

**Problem 1:** Verify that

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

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**Problem 2:** Consider the function

$$f(x, y) = \frac{xy^2}{x^2 + y^4}. \quad (2)$$

(a) Show that if  $L$  is a line that passes through the origin, then

$$\lim_{\substack{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0) \\ (x,y) \in L}} f(x, y) = 0. \quad (3)$$

(b) Show that

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y) \quad (4)$$

does not exist.

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**Problem 3:** Consider the function  $f(x, y) = \sqrt{|xy|}$ .

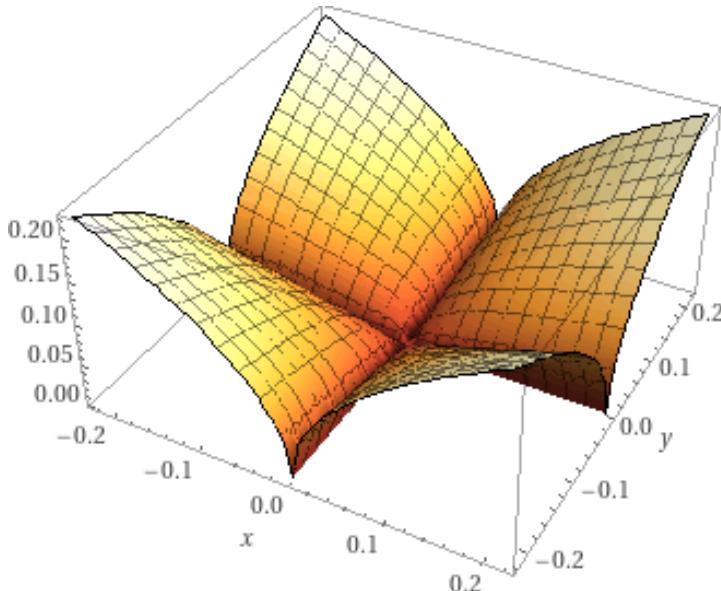


Figure 1: A graph of  $z = \sqrt{|xy|}$ .

- (a) Is  $f$  continuous at  $(0, 0)$ ?
- (b) Show that  $f_x(0, 0)$  and  $f_y(0, 0)$  exist by calculating their values.
- (c) Determine whether  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  are continuous at  $(0, 0)$ .
- (d) Is  $f$  differentiable at  $(0, 0)$ ?

**Problem 4:** Imagine a string that is fixed at both ends (for example, a guitar string). When plucked, the string forms a standing wave. The displacement  $u$  of the string varies with position  $x$  and with time  $t$ . Suppose it is given by  $u = f(x, t) = 2 \sin(\pi x) \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}t)$ , for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $t \geq 0$  (see figure ). At a fixed point in time, the string forms a wave on  $[0, 1]$ . Alternatively, if you focus on a point on the string (fix a value of  $x$ ), that point oscillates up and down in time.

- (a) What is the period of the motion in time?
- (b) Find the rate of change of the displacement with respect to time at a constant position (which is the vertical velocity of a point on the string).
- (c) At a fixed time, what point on the string is moving fastest?
- (d) At a fixed position on the string, when is the string moving fastest?
- (e) Find the rate of change of the displacement with respect to position at a constant time (which is the slope of the string).
- (f) At a fixed time, where is the slope of the string greatest?

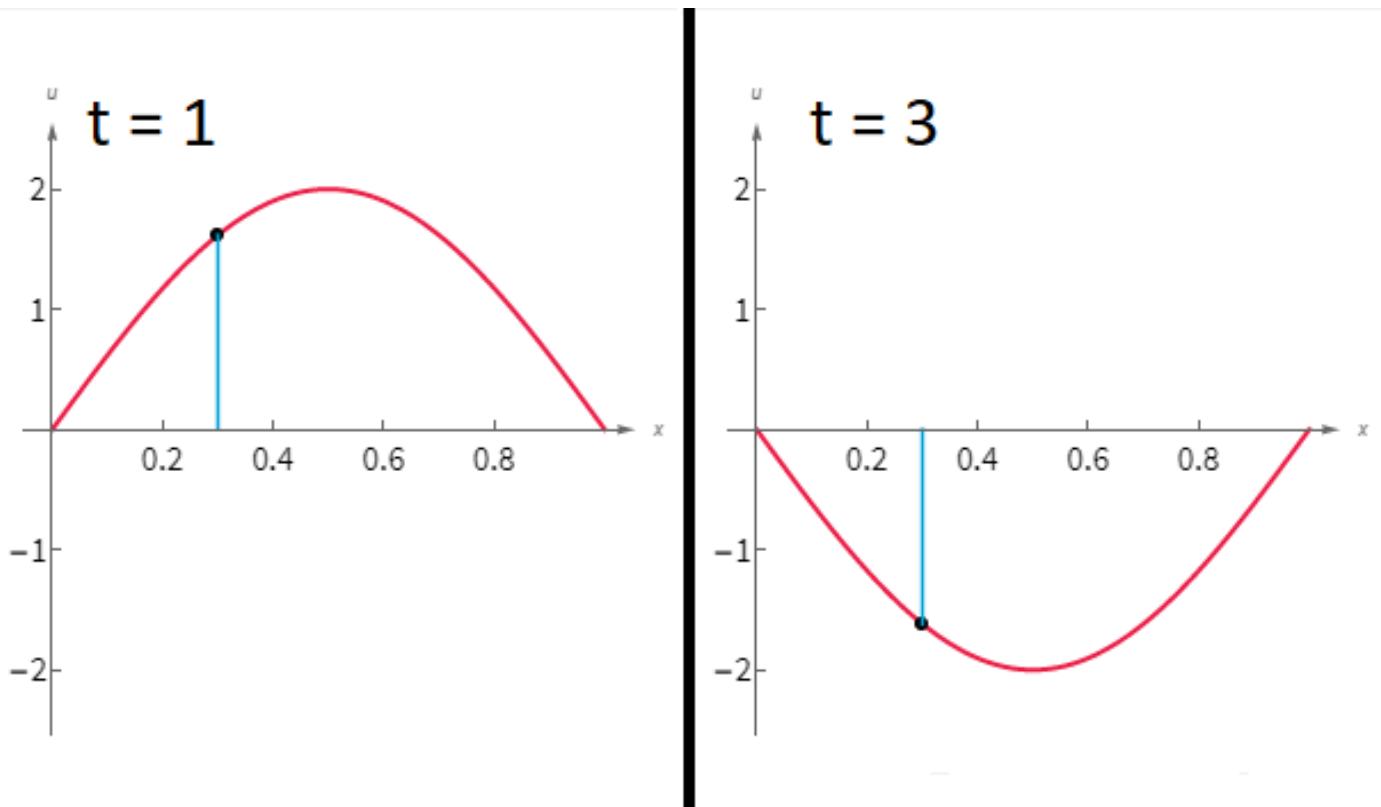


Figure 2: Snapshots of the wave at times  $t = 1$  and  $t = 3$ .