

14.1 Functions of several variables

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Function of two variables

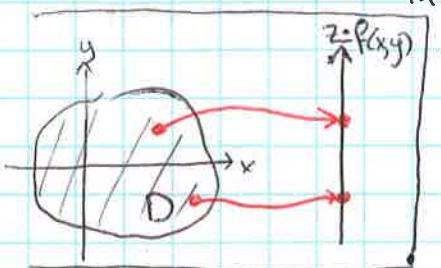
$$f: (x, y) \mapsto f(x, y)$$

in $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$

in \mathbb{R}

domain

range: set of all values of $f(x, y) \subset \mathbb{R}$



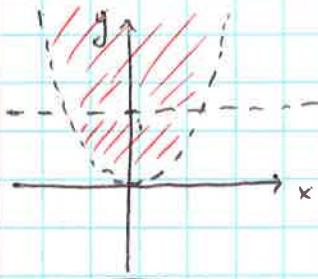
$$\text{Ex: } f(x, y) = \frac{\ln(y-x^2)}{y-1}$$

a) find $f(3, 1)$

b) find the domain D

$$\text{Sol: a) } f(3, 1) = \frac{\ln(3-1^2)}{3-1} = \frac{\ln 2}{2}$$

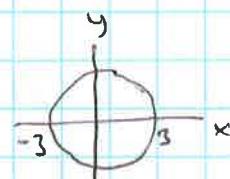
b) domain = all (x, y) s.t. $f(x, y)$ is well-defined, i.e. $D = \{(x, y) \mid \begin{cases} y-x^2 > 0 \\ y-1 \neq 0 \end{cases}\}$



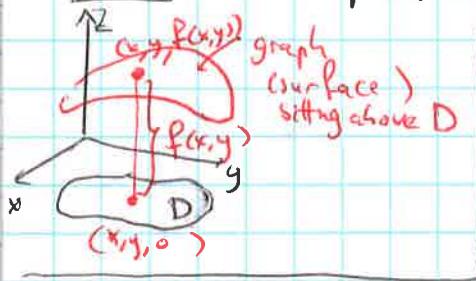
$$\text{Ex: } g(x, y) = \sqrt{9-x^2-y^2} \quad \text{find domain, range}$$

$$\text{Sol: domain: } 9-x^2-y^2 \geq 0 \text{ or } x^2+y^2 \leq 9$$

$$\text{range: } \{z \mid z = \sqrt{9-x^2-y^2}, (x, y) \in D\} = [0, 3]$$

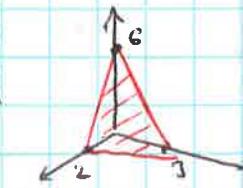


Graph: set of points (x, y, z) in \mathbb{R}^3 with $(x, y) \in D$, $z = f(x, y)$



$$\text{Ex: } f(x, y) = 6-3x-2y ; \text{ sketch the graph}$$

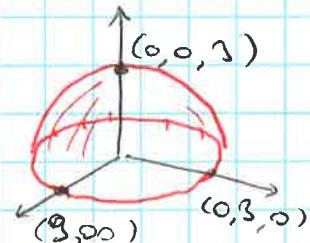
$$\text{Sol: } z = 6-3x-2y \text{ or } 3x+2y+z=6 \quad \text{- plane. Intercepts: } \begin{array}{l} y=z=0 \rightarrow x=2 \\ x=z=0 \rightarrow y=3 \\ x=y=0 \rightarrow z=6 \end{array}$$



Generally: $f(x, y) = ax+by+c$ - linear function,
graph - a plane $z = ax+by+c$

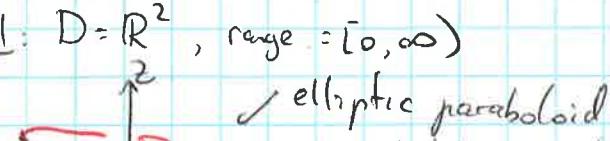
$$\text{Ex: Graph } g(x, y) = \sqrt{9-x^2-y^2}$$

$$\text{Sol: } z = \sqrt{9-x^2-y^2} \sim z^2 = 9-x^2-y^2 \rightarrow x^2+y^2+z^2 = 9 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{sphere, } r=3 \\ \text{also: } z \geq 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{upper hemisphere} \\ \text{hemisphere} \end{array}$$



