

# Outline

1. Finish 2D limits.
2. Vector functions / curves.
3. Tangent vectors.
4. Intersections of surfaces.

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Do-over: Tuesday  
8-9 pm  
9-10 pm  
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# 1. Limits in 2D

Definition:  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y) = L$

means:

$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$  such that

$\sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2} < \delta$  then  $|f(x,y) - L| < \epsilon$ .

What you do to show a limit exists:

①  $|f(x,y) - L|$  write this down.

② Show that for some number  $K$ ,

$$|f(x,y) - L| \leq K \cdot \sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2}$$

③ Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , set  $\delta = \epsilon/K$ .

Good  
trick:  $|x \cdot y| \leq \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)$ .

## Example

Show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{3xy^2}{x^2 + y^2} = 0$ .

## Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad |f(x,y) - L| &= \left| \frac{3xy^2}{x^2 + y^2} - 0 \right| \\ &= \frac{3 \cdot |x| \cdot y^2}{x^2 + y^2} \end{aligned}$$

Next  
Good  
Trick :

$x^2 \leq x^2 + y^2$
$y^2 \leq x^2 + y^2$

② Observe:

$$\frac{y^2}{x^2 + y^2} \leq \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x^2 + y^2} = 1.$$

$$3 \cdot |x| = 3 \cdot \sqrt{x^2} \leq 3 \cdot \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\frac{3 \cdot |x| \cdot y^2}{x^2 + y^2} \leq 1 \cdot 3 \cdot \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

So  $K = 3$ .

③ If  $\epsilon > 0$  is given, use  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ .

Example

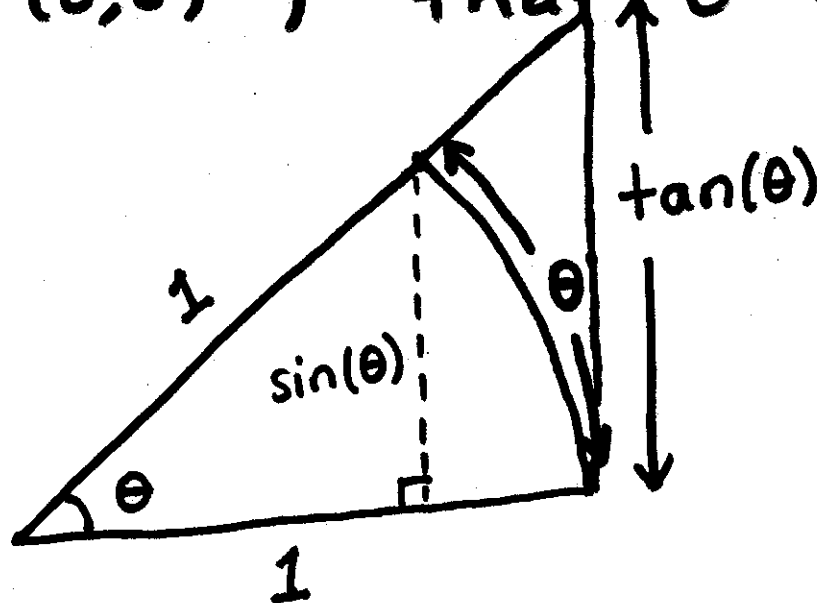
Show that:  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sin(x^2 + y^2)}{x^2 + y^2} = 1.$

## Solution:

Good Trick. Set  $\theta = x^2 + y^2$ .  
# 3

Then: 
$$\frac{\sin(x^2 + y^2)}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\theta}.$$

Assume (reasonable since  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ ) that  $\theta < \pi/2$ .



$$\sin(\theta) < \theta$$

$\frac{\sin(\theta)}{\theta} < 1.$
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$$\theta < \tan(\theta)$$

$$\theta < \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\cos(\theta)}$$

$$\cos(\theta) < \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\theta}$$

Last  
Good  
Trick

If for all  $(x, y)$  in  
a neighborhood of  $(a, b)$   
we have:

$$h(x, y) \leq f(x, y) \leq g(x, y)$$

and

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

then:

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

Take on faith:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} 1 = 1$$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \cos(x^2+y^2) = 1$$

We have that when  $(x,y)$  is close to  $(0,0)$  so that  $\theta = x^2+y^2 < \pi/2$ :

$$\cos(x^2+y^2) \leq \frac{\sin(x^2+y^2)}{x^2+y^2} \leq 1.$$

By the 2D squeezing lemma:

