

Chapter - 2

Limit And Continuity

* Function of two variables: - A function of two variables is a rule that assigns to each ordered pair of real numbers (x, y) in a set D a unique real number denoted by $f(x, y)$. The set D is the domain of f and its range is the set of values that f takes on, i.e. $\{f(x, y) \mid (x, y) \in D\}$. We write it as $z = f(x, y)$. Here the variables x & y are independent variables and z is the dependent variable.

$y = f(x)$
↓
indep. variable
↑
dep. variable

* Note: - If a function is given by formula and no domain is specified, then the domain of f is understood to be the set of all pairs (x, y) for which the given expression is a well-defined real number.

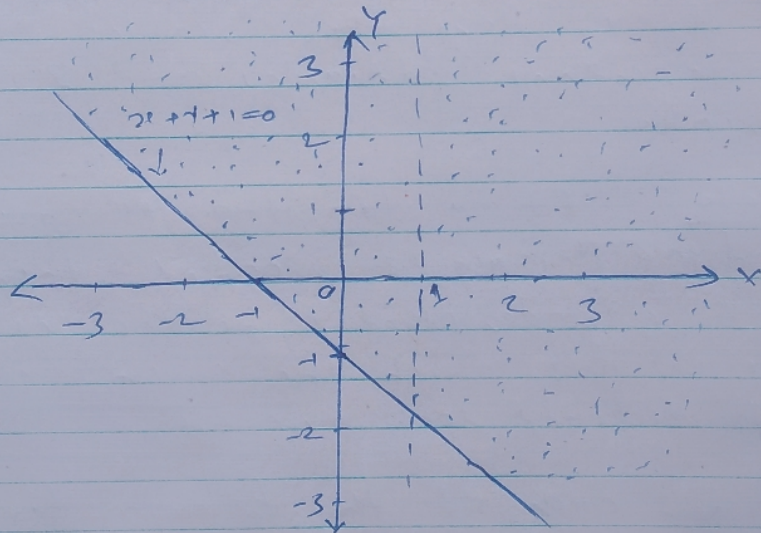
ex ①: For each of the following function, evaluate $f(3, 2)$ and find and sketch the domain.

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

Solⁿ: - ① $f(3, 2) = \frac{\sqrt{3+2+1}}{3-1} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$

The value of f exists only if the denominator is not zero and the quantity under the square root sign is non-negative. So the domain of f is $D = \{(x, y) \mid x+y+1 \geq 0, x \neq 1\}$

The equation $x+y+1=0 \Rightarrow y=-x-1$ is the equation of line
 \therefore The inequality $x+y+1 \geq 0$ i.e. $y \geq -x-1$ shows that the points that lie on or above the line $y=-x-1$. Also $x \neq 1$ indicates that we have to remove the points on the line $x=1$ from the domain.

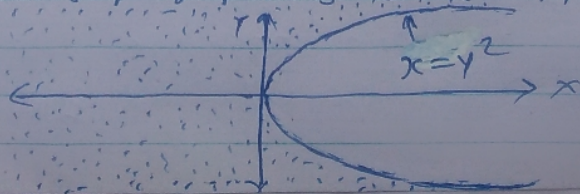


(b) $f(3, 2) = 3 \log(2^2 - 3) = 3 \log 1 = 3 \cdot 0 = 0$

Since $\log(y^2 - x)$ is defined only if $y^2 - x > 0$ i.e. $x < y^2$ so the domain of f is

$$D = \{(x, y) \mid x < y^2\}$$

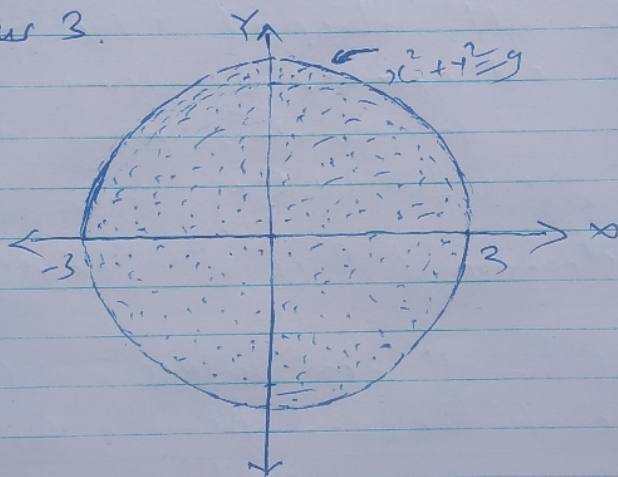
i.e. the set of points to the left of the parabola $x=y^2$



ex 2: Find the domain and range of
 $f(x, y) = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}$

