

- Sept. 14, 2020 - Introduction
- Domain / range
 - level curves / graphs
 - limits, continuity

The domain of a function $f(x)$ is the set of values you can "legally" put into the function and get something back that makes sense.

Ex.) $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$. If $x=1, \sqrt{1}=1$
 $x=2, \sqrt{2}$ ✓

But, if $x=-1$, then $\sqrt{-1} = ?$ ✗

This means $x=1, 2$ are in the domain, while $x=-1$ is not.

Q: What is the domain of $\sqrt{x}$?

$\text{Dom}(\sqrt{x}) = [0, \infty)$.

The range of a function $f(x)$ is everywhere that $f(x)$ can "get to" or "attain" from its domain.

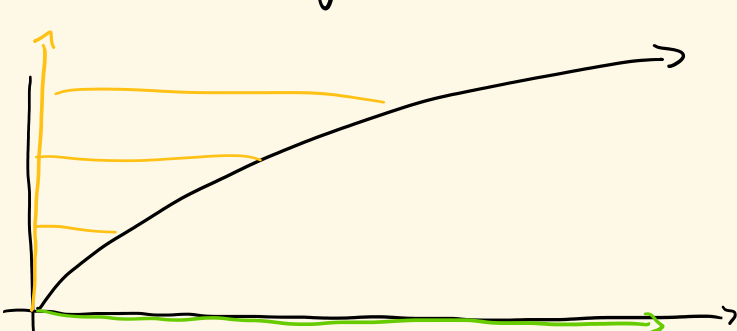
Ex. Is 1 in the range of $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$?

Yes! Since $f(1) = \sqrt{1} = 1$ ✓

Is -1 in the range? No!

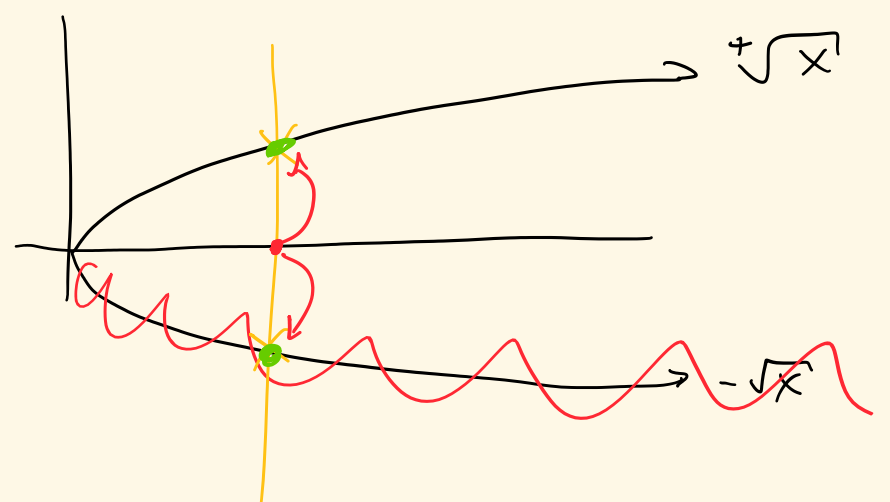
Since $f(x) \geq 0$ for all x in the domain.

Q: What is the range of $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$?



$\text{Range}(f(x)) = [0, \infty)$

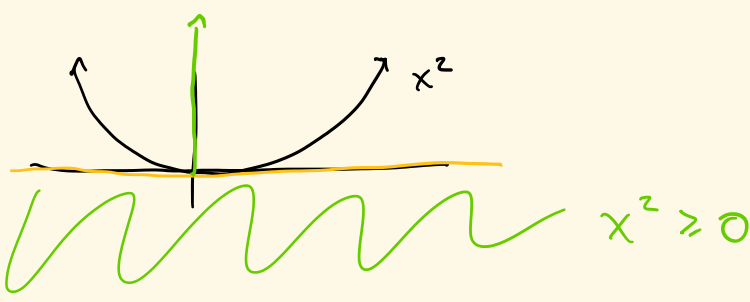
$x^2 = 1$ has $x = \pm 1$
($\hookrightarrow y = \sqrt{x} = f(x)$)



