

**MATH 376 HOMEWORK 2**  
**DUE THURSDAY FEB. 4**

Section 8.9 2a,b, 3, 10-12  
 Section 8.14 1a,b, 2a

- (1) Show that  $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$  has a limit as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ .
- (2) (a) Show that  $f(x, y) = (y, 2x)$  is continuous at every point  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .  
 (b) Show more generally that any linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is continuous at all  $\vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (3) Let  $f, g, h : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and suppose that for  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  we have  $h(\vec{x}) \leq f(\vec{x}) \leq g(\vec{x})$ . Prove that if  $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} h(\vec{x}) = L$  and  $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} g(\vec{x}) = L$  then  $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{a}} f(\vec{x}) = L$ .

(**Hint:** Subtract  $L$  from the above inequality and think about what happens when you take the absolute value. There will be two cases.)

- (4) Let  $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^s$  and  $f : \mathbb{R}^s \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  then  $f \circ g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is the composite function defined by  $f \circ g(\vec{a}) = f(g(\vec{a}))$ .

Prove using the  $\epsilon, \delta$  definition of a limit that if  $g$  is continuous at  $\vec{x} = \vec{a}$  and  $f$  is continuous at  $\vec{y} = g(\vec{a})$  then  $f \circ g$  is continuous at  $\vec{x} = \vec{a}$ . (**Hint:** See picture below)