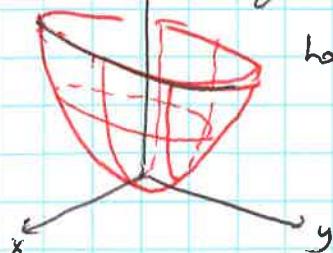
$$\text{Ex: } h(x, y) = 4x^2+y^2. \text{ find domain, range, graph}$$

$$\text{Sol: } D = \mathbb{R}^2, \text{ range: } [0, \infty)$$



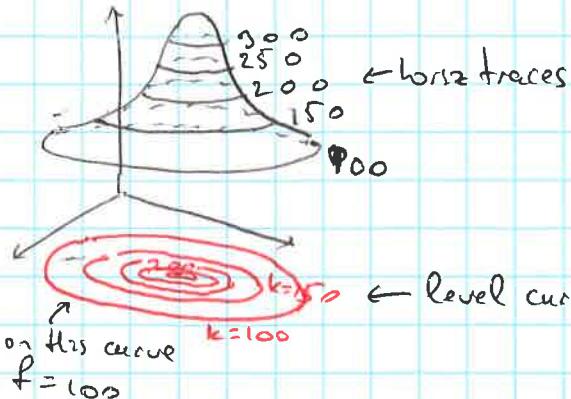
horizontal traces (cross-sections) - ellipses
= intersection with $z=a$

vertical traces - parabolas

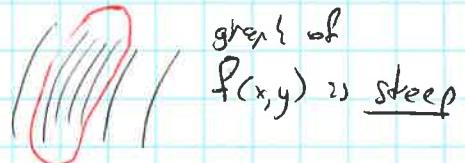


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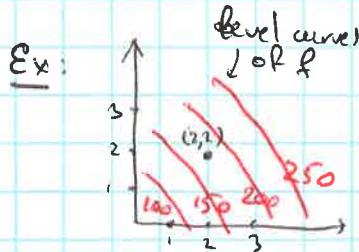
Level curves: curves with eq. $f(x, y) = k$
(or contour) constant in range



where level curves are dense



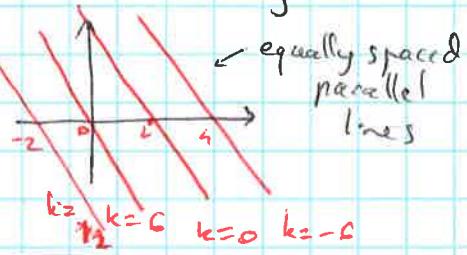
graph of
 $f(x, y)$ is steep



Estimate $f(2, 2)$
Sol: $f(2, 2) \approx 175$

Ex: $f(x, y) = 6 - 3x - 2y$; sketch level curves for $k = -6, 0, 6, 12$

Sol: $6 - 3x - 2y = k$ or $3x + 2y + (k - 6) = 0$ - lines with slope $\frac{3}{2}$



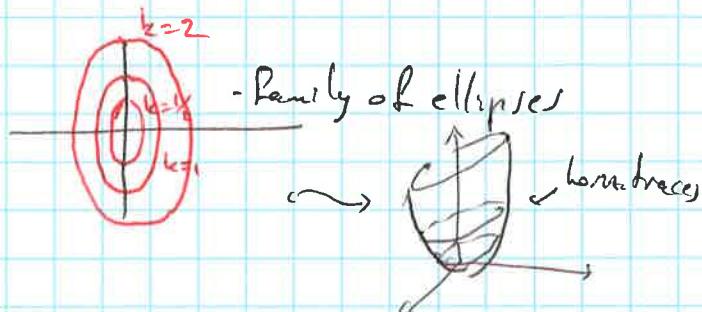
Ex: $g(x, y) = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}$, sketch level curves for $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$

Sol: $\sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2} = k \rightarrow 9 - x^2 - y^2 = k^2 \rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 9 - k^2$ - circle of radius $\sqrt{9 - k^2}$



Ex: $h(x, y) = 4x^2 + y^2$

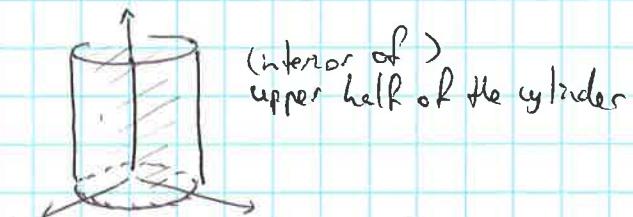
level curves: $4x^2 + y^2 = k \rightarrow \frac{x^2}{\frac{1}{4}k} + \frac{y^2}{k} = 1$



$f(x, y, z)$ - function of 3 variables

Ex: $f(x, y, z) = \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2} + \ln z$ find domain D

Sol: $D: x^2 + y^2 \leq 1, z > 0$



Ex: $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ find level surfaces

Sol: $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = k$ ← concentric spheres

