

12.2 Functions of several variables: $z = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

Level set: $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = c$ for some constant c .



$f(x, y) = c$

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<https://sciencing.com/read-topographic-maps-4577366.html>

Can use level sets to understand graphs of functions with 3 variables:

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Example: $g(x, y, x) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 8z$

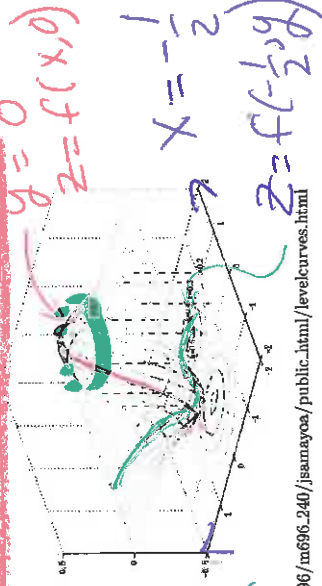
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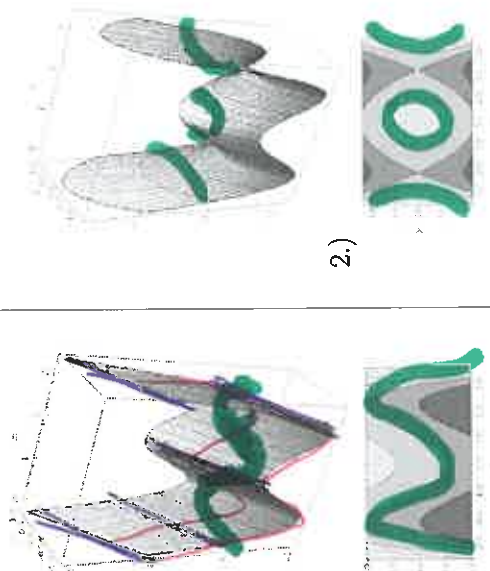
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$z = f(x, c)$ \leftarrow $y = c$

$c = f(x, y)$ \leftarrow $z = c$



Match the following graphs to one of the functions below:



$y = c$
 $x = c$

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- a.) $f(x, y) = 6x^3 + 11x^2 - 6x + y$
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- c.) $f(x, y) = x^4 - 6x^3 + 11x^2 - 6x - y^2$
- d.) $f(x, y) = x^4 - 6x^3 + 11x^2 - 6x + y^2$

$f(x, y) = h(x) + k(y)$

level set $z = c = f(x, y)$
 $y = c \leftarrow x^4 + 6x^3 - 11x^2 + 6x$

$x = c \Rightarrow z = h + y$

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Sphere of radius \sqrt{C}
Centered at origin

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level set $C = x^2 + y^2 + (z-4)^2 = 16$
the square \rightarrow

level sets = spheres centered at $(0, 0, 4)$

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Examples:

$z = f(c, y)$

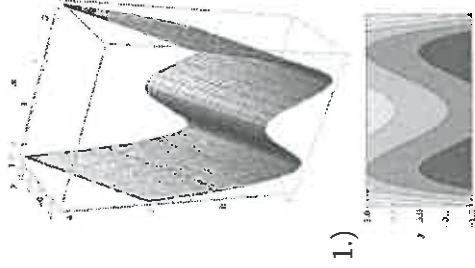
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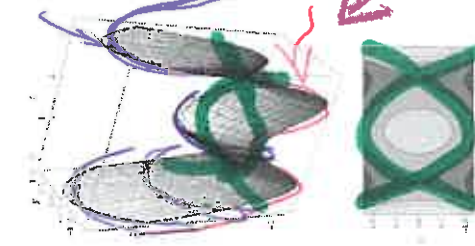


https://www.math.tamu.edu/~mpilant/math6096/m6096.240/jamayoos/public_html/levelcurves.html

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Handwritten notes: $z = k - y^2$ and $C = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$

12.3: Limits and continuity

$z = f(x)$ is continuous at x_0 if $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$

Ex: $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \sqrt{3x^2 + 3y^2} = \sqrt{3(0)^2 + 3(0)^2} = 0$

<https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/2203478/triple-integrals-in-spherical-coordinates-z-sqrt{3x^2+3y^2}>

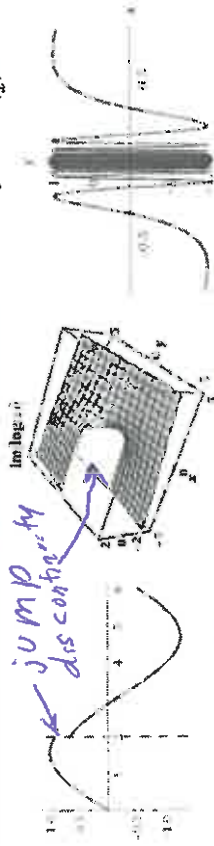


Defn: $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L$ iff for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that if $|x - x_0| < \delta$, then $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$

***** In other words if x is close to x_0 , then $f(x)$ is close to L *****

Discontinuous functions:

$y = \sin(\frac{1}{x})$



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Ex 9: Let $f(x,y) = \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2}$. $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2} = DNE$

Suppose we travel to $(0, 0)$ along a line with slope m . Thus $y = mx$:

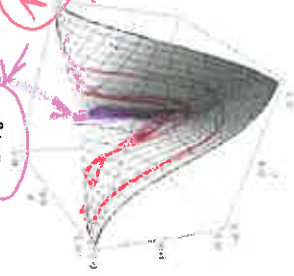
$$\lim_{(x,mx) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2} = \lim_{(x,mx) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x(mx)}{x^2+(mx)^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{mx^2}{(m^2+1)x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{m}{m^2+1} = \frac{m}{m^2+1}$$

Note $f(0,y) = 0, f(x,0) = 0, f(x,x) = \frac{1}{2}, f(x,-x) = -\frac{1}{2}$

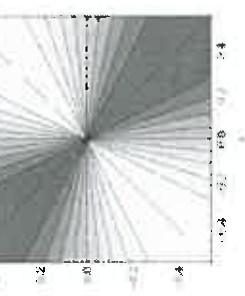
$f(x, mx) = \frac{m}{m^2+1} \neq 0$



Ex 9: $z = \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2}$



$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$

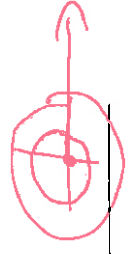


Change to polar coordinates: Let $(x,y) = (r \cos(\theta), r \sin(\theta))$.

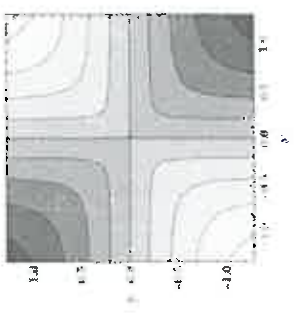
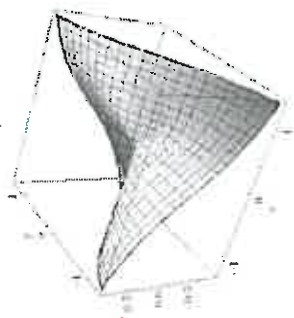
$\frac{xy}{x^2+y^2} = \frac{r \cos(\theta) r \sin(\theta)}{r^2} = \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) = \frac{\sin(2\theta)}{2}$

Thus $f(x,y) = \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2}$ in polar coordinates is

$f(r,\theta) = \frac{\sin(2\theta)}{2}, r \geq 0, \theta \in [0, 2\pi]$



Ex 8: $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}$



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$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{r \sin(2\theta)}{2} = 0$

$r = |(x,y)| \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow (x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)$