## Question

Find the domain of the function f, defined by  $f(x) = \sqrt{(x^3(9-x))}$ 

## Solution

The domain is  $D(f) = \{x \mid x^3(9 - x) \ge 0\}$ 

 $x^{3}(9-x) = 0 \iff x = 0 \text{ or } x = 9$ 1)  $x < 0 : x^{3} < 0 \text{ and } 9 - x > 0 \implies x^{3}(9-x) < 0$ 2)  $0 \le x \le 9 : x^{3} \ge 0 \text{ and } 9 - x \ge 0 \implies x^{3}(9-x) \ge 0$ 3)  $x > 9 : x^{3} > 0 \text{ and } 9 - x < 0 \implies x^{3}(9-x) < 0$ 

**Answer:** The domain is  $D(f) = [0, 9] = \{x | x \in [0, 9]\}.$