

# Lesson 7 : Graphs and Level Curves.

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Let's find the domain and range of

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

Top half of sphere:

Radius  $r=3$

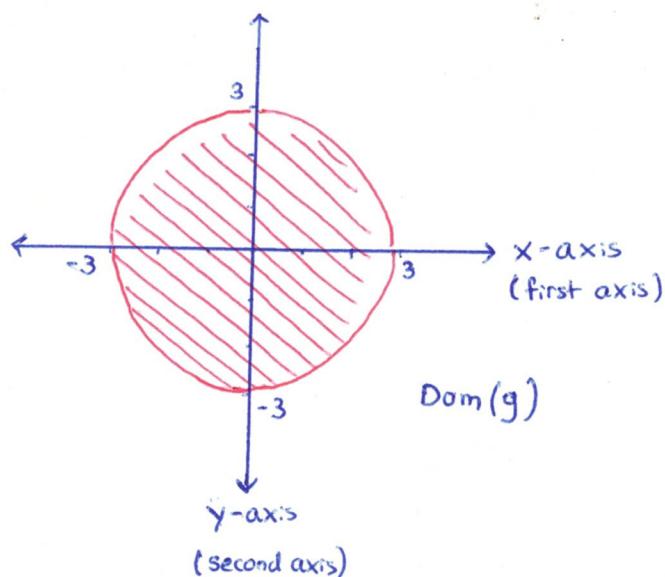
Solution:

We know for the square root function, the input must be greater than or equal to zero

$$D = \text{Dom}(g) = \{ (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 9 - x^2 - y^2 \geq 0 \}$$

$$= \{ (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 \leq 9 \}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The domain of  $g(x,y)$  is the disk centered at  $(0,0)$  and radius 3



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To find the  $\text{Rng}(g(x,y))$ , we recall

$$\text{Rng}(g) = \{z \in \mathbb{R} : z = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}, (x,y) \in D\}$$

We know that the square root function never drops below 0

$$\Rightarrow z = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2} \geq 0$$

Notice also that  $0 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 9$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow 3 \geq \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2} \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \geq z \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Rng}(g) = \{z : 0 \leq z \leq 3\} = [0, 3].$$

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To graph  $g(x,y) = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}$ , we use our knowledge of spheres, mathematica and algebra to find our graph

$$z = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow z^2 = 9 - x^2 - y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3^2$$

$\Rightarrow g(x,y)$  is a half sphere centered at  $(0,0)$  with radius  $r=3$ .

Example: Enhanced via mathematica

See mathematica notebook associated with Lesson 7 for more details

Another method for visualizing functions  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a contour map. Major idea is to draw maps on which points with constant "elevation" are joined to form contour lines or level curves.

Def: Level curves of  $f(x,y)$  are curves with equations  $f(x,y) = k$  for  $k \in \text{Rng}(f) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .

Let's sketch the level curves of

$$g(x,y) = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2} \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

To do so, we systematically set our outputs to a constant  $k$  and find the curves in  $x$  and  $y$  that correspond to this situation

$$h = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow h^2 = 9 - x^2 - y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 9 - h^2$$

□ See mathematical for enhanced graphics of contour lines

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Exercise 12.2.17 p. 882)

[Enhanced using Mathematics]

$$\text{Let } f(x,y) = \ln(9 - 9x^2 - y^2).$$

Let's find the domain and range of  $f(x,y)$ .

Solution: Recall from Math 1A,  $z = \ln(w) \Leftrightarrow e^z = w$

$$\Rightarrow w > 0$$
$$\Rightarrow 9 - 9x^2 - y^2 > 0$$
$$\Rightarrow 9 > 9x^2 + y^2$$
$$\Rightarrow 9 > [3x]^2 + y^2$$

We can find this region by some analysis on equation inequality.

$$3x^2 + y^2 < 9$$

← This is an equation for an ellipse

Along x-axis ( $y=0$ ):  $3x^2 + 0^2 < 9 \Rightarrow x^2 < 3$

$$\Rightarrow -\sqrt{3} < x < \sqrt{3}$$

Along y-axis ( $x=0$ ):  $3 \cdot 0^2 + y^2 < 9 \Rightarrow y^2 < 9$

$$\Rightarrow -3 < y < 3$$

Exercise 12.2.41 p. 883

← see mathematica  
notebook