

We examine the extreme values of $x^2 + 2y^2$ over the disk of radius one.

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> with(plots):
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> f:= x^2 + 2*y^2;
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$$f := x^2 + 2y^2$$

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> r:=1.5:
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> A:=plot3d(f,x=-r..r,y=-sqrt(r^2-x^2)/sqrt(2)..sqrt(r^2-x^2)/sqrt(2),axes=framed,style=patchnogrid, thickness=1, transparency=0):  
#plotting the surface over an ellipse to make the top look flat.
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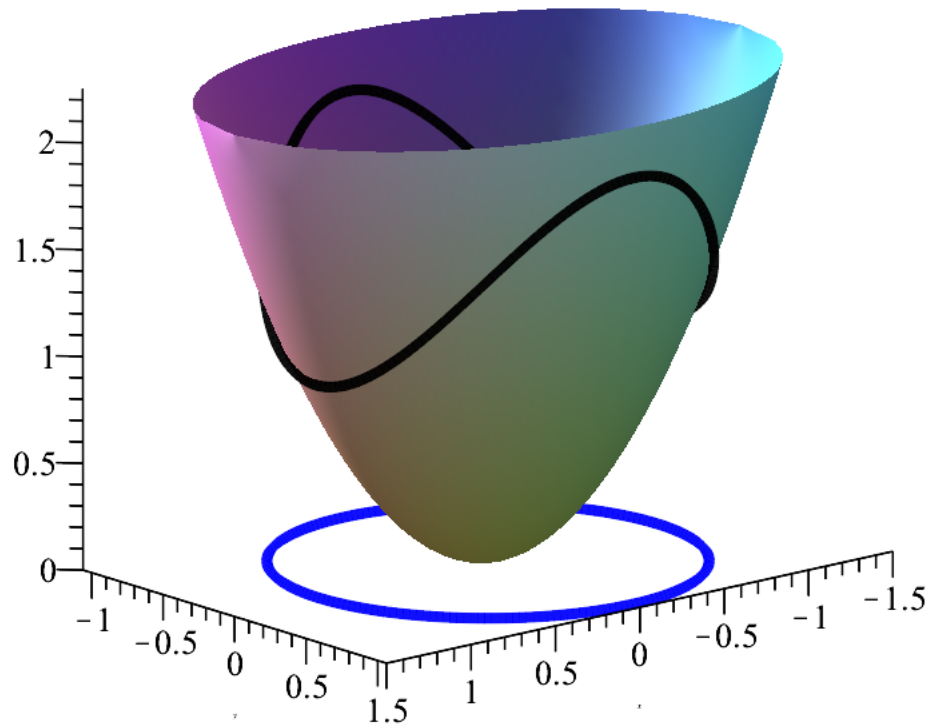
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> B:=spacecurve([cos(t),sin(t),0],t=0..2*Pi,color=blue, thickness=8):  
#circle in the xy-plane
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> Cin:=spacecurve([1.02*cos(t),1.02*sin(t),(cos(t))^2 + 2*(sin(t))^2],t=0..2*Pi,color=black, thickness=8):  
#curve on the surface above the circle in the xy-plane with 1.02 fudge factor to make the image look better
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> Cout := spacecurve([0.98*cos(t), 0.98*sin(t), (cos(t))^2 + 2*(sin(t))^2], t=0..2*Pi,  
color=black, thickness=8):  
#curve on the surface above the circle in the xy-plane with 0.98 fudge factor to make the image look better
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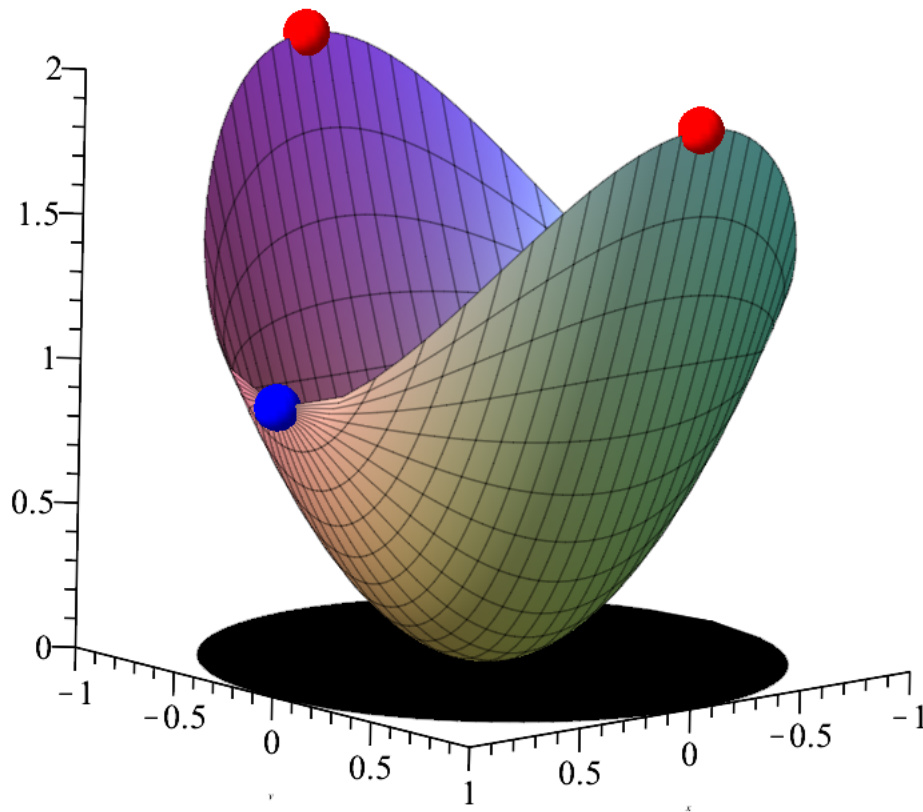
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> display([A,B,Cin,Cout], scaling=constrained,title="walking around the blue curve looking for the maximum", orientation=[50,70]);
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walking around the blue curve looking for the maximum



Now for a different view of the same thing.

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> a:=plot3d(f,x=-1..1,y=-sqrt(1-x^2)..sqrt(1-x^2),axes=framed):  
#Note how we are plotting the surface over the disk of radius 1  
> b:=plot3d(0,x=-1..1,y=-sqrt(1-x^2)..sqrt(1-x^2),color=black):  
#this plots the disk of radius one in the xy-plane  
> c:=pointplot3d({[1,0,1],[-1,0,1]},axes=framed,color=blue,symbol=  
solidcircle, symbolsize=40):  
> d:=pointplot3d({[0,1,2],[0,-1,2]},axes=framed,color=red,symbol=  
solidcircle, symbolsize=40):  
> display({a,b,c,d}, scaling=constrained, orientation=[50,70]);
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The blue balls are at the minima on the boundary. The red balls are at the maxima on the boundary. The absolute minimum is $f=0$ which occurs at $(0,0)$. The absolute maximum is $f=2$ which occurs at $(0,-1)$ and $(0,1)$.