

14.1

Function of several variables.

Definition

Suppose D is a set on n -tuples of the real numbers (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) . A real valued function f on D is a rule that assign a unique real number

$$w = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

to each element in D . The set D is called function's domain. The set of w -values taken on by f is the function's range. The symbol w is the dependent variable of f , and f is said to be a function of n -independent variables x_1 to x_n . We also call x_i 's the function's input variable and call w as the function's output variable.

As volume of a cylinder is

$$V = \pi r^2 h$$

So we can write

$$V = f(r, h).$$

Domains and Ranges.

* The domain of a function is assumed to be largest set for which the defining rule generates the real numbers.

i.e. Avoiding the values of input which leads to complex numbers & division by zero.

$$\text{i.e } f(x, y) = \sqrt{y - x^2}$$

So y cannot be greater than x^2 .

$$\text{or } f(x, y) = \frac{1}{xy}$$

xy cannot be zero.

* The range consist of set of output values.

Example Function of two variables

* $z = \sqrt{y - x^2}$

Domain $y \geq x^2$

Range $[0, \infty)$

* $z = \frac{1}{xy}$

Domain $xy \neq 0$

Range $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

* $z = \sin(xy)$

Domain Entire plane

Range $[-1, 1]$

* Function of three variables

1) $w = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

Domain Entire plane

Range $[0, \infty)$

2) $w = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

Domain $(x, y, z) \neq (0, 0, 0)$ Range $(0, \infty)$

3) $w = xy \ln z$

Domain $xy \ln z$

Range $(-\infty, \infty)$

Half plane
 $z > 0$

$$y = x$$

Bounded Region

A region in the plane is bounded if it lies inside the disk of finite radius.

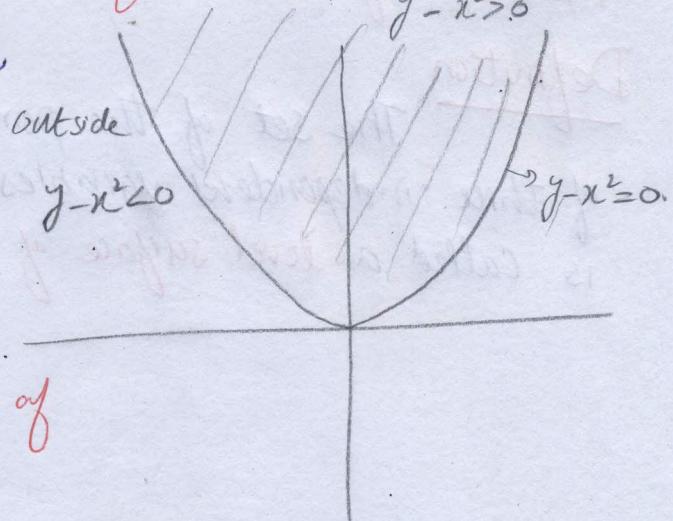
A region is unbounded if it is not bounded.

* Example of bounded set in the plane include line segments, triangles, interior of triangles, rectangles, circle & disks.

* Example of unbounded sets in the plane include lines, coordinates axes, half-plane or plane itself

Example Describe the domain of the function $f(x,y) = \sqrt{y-x^2}$ (2)

since f is defined only where $y-x^2 \geq 0$,
the domain is the closed unbounded
region shown in figure. The parabola
 $y=x^2$ is the boundary of the domain.



Graph, Level curves & contour function of
two variables

Level curves

The set of points in the plane where a function $f(x,y)$ has a constant value $f(x,y) = c$ is called a level curve of f .

* The set of all points $(x,y, f(x,y))$ in space, for (x,y) in the domain of f is called the graph of f .

* The graph of f is also called the surface $z = f(x,y)$.

