## Partial Differentiation

## Functions of more than one variable

## Question

If each level curve $f(x, y)=C$ is a circle with centre $(0,0)$ and the given radius, find $f(x, y)$
(a) $C$
(b) $C^{2}$
(c) $\sqrt{c} 4$
(d) $\ln C$

Answer
(a) $f(x, y)=C$ is $x^{2}+y^{2}=C^{2}$ implies that $f(x, y)=\sqrt{x^{2}+y^{2}}$.
(b) $f(x, y)=C$ is $x^{2}+y^{2}=C^{4}$ implies that $f(x, y)=\left(x^{2}+y^{2}\right)^{(1 / 4)}$.
(c) $f(x, y)=C$ is $x^{2}+y^{2}=C$ implies that $f(x, y)=x^{2}+y^{2}$.
(d) $f(x, y)=C$ is $x^{2}+y^{2}=(\ln C)^{2}$ implies that $f(x, y)=e^{\sqrt{x^{2}+y^{2}}}$.

