$ . As  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  along the  $x$ -axis,  $f(x, y) \rightarrow 0$ . But as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  along the line  $y = x$ ,  $f(x, x) = \frac{2x^2}{3x^2}$ , so  $f(x, y) \rightarrow \frac{2}{3}$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  along this line. So the limit doesn't exist.
- $f(x, y) = \frac{(x + y)^2}{x^2 + y^2}$ . As  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  along the  $x$ -axis,  $f(x, y) \rightarrow 1$ . But as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  along the line  $y = x$ ,  $f(x, x) = \frac{4x^2}{2x^2} = 2$  for  $x \neq 0$ , so  $f(x, y) \rightarrow 2$ . Thus, the limit does not exist.
- $f(x, y) = \frac{8x^2y^2}{x^4 + y^4}$ . Approaching  $(0, 0)$  along the  $x$ -axis gives  $f(x, y) \rightarrow 0$ . Approaching  $(0, 0)$  along the line  $y = x$ ,  $f(x, x) = \frac{8x^4}{2x^4} = 4$  for  $x \neq 0$ , so along this line  $f(x, y) \rightarrow 4$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ . Thus the limit doesn't exist.
- $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 + xy^2}{x^2 + y^2} = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} x = 0$
- Since  $\frac{xy + 1}{x^2 + y^2 + 1}$  is a rational function defined at  $(0, 0)$  the limit is  $\frac{0 + 1}{0 + 0 + 1} = 1$ .
- $f(x, y) = \frac{x^3y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$ . We use the Squeeze Theorem:  
 $0 \leq \frac{|x^3y^2|}{x^2 + y^2} \leq |x^3|$  since  $y^2 \leq x^2 + y^2$ , and  $|x^3| \rightarrow 0$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ . So  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y) = 0$ .
- $f(x, y) = \frac{xy - 2y}{x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 4} = \frac{y(x - 2)}{y^2 + (x - 2)^2}$ . Then  $f(x, 0) = 0$  for  $x \neq 2$ , so  $f(x, y) \rightarrow 0$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (2, 0)$  along the  $x$ -axis. But  $f(x, x - 2) = \frac{(x - 2)(x - 2)}{(x - 2)^2 + (x - 2)^2} = \frac{(x - 2)^2}{2(x - 2)^2} = \frac{1}{2}$  for  $x \neq 2$ , so  $f(x, y) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (2, 0)$  along the line  $y = x - 2$  ( $x \neq 2$ ). Thus, the limit doesn't exist.
- We have  
 $0 \leq \frac{\sqrt{x^2y^2 + 1} - 1}{x^2 + y^2}$   
 $= \frac{x^2y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)(\sqrt{x^2y^2 + 1} + 1)}$  (rationalize)  
 $\leq \frac{x^2y^2}{2(x^2 + y^2)} \leq x^2$  [since  $y^2 \leq 2(x^2 + y^2)$ ]  
 But  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} x^2 = 0$ , so, by the Squeeze Theorem,  
 $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sqrt{x^2y^2 + 1} - 1}{x^2 + y^2} = 0$ .
- Let  $f(x, y) = \frac{xy - x}{x^2 + y^2 - 2y + 1}$ . Then  $f(0, y) = 0$  for  $y \neq 1$ , so  $f(x, y) \rightarrow 0$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 1)$  along the  $y$ -axis. But  $f(x, x + 1) = \frac{x(x + 1 - 1)}{x^2 + (x + 1 - 1)^2} = \frac{1}{2}$  for  $x \neq 0$  so  $f(x, y) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 1)$  along the line  $y = x + 1$ . Thus, the limit doesn't exist.
- Let  
 $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 2y}{x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 2y + 2}$   
 $= \frac{(x - 1)^2 + (y - 1)^2 - 2}{(x - 1)^2 + (y + 1)^2}$   
 Then  $f(1, y) = \frac{(y - 1)^2 - 2}{(y + 1)^2}$ . Thus, as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (1, -1)$  along the line  $x = 1$ , the limit of  $f(x, y)$  doesn't exist and so the limit doesn't exist.
- $\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (1,2,3)} \frac{xz^2 - y^2z}{xyz - 1} = \frac{1 \cdot 3^2 - 2^2 \cdot 3}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 - 1} = -\frac{3}{5}$  since the function is continuous at  $(1, 2, 3)$ .
- $\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (2,3,0)} [xe^z + \ln(2x - y)]$   
 $= (2)(e^0) + \ln(4 - 3) = 2$   
 since the function is continuous at  $(2, 3, 0)$ .
- Let  $f(x, y, z) = \frac{x^2 - y^2 - z^2}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ . Then  $f(x, 0, 0) = 1$  for  $x \neq 0$  and  $f(0, y, 0) = -1$  for  $y \neq 0$ , so as  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (0, 0, 0)$  along the  $x$ -axis,  $f(x, y, z) \rightarrow 1$  but as  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (0, 0, 0)$  along the  $y$ -axis,  $f(x, y, z) \rightarrow -1$ . Thus the limit doesn't exist.

