

Ex $f(x,y) = 2x^2 + y^2$.

Set $z = 2x^2 + y^2$.

Idea: Take horizontal slices $z=k$

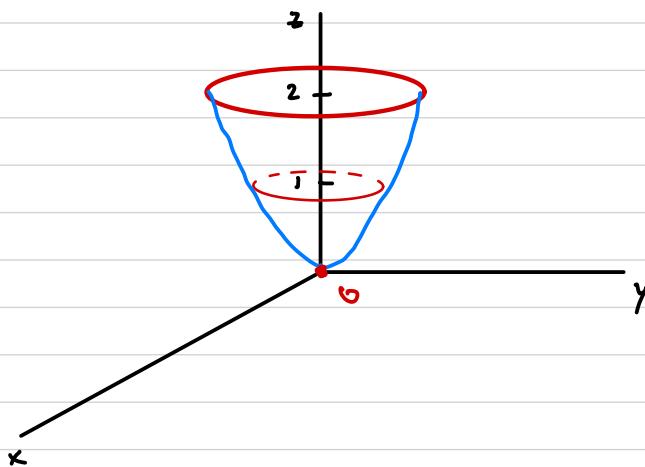
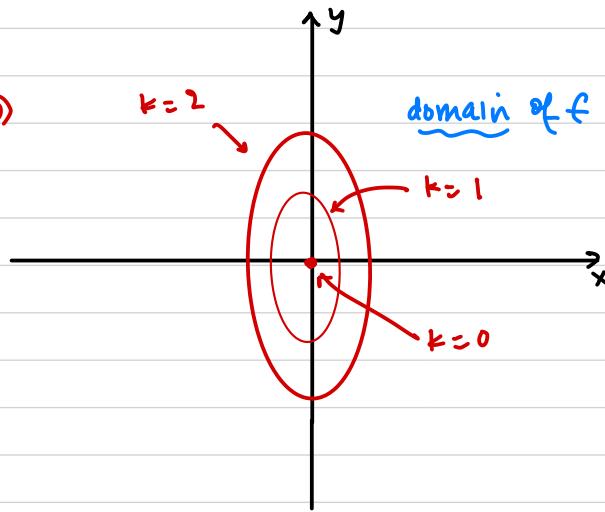
constant...
for various k .

Ex $k=0 \quad 2x^2 + y^2 = 0 \quad \hookrightarrow (x,y) = (0,0)$

output value \downarrow

$k=1 \quad 2x^2 + y^2 = 1$

$k=2 \quad 2x^2 + y^2 = 2$



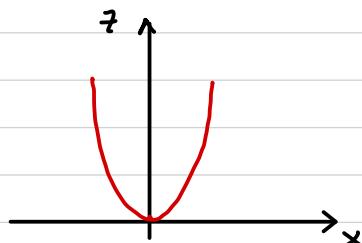
xy-plane = domain
z height gives output value

Note: Can also take x- or y-cross section if it seems easier.

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