

A real-valued function of 2 variables takes two real input values

and returns one real output value.

e.g.
$$f(x, y) = x^2 + 3y^2$$
 or $g(x, y) = \sqrt{xy} + 2x^3$.

dependent variable ⇒ domain⇒

independent variables \Rightarrow

FX 1
$$f(x, y) = \frac{y}{x} + xy$$
, find

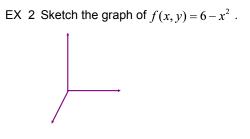
a)
$$f(1,2)$$

b) f(a,a)

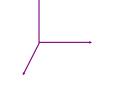
c)
$$f(\frac{1}{x}, x^2)$$

d) What is the domain of *f*?

The graph of a function of 2 variables is a 3D surface (usually). Since it is a function, then to each output, *z*, there can only be one (x,y) from the domain. Graphically, this means that each line perpendicular to the *xy*-plane intersects the surface in at most one point.



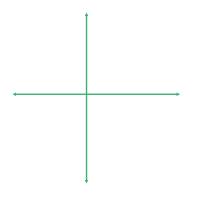
EX 3 Sketch the graph of $f(x, y) = \sqrt{16 - 4x^2 - y^2}$.



<u>Level Curves</u> \Rightarrow Projection of intersecting curves (with surface and planes z = c, c is real) onto the *xy*-plane.

Contour Map \Rightarrow a collection of level curves.

EX 4 Sketch level curves at z = -1, 0, 1, 4, 9 for $z = \frac{1}{4}x^2+y^2$.



EX 5 Sketch level curves at z = -4, -1, 0, 1, 4 for $z = y^2 - x^2$.



EX 6 Find the domain for $f(x, y, z) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 - z^2 - 9}$.