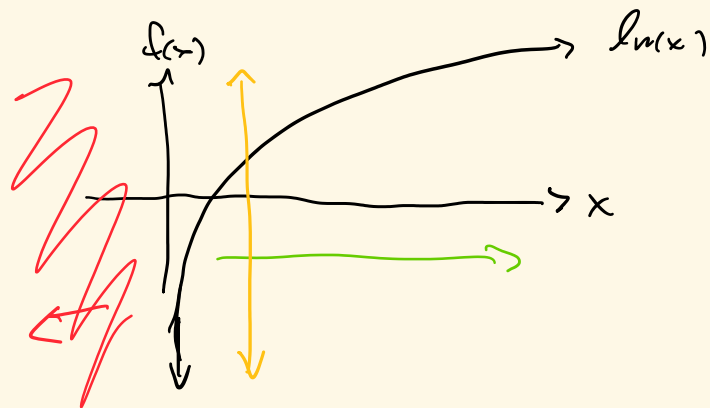
Ex. Find the dom / range of the following:

- a.) $f(x) = x^2$
- b.) $f(x) = \ln(x)$
- c.) $f(x) = \sin(x)$
- d.) $f(x) = \tan(x)$.

a.) $f(x) = x^2$ $\text{Dom}(f) = \{x : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$.
 $\text{Rng}(f) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \geq 0\}$
 $= \{y \in \mathbb{R} : y \geq 0\}$

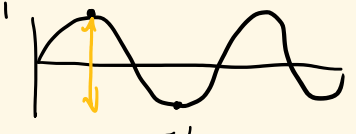


b.) $f(x) = \ln(x)$ $\text{Dom}(f) = (0, \infty)$
 $= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x > 0\}$
 $\text{Rng}(f) = (-\infty, \infty)$



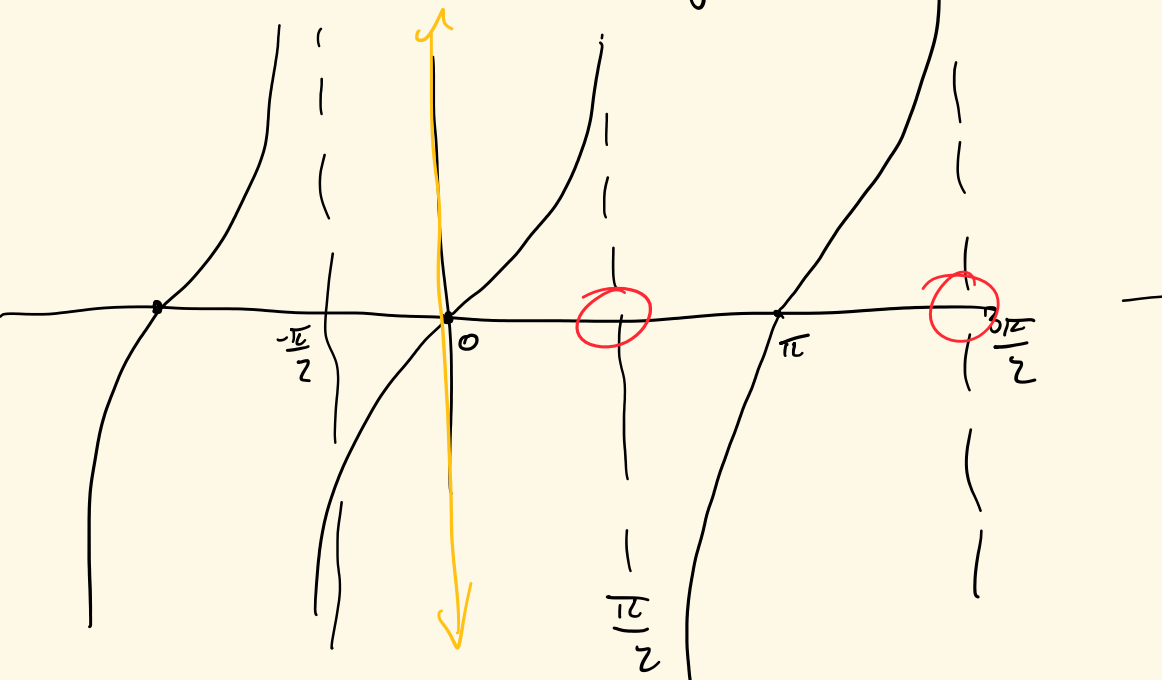
c.) $f(x) = \sin(x)$, $\text{Dom}(f) = (-\infty, \infty)$
 $= \mathbb{R}$