Example Graph $f(x,y) = 100 - x^2 - y^2$ & plot the level curves $f(x,y) = 0$, $f(x,y) = 51$ & $f(x,y) = 75$ in the domain of f in the plane

Solution The domain of f is the entire plane and range of f is the set of real numbers less than or equal to 100

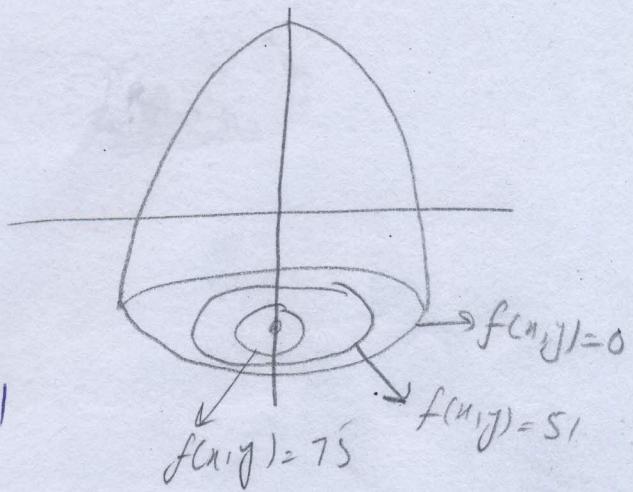
The level curve $f(x,y) = 0$ is the set of pts in the xy -plane at which

$$f(x,y) = 0$$

$100 - x^2 - y^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 100$.
which is circle of radius 10 centered at the origin

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Similarly } f(x,y) = 51 &\Rightarrow 100 - x^2 - y^2 = 51 \\ &\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 49 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x,y) = 100 - x^2 - y^2 &= 75 \\ &\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 25 \end{aligned}$$



Function of three variables.

Definition

The set of the points (x, y, z) in space where a function of three independent variables has a constant value $f(x, y, z) = c$ is called a **level surface** of f .

Exercise 14.1.

Find the specific function values

4) $f(x,y,z) = \sqrt{49 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2}$

(a) $f(0,0,0)$

$$f(0,0,0) = \sqrt{49 - 0 - 0 - 0} \quad (= 7)$$

b) $f(2, -3, 6)$

$$f(2, -3, 6) = \sqrt{49 - 2^2 - (-3)^2 - 6^2} = \sqrt{49 - 49} = 0.$$

c) $f(-1, 2, 3)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-1, 2, 3) &= \sqrt{49 - (-1)^2 + (2)^2 + (3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{49 - 14} = \sqrt{35} \end{aligned}$$

d) $f\left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{6}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{6}{\sqrt{2}}\right) &= \sqrt{49 - \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{6}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{49 - \frac{77}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{21}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Find & sketch the domain of each function.

5) $f(x,y) = \sqrt{y-x-2}$.

Domain: $y - x - 2 \geq 0$

$y \geq x + 2$.

10) $f(x,y) = \ln(xy+x-y+1)$

Domain of $f(x,y) = \ln(xy+x-y+1)$

$D = \{(x,y) \mid xy+x-y+1 > 0\}$

$$\begin{aligned} xy+x-y+1 &= x(y+1) - 1(y+1) \\ &= (x-1)(y+1) \end{aligned}$$

For $(x-1)(y+1) > 0$

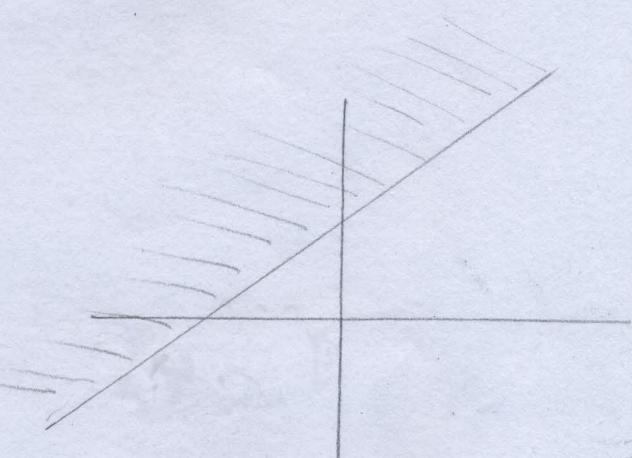
case I

$x-1 > 0$

$x > 1$

$y+1 > 0$

$y > -1$



CASE 2

$$x-1 < 0$$

$$x < 1$$

$$y+1 < 0$$

$$y < -1$$

II $f(x,y) = \sqrt{(x^2-4)(y^2-9)}$

Domain $(x^2-4)(y^2-9) \geq 0$

CASE I $(x^2-4)(y^2-9) \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2-4 \geq 0$$

$$x^2 \geq 4$$

$$x \geq 2, x \leq -2$$

$$y^2-9 \geq 0$$

$$y^2 \geq 9$$

$$y \geq 3, y \leq -3$$

CASE II

$$(x^2-4)(y^2-9) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$x^2-4 \leq 0$$

