

Solutions to sheet 1

1.

$$f(1, 4) = (3)(1)(2) - 1 = 5, \quad f(0, 9) = (3)(0)(3) - 1 = -1,$$

$$f(t^2, t) = (3)(t^4)\sqrt{t} - 1, \quad f(ab, 9b) = (3)(ab)^2(3\sqrt{b}) - 1.$$

The domain of the function is: $\mathcal{D}(f) = \{(x, y) \mid y \geq 0\}$

2.

$$f(0, 1/2, -1/2) = \sqrt{1 - 0^2 - (1/2)^2 - (-1/2)^2} = \sqrt{1 - 1/2} = \sqrt{1/2}.$$

The domain of the function is $\mathcal{D}(f) = \{(x, y, z) \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1\}$. In this case, since the function depends on 3 variables, the domain lives in \mathbb{R}^3 and is the interior and boundary of a ball of radius 1.

3. (a) Is the upper hemisphere of a sphere of radius 1. (b) Is a cone with $z \leq 0$.

4. $\mathcal{D}(f) = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 > y\}$. To sketch the domain you just have to draw the parabola $y = x^2$. All points that are outside the region enclosed by the parabola will have $x^2 > y$.

5. (a) This set contains all points inside a disk of radius 1 in the xy -plane excluding the origin $(0, 0)$:

$$\text{Boundary} = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\}, \quad \text{Interior} = \{(x, y) \mid 0 < x^2 + y^2 < 1\}.$$

$$\text{Exterior} = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 > 1 \text{ and } (x, y) = (0, 0)\}.$$

The set does not contain its boundary and therefore it is open.

(b) This set is just a “quarter” of the \mathbb{R}^2 space corresponding to $x \geq 0$ and $y < 0$, including the line $x = 0$ with $y < 0$.

$$\text{Boundary} = \{(x, y) \mid x = 0 \text{ with } y \leq 0 \text{ or } y = 0 \text{ with } x \geq 0\}.$$

$$\text{Interior} = \{(x, y) \mid x > 0 \text{ and } y < 0\}, \quad \text{Exterior} = \{(x, y) \mid x < 0 \text{ or } y > 0\}.$$

The set contains part of the boundary but not all the points on the boundary, therefore it is neither open nor closed.

(c) This set is just the line $y = 1 - x$.

$$\text{Boundary} = \{(x, y) \mid x + y = 1\}, \quad \text{Interior} = \{\emptyset\}, \quad \text{Exterior} = \{(x, y) \mid x + y \neq 1\}.$$

In this case the set not only contains the boundary but coincides with it. Therefore it is closed.

(d) In this case the set is a square in \mathbb{R}^2 formed by the intersection of the lines $y = 1 - x$, $y = -1 - x$, $y = 1 + x$ and $y = -1 + x$.

$$\text{Boundary} = \{(x, y) \mid |x| + |y| = 1\}, \quad \text{Interior} = \{\emptyset\}, \quad \text{Exterior} = \{(x, y) \mid |x| + |y| \neq 1\}.$$

As in the previous case, the set coincides with its boundary and therefore it is closed.

6. (a) the limit exists and is 4, (b,e,h) the limit does not exist, (c,d,f) the limit exists and is 0, (g) the limit exists and is 1/4.

7. **Example 1:** All functions here are continuous.

Examples 2 and 3: Is not continuous at $(0, 0)$ since the limit does not exist.

Example 4: Is not continuous at $(0, 0)$ since the value of the function at $(0, 0)$ is not defined, although the limit exists at that point. The function can be made continuous by re-defining it as:

$$f_4(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 y}{x^2 + y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

8. The limit exists and is 0 if $m + n > 2p$. This can be proven by using a similar argument as in example 4 of page 12 (done in the lecture).