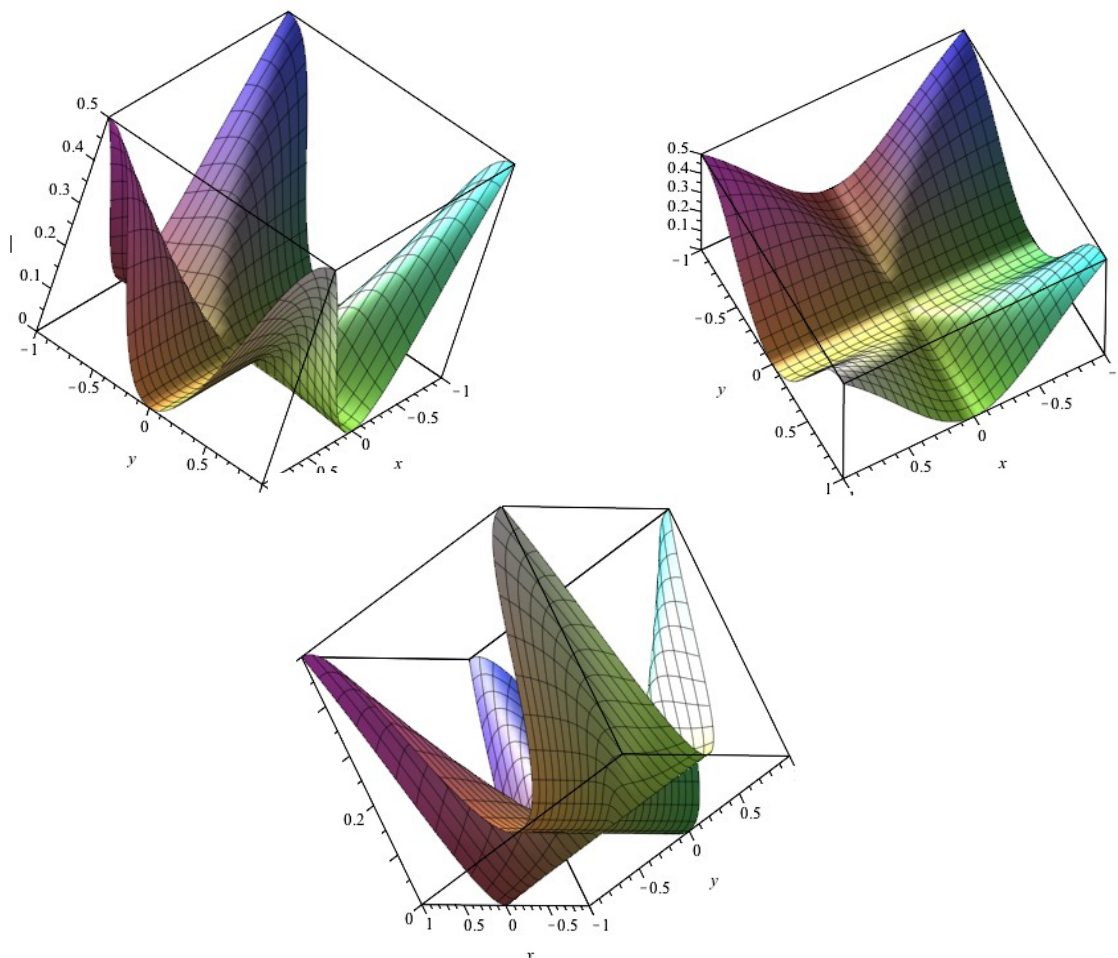


Graph of surface  $z = \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^2 + y^4}$  (from several perspectives). You can see from the generated graph that it goes through the origin, so the point is well-defined there.



So, we already had  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^2 + y^4} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{r^4 (\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta)}{r^2 (\cos^2 \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta)} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{r^2 (\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta)}{\cos^2 \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} = 0$  as long as  $\cos \theta \neq 0$ .

And, if  $\cos \theta = 0$ , that's equivalent to  $\theta = \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . So, we can figure out what happens as  $\theta \rightarrow \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}} \frac{r^2 (\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta)}{\cos^2 \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \text{ is the } 0/0 \text{ case, so we can use L'Hopital's Rule to get} \\ & = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}} \frac{-2r^2 \sin^2 \theta + 2r^2 \cos^2 \theta}{-2 + 4r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \text{ (after simplifying)} = \frac{-2r^2}{-2 + 4r^2} = \frac{r^2}{1 - 2r^2} \end{aligned}$$

and as  $r$  goes to zero here, we still get 0. This completes the proof that the limit exists and goes to 0.