

We want to show that

$$\lim_{(a,b) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|a||b|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} = 0.$$

*Proof.* Notice that  $|a| \leq \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$  and  $|b| \leq \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$  and also that

$$\frac{|a||b|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \leq \frac{a^2 + b^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}.$$

Now for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $\delta = \varepsilon$  such that  $0 < \|(a, b) - (0, 0)\| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} < \delta$  implies

$$\left| \frac{|a||b|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} - 0 \right| \leq \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} < \delta = \varepsilon.$$

□

Another solution suggested by Mr. Simon Weil.

*Proof.* Pick any path  $\alpha : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\alpha(0) = (a, b)$  and  $\alpha(1) = (0, 0)$ . Let  $r = |\alpha(t)|$  and  $\theta$  be the angle between the vector  $\alpha(t)$  and the  $x$ -axis measured counterclockwise.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{(a,b) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{|a||b|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{r|\cos(\theta)| \cdot r|\sin(\theta)|}{\sqrt{r^2 \cos^2 \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta}} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \frac{r^2 |\frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta)|}{|r|} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} r |\frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta)| = 0. \end{aligned}$$

To see the last equality is indeed the case, one can use the squeeze theorem. Also notice that  $r$  and  $\theta$  both are functions in  $t$  where  $r \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow 1$ . □