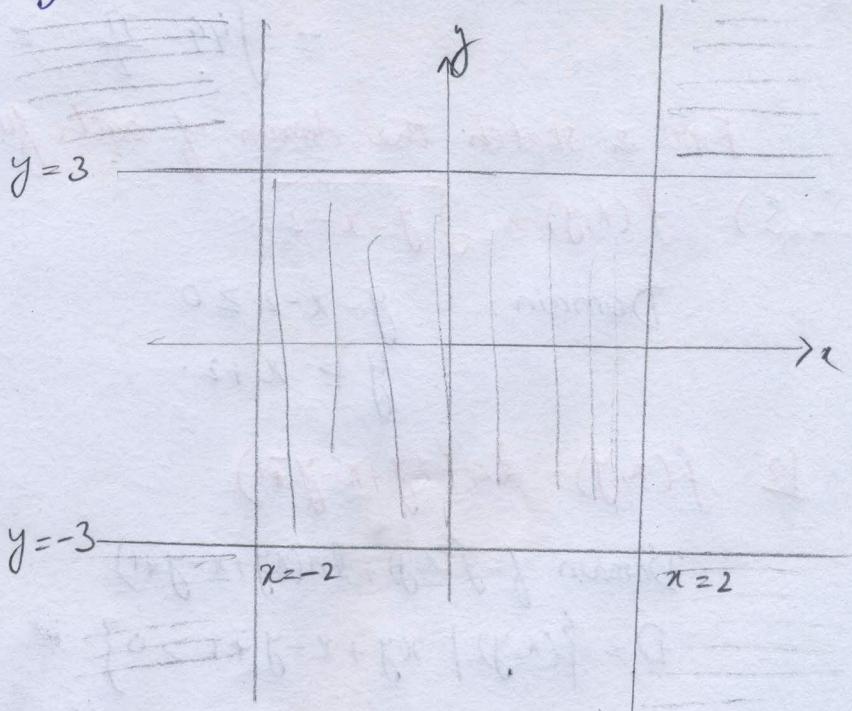
$$y^2-9 \leq 0$$

$$x^2 \leq 4$$

$$y^2 \leq 9$$

$$-2 \leq x \leq 2$$

$$-3 \leq y \leq 3$$

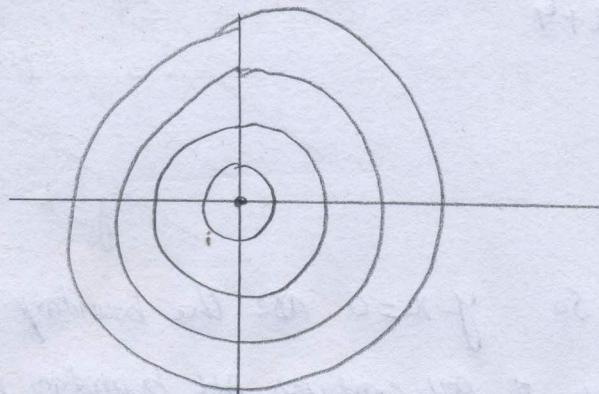


Find & sketch the level curves $f(x,y) = c$ on the same set of coordinate axes for a given value of c .