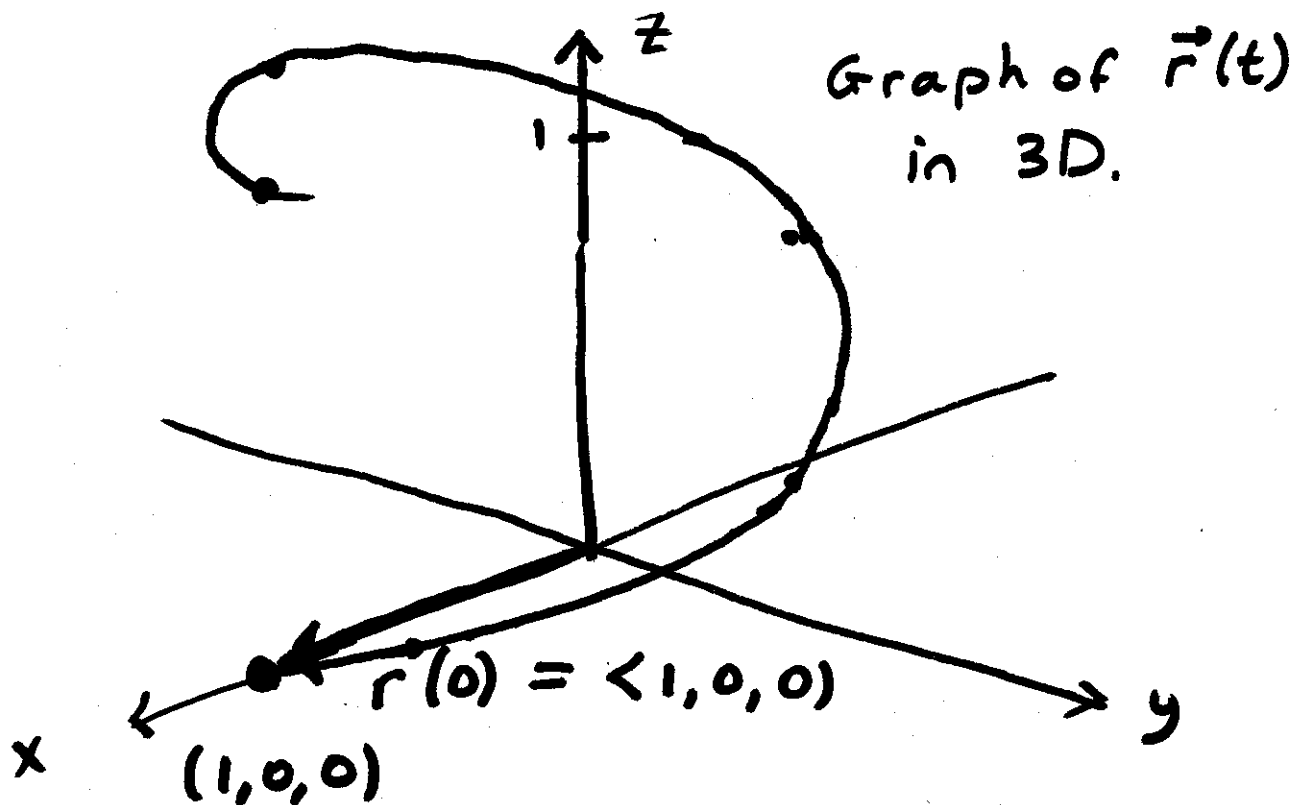
$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{\sin(x^2+y^2)}{x^2+y^2} = 1.$$

## 2. Vector Functions and Curves

- A vector function is a function that gives a vector as its output.

e.g.  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos(2\pi t), \sin(2\pi t), t \rangle$

$\uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow$   
x, y, z coordinates of a  
3D curve in space.





### 3. Tangent Vectors to Curves

- When you take the derivative of a vector function  $\vec{r}(t)$ , differentiate each component.

e.g.  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t \cdot \cos(2\pi t), t \cdot \sin(2\pi t), t \rangle$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle \cos(2\pi t) - 2\pi t \sin(2\pi t), \\ \sin(2\pi t) + 2\pi t \cdot \cos(2\pi t), \\ 1 \rangle$$

- $\vec{r}'(t)$  is a vector that is tangent to the curve formed by the graph of  $\vec{r}(t)$ .

## Example

Find an equation for the tangent line to:

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle t \cdot \cos(2\pi t), t \cdot \sin(2\pi t), t \rangle$$

when  $t = 1$ .

Solution:

$$\vec{r}(1) = \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}'(1) = \langle 1, 2\pi, 1 \rangle$$

Vector equation for tangent line:

$$\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle + t \cdot \langle 1, 2\pi, 1 \rangle$$

• The unit tangent vector,  $\vec{T}(t)$ ,

$$\vec{T}(t) = \frac{1}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} \cdot \vec{r}'(t)$$