$\text{Rng}(f) = [-1, 1]$ ✓



d.) $f(x) = \tan(x)$, $\text{Dom}(f) =$

$\text{Rng}(f) =$



$\text{Dom}(f) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \neq n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}\}$
 $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\text{Range}(f) = \{b \in \mathbb{R}\}$.

$\frac{\pi}{2} \notin \text{Domain}$
 $\frac{3\pi}{2} \notin \text{Domain}$
 $\vdots$
 $\frac{5\pi}{2}$
 $\frac{7\pi}{2}$
 $\vdots$

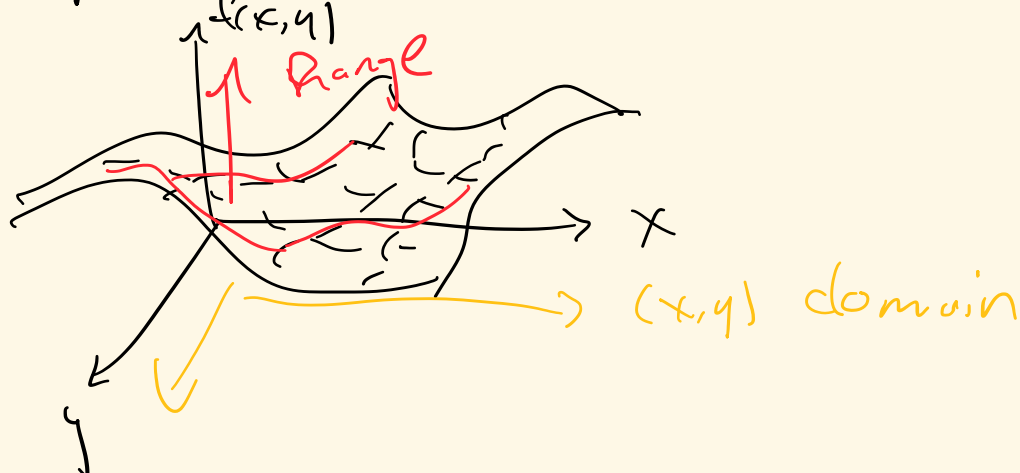
$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

$(2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $\boxed{n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}}$

The same idea applies to the domain & range of a multi-variable function $f(x,y)$!

Domain is all values (x,y) that can legally be input to $f(x,y)$.

Range is all values z such that $f(x,y)$ returns z for some value (x,y) in the domain.



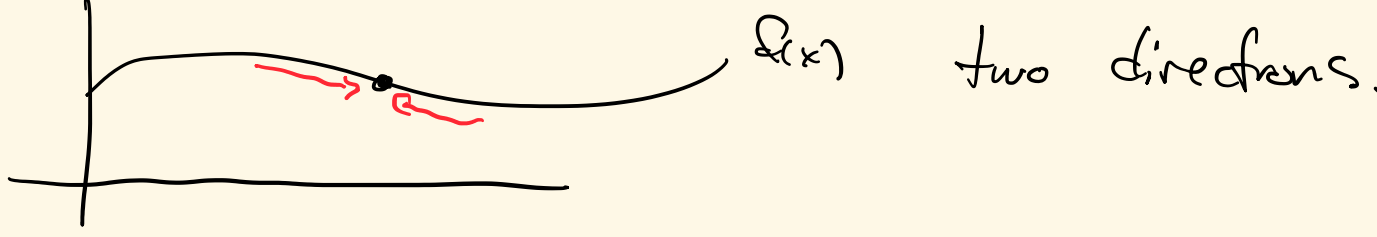
Ex. $x \ln(y^2 - x) = f(x,y) \Rightarrow$ Find the domain