Solⁿ :- The domain of f is $D = \{(x, y) / 9 - x^2 - y^2 \geq 0\}$
 $= \{(x, y) / x^2 + y^2 \leq 9\}$

which is the disk with center $(0, 0)$ and radius 3.



The range of f is $\{z / z = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}, (x, y) \in D\}$

Since z is a positive square root, we have

$$z \geq 0 \Rightarrow 0 \leq z \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Also } x^2 + y^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -x^2 - y^2 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 - x^2 - y^2 \leq 9$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2} \leq 3$$

$$\Rightarrow z \leq 3 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

From eqⁿ (1) & (2) we have

$$0 \leq z \leq 3$$

So the range of f is $\{z / 0 \leq z \leq 3\} = [0, 3]$.

ex. ③. Let $f(x, y) = \cos(x + 2y)$. Evaluate $f(2, -1)$. Also, find the domain and range of f .

Solⁿ: Let $f(x, y) = \cos(x + 2y)$

$$\Rightarrow f(2, -1) = \cos(2 + 2(-1)) = \cos 0 = 1$$

As for all values of x & y in the set of real numbers \mathbb{R} , $f(x, y) = \cos(x + 2y)$ exists and so the domain of f is the set $\{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

\therefore The domain of f is $\mathbb{R}^2 = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

As for all real values of x & y , the value of function $f(x, y) = \cos(x + 2y)$ lies between -1 and $+1$.

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \because \text{All the values of trigonometric function} \\ \sin \text{ \& \ } \cos \text{ lies between } -1 \text{ \& \ } +1 \end{array} \right\}$

And so for the function $z = f(x, y) = \cos(x + 2y)$ we have $-1 \leq z \leq 1$

\therefore The range is $\{z \mid -1 \leq z \leq 1\} = [-1, 1]$

ex ④: Let $f(x, y) = 1 + \sqrt{5 - y^2}$. Evaluate $f(3, 1)$. Also, find the domain and the range of f .

Solⁿ: Let $z = f(x, y) = 1 + \sqrt{5 - y^2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow f(3, 1) &= 1 + \sqrt{5 - (1)^2} \\ &= 1 + \sqrt{4} \\ &= 1 + 2\end{aligned}$$

To find the domain of f :

The function $z = f(x, y) = 1 + \sqrt{5 - y^2}$ exists only if $5 - y^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow 5 \geq y^2$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 \leq 5 \Rightarrow \pm y \leq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow y \leq 2 \quad \& \quad -y \leq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow y \leq 2 \quad \& \quad y \geq -2$$

$$\Rightarrow y \leq 2 \quad \& \quad -2 \leq y$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 \leq y \leq 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{Domain of } f \text{ is } D &= \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, -2 \leq y \leq 2\} \\ &= [-2, 2]\end{aligned}$$

To find Range of f :

For $y \in [-2, 2]$, the value of $z = f(x, y) = 1 + \sqrt{5 - y^2}$

belongs to $[1, 3]$

$$\left. \begin{aligned}\therefore \text{for } y = -2 \& 2, \quad z = 1 + \sqrt{5 - 4} = 1 \\ \text{for } y = -1 \& 1, \quad z = 1 + \sqrt{5 - 1} = 1 + 2 \\ \text{for } y = 0, \quad z = 1 + \sqrt{5} = 3\end{aligned} \right\}$$

For $z = f(x, y) = 1 + \sqrt{5 - y^2}$ we have $1 \leq z \leq 3$

\therefore The range of f is $\{z \mid 1 \leq z \leq 3\} = [1, 3]$