

14.1, number 18: Let $f(x, y) = \sqrt{y - x}$.

- (a) Find the domain of f .
- (b) Find the image of f .
- (c) Describe f 's level sets.
- (d) Find the boundary of f 's domain.
- (e) Is the boundary open region, or a closed region, or neither?
- (f) Is the domain bounded or unbounded?

Answer:

The domain of f is the set of points (x, y) with $x \leq y$.

This is all points on or above the line $y = x$.

The image of f is the set of real numbers that are 0 or higher.

The level sets of f are the lines parallel to and above (or equal to) $y = x$.

In particular, $y = x$ is the level set $f(x, y) = 0$; $y = x + 1$ is the level set $f(x, y) = 1$; $y = x + 4$ is the level set $f(x, y) = 2$; etc.

The line $y = x$ is the boundary of the domain of f .

The domain is closed

because all of the boundary of the domain is in the domain.

The domain is unbounded

because is not possible to draw a circle so that all of the domain is inside the circle.