$x \in \mathbb{R}$ $y^2 > 0$

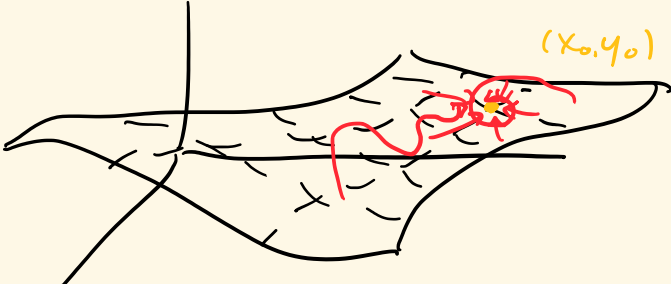
Ex. $\sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2} = g(x,y) \Rightarrow$ Find the dom & range.

$x^2 + y^2 \leq 9$

Limits: In 1-D, we usually take "left" & "right" limits:
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^-} f(x)$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} f(x)$, if they are the same,
we say that $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L$.



In 2-D:



We need all limits to be the same from every possible direction!

Ex. Show that $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$ D.N.E.!

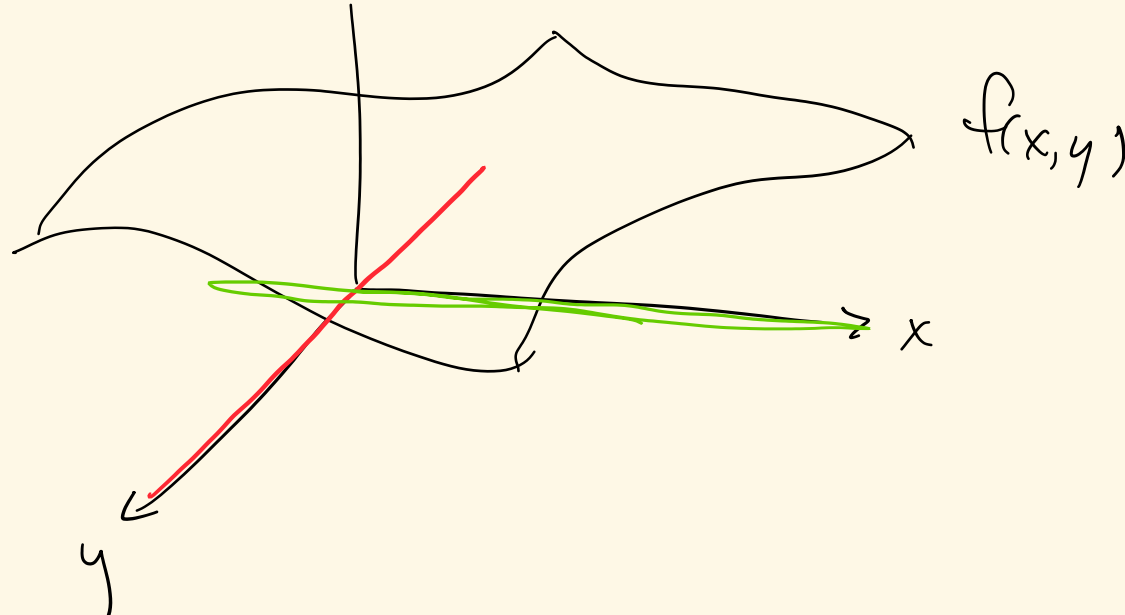
Choose the line $x=0$.

Then, $\lim_{(y \rightarrow 0)} \frac{0^2 - y^2}{0^2 + y^2} = -1$

Choose the line $y=0$.

Then, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - 0^2}{x^2 + 0^2} = +1$

Therefore the limit D.N.E.



1. Check lines $\begin{cases} x=c, y=0. \\ y=mx \text{ or } \\ y=x^p, \text{ for some } p > 0. \end{cases}$
2. Try $x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta$ as $(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)$.

Continuity: In 2-D, if $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)} f(x,y)$ exists,
we say $f(x,y)$ is continuous at (x_0, y_0) .
Then, $f(x,y)$ is continuous on some set $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ if $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0, y_0)} f(x,y)$ exists for every pair $(x_0, y_0) \in D$.
Otherwise $f(x,y)$ is discontinuous at (x_0, y_0) .