14 $f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$ $c = 0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25$

Level curves are

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|------------------|--------------------|
| $x^2 + y^2 = 0$ | origin $(0,0)$ |
| $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ | circle of radius 1 |
| $x^2 + y^2 = 9$ | circle of radius 3 |
| $x^2 + y^2 = 16$ | circle of radius 4 |
| $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ | circle of radius 5 |



15 $f(x,y) = xy \quad c = -9, -4, -1, 0, 1, 4, 9.$

$$\Rightarrow f(x,y) = c$$

$$\Rightarrow xy = c$$

$$xy = -9 \Rightarrow y = -9/x.$$

$$xy = -4$$

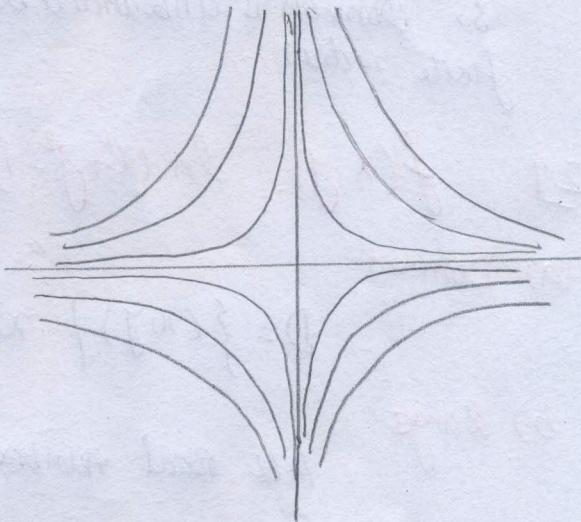
$$xy = -1$$

$$xy = 0 \Rightarrow \text{either } x \text{ or } y = 0$$

$$xy = 1$$

$$xy = 4$$

$$xy = 9$$



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$$\text{Domain} = \{(x,y) \mid y-x \geq 0\}$$

$$\text{Range} = [0, \infty)$$

Level curves

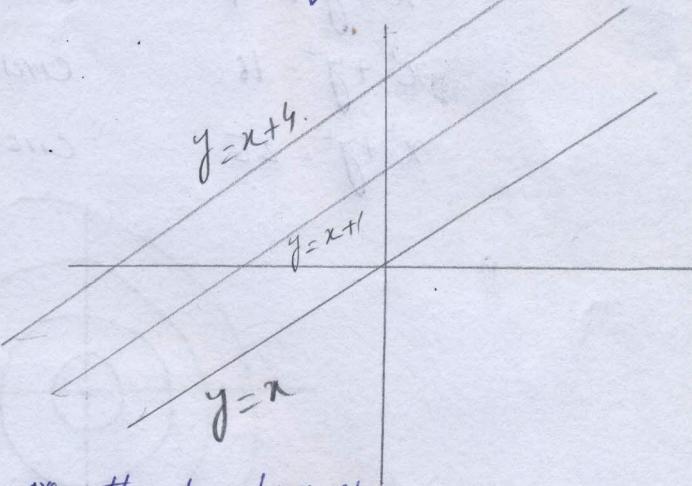
$$f(x,y) = c \\ \Rightarrow \sqrt{y-x} = c \Rightarrow y-x = c^2 \\ y = c^2 + x$$

The level curves are straight lines with slope 1 & y-intercept $(0, c^2)$

$$c=0 \Rightarrow y=x$$

$$c=1 \Rightarrow y=x+1$$

$$c=2 \Rightarrow y=x+4$$



d Boundary pts

As domain is

$y-x \geq 0$ so $y-x=0$ are the boundary pts.

e) Domain is closed because it ~~all~~ contains ALL boundary points.

f) $D = \{(x,y) \mid x, y-x \geq 0\}$

so Domain is unbounded because it do not lie inside a disk of finite radius

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a) Domain

$$D = \{(x,y) \mid x^2+y^2 > 1\}$$

b) Range

All real numbers

c) Level curves

$$c = \ln(x^2+y^2-1)$$

$$e^c = x^2+y^2-1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2+y^2 = 1 + e^c$$

so the equation represents the circle centered at origin & radius $1+e^c$.

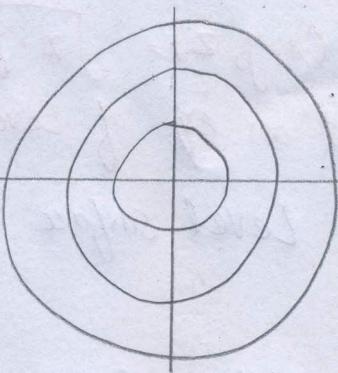
For $c=0$ $x^2+y^2 = 1+e^0 = 2$

$$C=1$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 + e$$

$$C=2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 + e^2$$



Finding level curves

Find an equation for and sketch the graph of the level curve of the function $f(x,y)$ that passes through the given point.

