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# Chapter 1

## A Review of Functions

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### Section 1.1: An Introduction to Functions

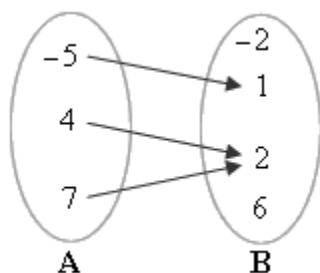
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#### Definition of a Function and Evaluating a Function

##### Definition:

A function is a rule that assigns to each element in a set  $A$  exactly one element in a set  $B$ . The set  $A$  is called the domain of the function. The range of the function is the set of elements in  $B$  that are assigned by this rule.

The following mapping diagram is an example of a function.



Each element of the set  $A = \{-5, 4, 7\}$  is assigned to exactly one element of the set  $B = \{-2, 1, 2, 6\}$ :

-5 is assigned to 1.

4 is assigned to 2.

7 is assigned to 2.

The domain of the function is  $\{-5, 4, 7\}$  and the range of the function is  $\{1, 2\}$ .

## Defining a Function by an Equation in the Variables $x$ and $y$ :

The equation  $y = 3x + 1$  defines  $y$  as a function of  $x$  since for each real number  $x$ , the expression  $3x + 1$  is a unique real number.

However, not every equation in the variables  $x$  and  $y$  defines a function. The equation  $y^2 = x - 1$  does not define  $y$  as function of  $x$ . Note that if  $x = 5$ , then  $y^2 = 5 - 1 = 4$ . This means that  $y$  could be either 2 or  $-2$  since  $2^2 = (-2)^2 = 4$ . Thus, more than one  $y$  value is assigned to  $x = 5$ .

### Example:

Decide whether or not each equation defines  $y$  as a function of  $x$ .

(a)  $2x^2 + 3y^2 = 15$

(b)  $y = 3x^2 + 2x + 1$

### Solution:

(a) If  $x = 0$ , then  $3y^2 = 15$ . Solving this equation for  $y$ , we have  $y = \pm\sqrt{5}$ . This shows that more than one  $y$  value is assigned to  $x = 0$ . Therefore, the equation  $2x^2 + 3y^2 = 15$  does not define  $y$  as a function of  $x$ .

(b) For each real number  $x$ , the expression  $3x^2 + 2x + 1$  is a unique real number. Thus, for each  $x$ , there corresponds exactly one value of  $y$ . Therefore, the equation  $y = 3x^2 + 2x + 1$  defines  $y$  as a function of  $x$ .

## The Function Notation:

A special notation is reserved for denoting functions. If we know that  $y$  is a function of  $x$ , we can use the function notation:  $y = f(x)$ . The symbol  $f(x)$  is read as

" $f$  of  $x$ ." From the example shown above, we know that the equation  $y = 3x^2 + 2x + 1$  defines  $y$  as a function of  $x$ . We can give this function a name, say  $f$ , and use the function notation to write  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x + 1$ .

## Evaluating a Function:

If  $f$  is a function of  $x$ , then the variable  $x$  represents elements in the domain of  $f$ . For each  $x$  in the domain of  $f$ , the number  $f(x)$  is the value of  $f$  at  $x$  and represents the corresponding element in the range of  $f$ .

The function  $f$  given by  $f(x) = x^4$  assigns to each real number  $x$  the fourth power of  $x$ .

The domain of  $f$  is the set  $\mathbb{R}$  of real numbers. Since  $f(x) = x^4 \geq 0$  for all real numbers  $x$ , the range of  $f$  is the set  $[0, \infty)$ .

To evaluate  $f$  at the numbers  $-3$ ,  $0$ , and  $5$ , substitute those numbers for  $x$  in  $f(x) = x^4$ .

$$f(-3) = (-3)^4 = 81 \quad \text{The value of } f \text{ at } -3 \text{ is } 81.$$

$$f(0) = (0)^4 = 0 \quad \text{The value of } f \text{ at } 0 \text{ is } 0.$$

$$f(5) = (5)^4 = 625 \quad \text{The value of } f \text{ at } 5 \text{ is } 625.$$

### Example:

Evaluate the function  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 3x - 4$  at the numbers  $-2$ ,  $-\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $2$ , and  $\sqrt{2}$ .

### Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f(-2) &= 2(-2)^2 + 3(-2) - 4 \\ &= 2(4) - 6 - 4 \\ &= 8 - 6 - 4 \\ &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) &= 2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 3\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) - 4 \\ &= 2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) - \frac{3}{2} - 4 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2}{4} - \frac{3}{2} - 4 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2} - \frac{8}{2} \\ &= -\frac{10}{2} \\ &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(2) &= 2(2)^2 + 3(2) - 4 \\ &= 2(4) + 6 - 4 \\ &= 8 + 6 - 4 \\ &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\sqrt{2}) &= 2(\sqrt{2})^2 + 3(\sqrt{2}) - 4 \\ &= 2(2) + 3\sqrt{2} - 4 \\ &= 4 + 3\sqrt{2} - 4 \\ &= 3\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

**Example:**

If  $g(x) = \frac{1-x}{1+x}$ , evaluate  $g(2)$ ,  $g(-2)$ , and  $g(a)$ .

**Solution:**

$$g(2) = \frac{1-2}{1+2} = \frac{-1}{3} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$g(-2) = \frac{1-(-2)}{1+(-2)} = \frac{3}{-1} = -3$$

$$g(a) = \frac{1-a}{1+a}$$

**Difference Quotients:**

For a given function  $f$ , an expression of the form

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \text{ or } \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x-a}$$

is called a difference quotient.

**Example:**

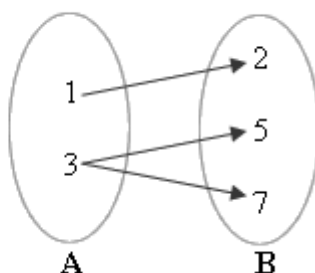
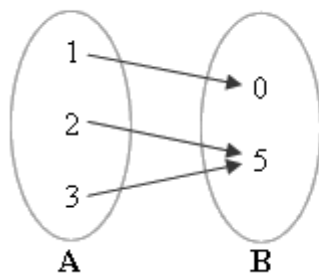
What is the difference quotient,  $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ , for  $f(x) = -5x + 2$ ?

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} &= \frac{-5(x+h) + 2 - (-5x + 2)}{h} && \text{To find } f(x+h), \text{ substitute } x+h \text{ for } x \text{ in the} \\ & && \text{expression } -5x+2. \\ &= \frac{-5x - 5h + 2 + 5x - 2}{h} && \text{Use the distributive property in the numerator.} \\ &= \frac{-5\cancel{h}}{\cancel{h}} && \text{Simplify in the numerator.} \\ &= -5 && \text{Simplify.} \end{aligned}$$

**Additional Example 1:**

State whether or not each of the mappings shown below represents a function.

**Solution:**

Describe the first diagram.

1 is assigned to 0.

2 is assigned to 5.

3 is assigned to 5.

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The first mapping represents a function since each element of  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  is assigned to exactly one element of  $B = \{0, 5\}$ .

Describe the second diagram.

1 is assigned to 2.

3 is assigned to both 5 and 7.

The second mapping does not represent a function since not every element of  $A = \{1, 3\}$  is assigned to exactly one element of  $B = \{2, 5, 7\}$ . 3 in  $A$  is assigned to two elements, 5 and 7, in  $B$ .

### **Additional Example 2:**

Decide whether or not each equation defines  $y$  as a function of  $x$ .

(a)  $y = |x^2 - 9|$

(b)  $y^2 = x - 2$

### **Solution:**

(a) For each real number  $x$ , the expression  $|x^2 - 9|$  represents a unique real number.

Therefore, the equation does define a function  $y$  in terms of  $x$  since there is assigned exactly one value  $y$  for each  $x$ .

(b) Substitute 3 for  $x$  in the equation  $y^2 = x - 2$ . Then  $y^2 = 3 - 2 = 1$ . Solving this equation for  $y$ , we get  $y = \pm 1$ .

Therefore, the equation does not define a function  $y$  in terms of  $x$  since  $x = 3$  leads to more than one value of  $y$ .

### **Additional Example 3:**

Express the rule "multiply by 5, subtract 12, then square" in function notation.

(For example, "subtract 3, then take the square root" would be written as )  
 $f(x) = \sqrt{x - 3}$ .

**Solution:**

For the first step, begin with  $x$  and multiply by 5.  $5x$

Next subtract 12 from  $5x$ .  $5x - 12$

For the last step square  $5x - 12$ .  $(5x - 12)^2$

Now use function notation.  $f(x) = (5x - 12)^2$

**Additional Example 4:**

For the function  $f$  given by  $f(x) = 5x - 2$ , evaluate  $f(-2)$ ,  $f(0)$ , and  $f(3)$ .

