

Problem 1: Verify that

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

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.

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

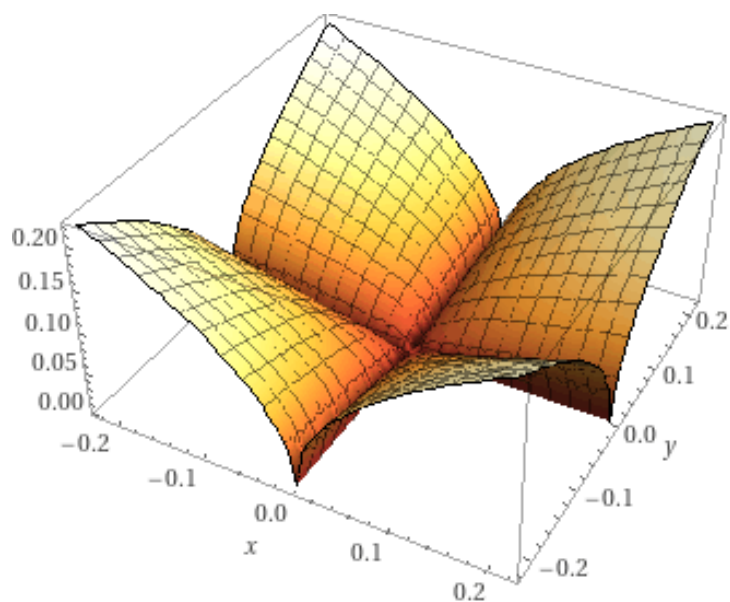


Figure 1: A graph of $z = \sqrt{|xy|}$.

- (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 $(0, 0)$?
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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?

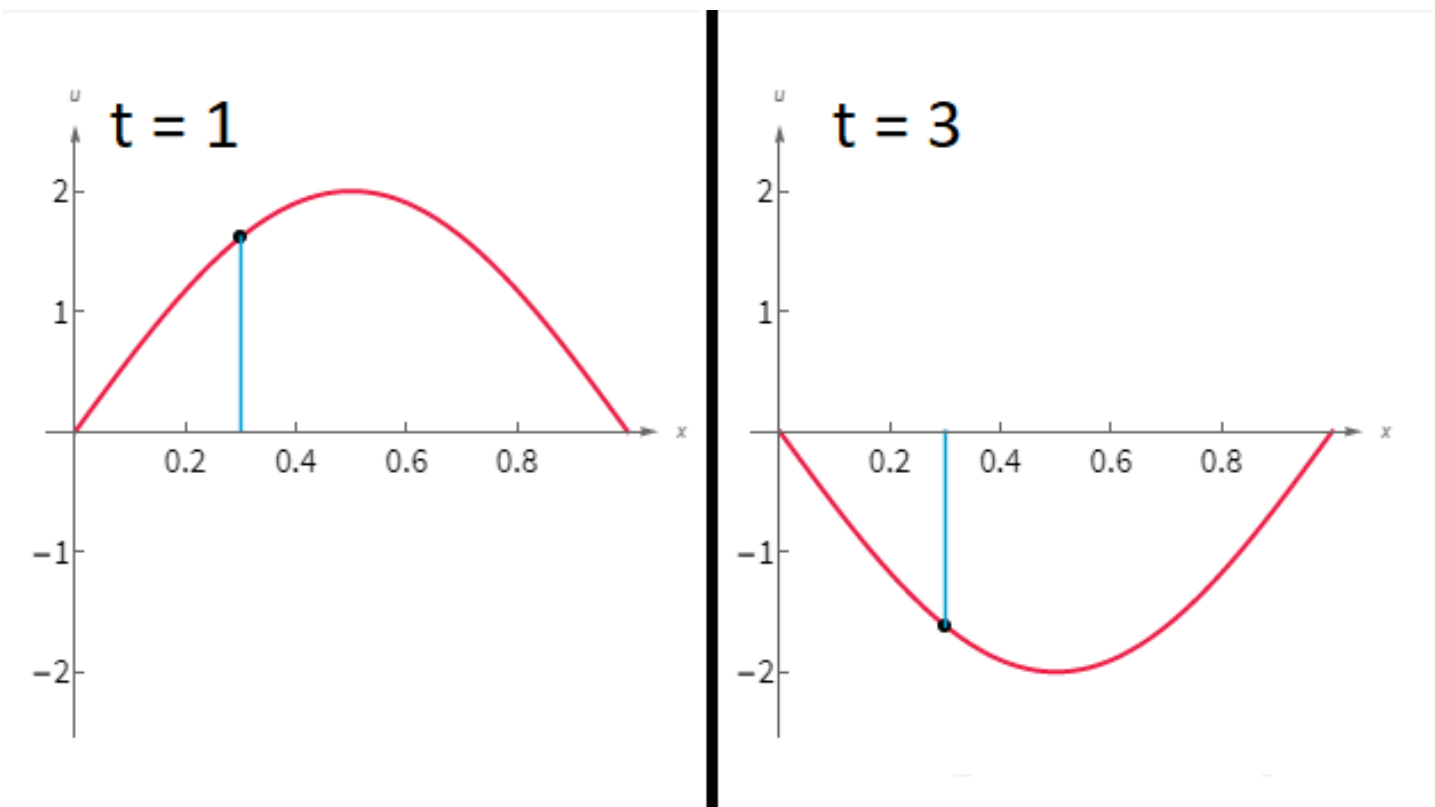


Figure 2: Snapshots of the wave at times $t = 1$ and $t = 3$.