21. Let  $f(x, y, z) = \frac{xy + yz + zx}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ . Then  $f(x, 0, 0) = 0$  for  $x \neq 0$ , so as  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (0, 0, 0)$  along the  $x$ -axis,  $f(x, y, z) \rightarrow 0$ . But  $f(x, x, 0) = x^2 / (2x^2) = \frac{1}{2}$  for  $x \neq 0$ , so as  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (0, 0, 0)$  along the line  $y = x, z = 0, f(x, y, z) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$ . Thus the limit doesn't exist.
22. We can show that the limit along any line through the origin is 0 and thus suspect that this limit exists and equals 0. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. We need to find  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\left| \frac{x^2 y^2 z^2}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} - 0 \right| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $0 < \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} < \delta$  or equivalently  $\frac{x^2 y^2 z^2}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} < \varepsilon$  whenever  $0 < \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} < \delta$ . But  $x^2 \leq x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  and similarly for  $y^2$  and  $z^2$ , so  $\frac{x^2 y^2 z^2}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \leq \frac{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^3}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2$  for  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \neq 0$ . Thus choose  $\delta = \varepsilon^{1/4}$  and let  $0 < \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} < \delta$ . Then  $\left| \frac{x^2 y^2 z^2}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} - 0 \right| \leq (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2 = \left( \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \right)^4 < \delta^4 = (\varepsilon^{1/4})^4 = \varepsilon$ . Hence by definition  $\lim_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow (0,0,0)} \frac{x^2 y^2 z^2}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = 0$ .  
Or: Use the Squeeze Theorem:  $0 \leq \frac{x^2 y^2 z^2}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \leq x^2 y^2$  since  $z^2 \leq x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ , and  $x^2 y^2 \rightarrow 0$  as  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (0, 0, 0)$ .
23.  $h(x, y) = g(f(x, y)) = g(x^4 + x^2 y^2 + y^4)$   
 $= e^{-(x^4 + x^2 y^2 + y^4)} \cos(x^4 + x^2 y^2 + y^4)$   
Since  $f$  is a polynomial it is continuous throughout  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $g$  is the product of two functions, both of which are continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $h$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
24.  $h(x, y) = g(f(x, y)) = \sin(y \ln x)$ . Since  $f(x, y) = y \ln x$  it is continuous on its domain  $\{(x, y) \mid x > 0\}$  and  $g$  is continuous throughout  $\mathbb{R}$ . Thus  $h$  is continuous on its domain  $D = \{(x, y) \mid x > 0\}$ , the right half-plane excluding the  $y$ -axis.
25.  $F(x, y)$  is a rational function and thus is continuous on its domain  $D = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 - 1 \neq 0\}$ , that is,  $F$  is continuous except on the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ .
26.  $F(x, y)$  is a rational function and thus is continuous on its domain  $D = \{(x, y) \mid x^3 + y^3 \neq 0\} = \{(x, y) \mid y \neq -x\}, \mathbb{R}^2$  except the line  $y = -x$ .
27.  $F(x, y) = g(f(x, y))$  where  $f(x, y) = x^4 - y^4$ , a polynomial so continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $g(t) = \tan t$ , continuous on its domain  $\{t \mid t \neq (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}, n \text{ an integer}\}$ . Thus  $F$  is continuous on its domain  $D = \{(x, y) \mid x^4 - y^4 \neq (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}, n \text{ an integer}\}$ .
28.  $G(x, y) = g(x, y) f(x, y)$  where  $g(x, y) = e^{xy}$  and  $f(x, y) = \sin(x+y)$  both of which are continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Thus  $G$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
29.  $F(x, y) = \frac{1}{x^2 - y}$  is a rational function and thus is continuous on its domain  $\{(x, y) \mid x^2 - y \neq 0\} = \{(x, y) \mid y \neq x^2\}$ , so  $F$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  except the parabola  $y = x^2$ .
30.  $F(x, y) = \ln(2x + 3y) = g(f(x, y))$  where  $f(x, y) = 2x + 3y$ , continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $g(t) = \ln t$ , continuous on its domain  $\{t \mid t > 0\}$ . Thus  $F$  is continuous on its domain  $D = \{(x, y) \mid 2x + 3y > 0\}$ .
31.  $G(x, y) = g_1(f_1(x, y)) - g_2(f_2(x, y))$  where  $f_1(x, y) = x + y$  and  $f_2(x, y) = x - y$ , both of which are polynomials so continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and  $g_1(t) = \sqrt{t}$ ,  $g_2(s) = \sqrt{s}$ , both of which are continuous on their respective domains  $\{t \mid t \geq 0\}$  and  $\{s \mid s \geq 0\}$ . Thus  $g_1 \circ f_1$  is continuous on its domain  $D_1 = \{(x, y) \mid x + y \geq 0\} = \{(x, y) \mid y \geq -x\}$  and  $g_2 \circ f_2$  is continuous on its domain  $D_2 = \{(x, y) \mid x - y \geq 0\} = \{(x, y) \mid y \leq x\}$ . Then  $G$ , being the difference of these two composite functions, is continuous on its domain  $D = D_1 \cap D_2 = \{(x, y) \mid -x \leq y \leq x\} = \{(x, y) \mid |y| \leq x\}$ .
32.  $f(x, y, z) = \frac{xyz}{x^2 + y^2 - z}$  is a rational function and thus is continuous on its domain  $\{(x, y, z) \mid x^2 + y^2 - z \neq 0\} = \{(x, y, z) \mid z \neq x^2 + y^2\}$ , so  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  except on the circular paraboloid  $z = x^2 + y^2$ .
33.  $G(x, y) = g(f(x, y))$  where  $f(x, y) = x \tan y$  which is continuous on its domain  $\{(x, y) \mid y \neq (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}, n \text{ an integer}\}$  and  $g(t) = 2^t$  which is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Thus  $G(x, y)$  is continuous on its domain  $D = \{(x, y) \mid y \neq (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}, n \text{ an integer}\}$ .
34.  $f(x, y, z) = xg(f(y, z))$  where  $f(y, z) = yz$ , continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $g(t) = \ln t$ , continuous on its domain  $\{t \mid t > 0\}$ . Since  $h(x) = x$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x, y, z)$  is continuous on its domain  $D = \{(x, y, z) \mid yz > 0\}$ .

