

3a. Evaluate the following limits. [Show all your work.]

1  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 y^2}{x^6 + y^6}$

along the line  $y=x$   
 $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 y^2}{x^6 + y^6} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 \cdot x^2}{x^6 + x^6} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x}$  does not exist

$\Rightarrow \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 y^2}{x^6 + y^6}$  does not exist by the 1-Path Test.

2  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 y^2}{x^6 \boxed{+} x^2 y^2 + y^6}$

Your choice: Fill in the  with "+" or "-", then evaluate!

$x^6 \geq 0, x^2 y^2 \geq 0, y^6 \geq 0 \Rightarrow 0 \leq x^2 y^2 \leq x^6 + x^2 y^2 + y^6$

$\Rightarrow 0 \leq \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^6 + x^2 y^2 + y^6} \leq 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq \left| \frac{x^3 y^2}{x^6 + x^2 y^2 + y^6} \right| \leq |x|$  for  $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$   
 $\downarrow$   
 0 as  $(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 y^2}{x^6 + x^2 y^2 + y^6} = 0$  by the Sandwich Theorem.

3b. Evaluate the following statements. [Just check and fill, no further explanation is required.]

3 If  $f(x,y)$  approaches 0 as  $(x,y)$  approaches  $(0,0)$  along any line through  $(0,0)$ , then  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y) = 0$ .

TRUE and can be proven using the

FALSE because does not hold for  $f(x,y) =$

$$\frac{xy^2}{x^2 + y^4}$$

4 If, for  $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$ , the line  $y = x$  and every circle tangent to it at  $(0,0)$  are level curves of  $f(x,y)$  belonging to different values, then  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y)$  does not exist.

TRUE and can be proven using the

2-Path Test

FALSE because does not hold for  $f(x,y) =$