S1 $f(x,y) = \sqrt{x+y^2 - 3}$ (3, -1).

Level curve is

$$f(x,y) = C \Rightarrow \sqrt{x+y^2 - 3} = C \Rightarrow x+y^2 - 3 = C^2$$

As (3, -1) passes through (3, -1) so put $x=3, y=-1$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3+1-3} = C \Rightarrow C=1.$$

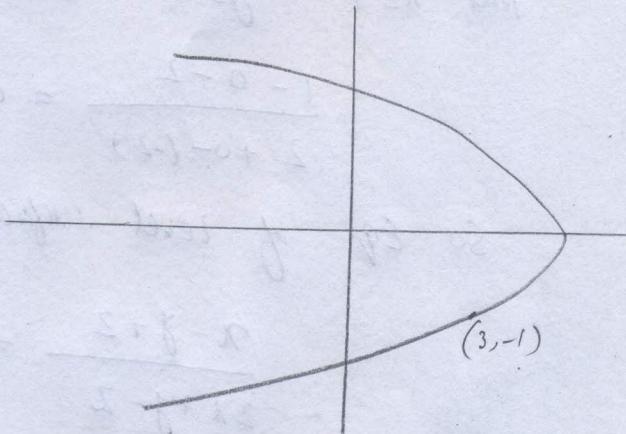
So the level curve is

$$\sqrt{x+y^2 - 3} = 1 \Rightarrow x+y^2 - 3 = 1$$

$$x+y^2 = 4$$

get y^2

$$x = 4 - y^2$$

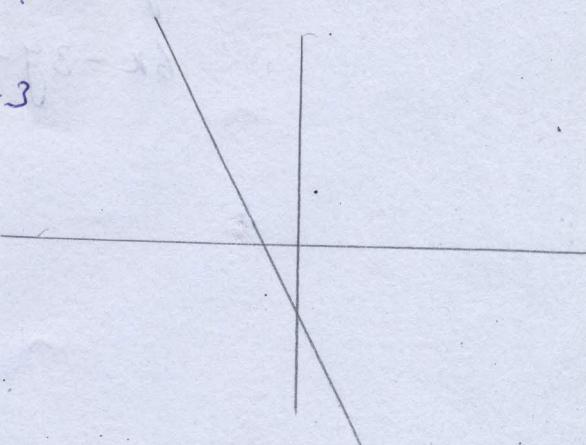


S2 $f(x,y) = \frac{2y-x}{x+y+1}$ (-1, 1)

$$\frac{2y-x}{x+y+1} = C$$

$$\text{Put } x=-1, y=1 \Rightarrow C = \frac{2+1}{-1+1+1} = 3.$$

$$\text{So } \frac{2y-x}{x+y+1} = 3 \Rightarrow 2y-x = 3x+3y+3 \\ \Rightarrow 4x+y+3=0$$



$$\underline{62} \quad f(x, y, z) = \sqrt{x-y} - \ln z \quad (3, -1, 1)$$

Find an eqn. of level surface at given pt

Eqn. of Level surface $f(x, y, z) = C$

$$\sqrt{x-y} - \ln z = C$$

As surface passes through $(3, -1, 1)$, $x=3$, $y=-1$, $z=1$.

$$\sqrt{3-(-1)} - \ln(1) = C$$

$$\sqrt{4} - 0 = C \Rightarrow C = 2.$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{x-y} - \ln z = 2 \quad \text{Level surface.}$$

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$$g(x, y, z) = \frac{x-y+z}{2x+y-2} \quad (1, 0, -2).$$

$$g(x, y, z) = C$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-y+z}{2x+y-2} = C$$

$$\text{Put } x=1 \quad y=0 \quad z=-2$$

$$\frac{1-0-2}{2+0-(-2)} = C \Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{4}$$

So Eqn. of level surface

$$\frac{x-y+z}{2x+y-2} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$x-y+z = -\frac{1}{4}(2x+y-2)$$

$$4x-4y+4z = -2x-y+2$$

$$6x-3y+3z=0$$