

Partial Differentiation
Limits

Question

Evaluate the given limit. If the limit does not exist, explain why.

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

Answer

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

$$\Rightarrow f(0, y) = 0/x^2 = 0 \rightarrow 0$$

as $x \rightarrow 0$

But $f(x, x) = \frac{\sin x^2}{2x^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$

as $x \rightarrow 0$

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

Does not exist