35.  $f(x, y, z) = h(x) + k(y)g(f(x, z))$  where  $h(x) = x$  and  $k(y) = y$ , both continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f(x, z) = x + z$ , continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $g(t) = \sqrt{t}$  continuous on its domain  $D = \{t \mid t \geq 0\}$ . Thus  $f$  is continuous on its domain  $D = \{(x, y, z) \mid x + z \geq 0\}$ .

In Problems 36–38, each  $f$  is a piecewise defined function whose first piece is a rational function defined everywhere except at the origin. Thus each  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  except possibly at the origin. So for each we need only check

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

36. Letting  $z = \sqrt{2}x$ ,

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

which doesn't exist by Example 1. Thus  $f$  is not continuous at  $(0, 0)$  and the largest set on which  $f$  is continuous is  $\{(x, y) \mid (x, y) \neq (0, 0)\}$ .

37. Since  $x^2 \leq 2x^2 + y^2$ , we have  $\left| \frac{x^2 y^3}{2x^2 + y^2} \right| \leq |y^3|$ . We know that  $|y^3| \rightarrow 0$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ . So, by the Squeeze Theorem,  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y) = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 y^3}{2x^2 + y^2} = 0$ . Also  $f(0, 0) = 0$ , so  $f$  is continuous at  $(0, 0)$ . For  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ ,  $f(x, y)$  is equal to a rational function and is therefore continuous. Thus  $f$  is continuous throughout  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

38. Let  $g(x, y) = \frac{xy}{x^2 + xy + y^2}$ . Then  $g(x, 0) = 0/x^2 = 0$  for  $x \neq 0$ , so  $g(x, y) \rightarrow 0$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  along the  $x$ -axis. But  $g(x, x) = \frac{x^2}{3x^2} = \frac{1}{3}$  for  $x \neq 0$ , so  $g(x, y) \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  along the line  $y = x$ . Thus  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy}{x^2 + xy + y^2}$  doesn't exist, so  $f$  is not continuous at  $(0, 0)$  and the largest set on which  $f$  is continuous is  $\{(x, y) \mid (x, y) \neq (0, 0)\}$ .

39. (a) Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. We need to find  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|x - a| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $0 < \sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2} < \delta$ . But  $|x - a| = \sqrt{(x - a)^2} \leq \sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2}$ . Thus setting  $\delta = \varepsilon$  and letting  $0 < \sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2} < \delta$ , we have  $|x - a| \leq \sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2} < \delta = \varepsilon$ . Hence, by Definition 1,  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} x = a$ .

- (b) The argument is the same as in (a) with the roles of  $x$  and  $y$  interchanged.

- (c) Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and set  $\delta = \varepsilon$ . Then

$$|f(x, y) - L| = |c - c| = 0 \leq \sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2} < \delta = \varepsilon$$

- whenever  $0 < \sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2} < \delta$ . Thus, by Definition 1,  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} c = c$ .

40.  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sin(x^2 + y^2)}{x^2 + y^2} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin(r^2)}{r^2}$ , which is an indeterminate form of type  $\frac{0}{0}$ . Using l'Hospital's Rule, we get
- $$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin(r^2)}{r^2} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{2r \cos(r^2)}{2r} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \cos(r^2) = 1$$
- Or: Use the fact that  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1$ .