**Solution:**

To find  $f(-2)$ , substitute  $-2$  for  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 5x - 2 \\ f(-2) &= 5(-2) - 2 \\ &= -10 - 2 \\ &= -12 \end{aligned}$$

To find  $f(0)$ , substitute 0 for  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 5x - 2 \\ f(0) &= 5(0) - 2 \\ &= 0 - 2 \\ &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

To find  $f(3)$ , substitute 3 for  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 5x - 2 \\ f(3) &= 5(3) - 2 \\ &= 15 - 2 \\ &= 13 \end{aligned}$$

**Additional Example 5:**

For the function  $f$  given by  $f(x) = (x-1)^2 - 3$ , evaluate  $f(-1)$ ,  $f(4)$ , and  $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ .

**Solution:**

To find  $f(-1)$ , substitute  $-1$  for  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= (x-1)^2 - 3 \\f(-1) &= (-1-1)^2 - 3 \\&= (-2)^2 - 3 \\&= 4 - 3 \\&= 1\end{aligned}$$

To find  $f(4)$ , substitute  $4$  for  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= (x-1)^2 - 3 \\f(4) &= (4-1)^2 - 3 \\&= 3^2 - 3 \\&= 9 - 3 \\&= 6\end{aligned}$$

To find  $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ , substitute  $\frac{1}{2}$  for  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= (x-1)^2 - 3 \\f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= \left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)^2 - 3 \\&= \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 3 \\&= \frac{1}{4} - 3 \\&= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{12}{4} \\&= -\frac{11}{4}\end{aligned}$$



**Additional Example 6:**

For the function  $f$  given by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -3x^2 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 6x+1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$ , evaluate  $f(-4)$ ,  $f(-2)$ ,  $f(0)$ , and  $f(6)$ .

**Solution:**

If  $x < 0$ , then the value of  $f$  at  $x$  is given by  $-3x^2$ . Since  $-4 < 0$ , to find  $f(-4)$ , substitute  $-4$  for  $x$  in the expression  $-3x^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(-4) &= -3(-4)^2 \\ &= -3(16) \\ &= -48 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $-2 < 0$ , to find  $f(-2)$ , substitute  $-2$  for  $x$  in the expression  $-3x^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(-2) &= -3(-2)^2 \\ &= -3(4) \\ &= -12 \end{aligned}$$

If  $x \geq 0$ , then the value of  $f$  at  $x$  is given by  $6x+1$ . Since  $0 \geq 0$ , to find  $f(0)$ , substitute  $0$  for  $x$  in the expression  $6x+1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= 6(0)+1 \\ &= 0+1 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $6 \geq 0$ , to find  $f(6)$ , substitute  $6$  for  $x$  in the expression  $6x+1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(6) &= 6(6)+1 \\ &= 36+1 \\ &= 37 \end{aligned}$$

**Additional Example 7:**

Find the difference quotient,  $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$  for  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 5x - 4$ .

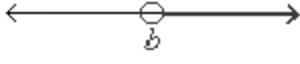

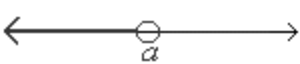






**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= \frac{3(x+h)^2 + 5(x+h) - 4 - (3x^2 + 5x - 4)}{h} && \text{To find } f(x+h), \text{ substitute } x+h \text{ for } x \\ & && \text{in the expression } 3x^2 + 5x - 4. \\ &= \frac{3(x^2 + 2xh + h^2) + 5(x+h) - 4 - (3x^2 + 5x - 4)}{h} && \text{Expand } (x+h)^2. \\ &= \frac{3x^2 + 6xh + 3h^2 + 5x + 5h - 4 - 3x^2 - 5x + 4}{h} && \text{Use the distributive property in the numerator.} \\ &= \frac{6xh + 3h^2 + 5h}{h} && \text{Simplify in the numerator.} \\ &= \frac{\cancel{h}(6x + 3h + 5)}{\cancel{h}} && \text{Factor out an } h \text{ in the numerator.} \\ &= 6x + 3h + 5 && \text{Simplify.} \end{aligned}$$

## Domain and Range of a Function

### Review of Interval Notation:

The domain and range for many functions are intervals on the real line. In this case, the domain and range are often specified in interval notation. The chart below gives a summary of interval notation with its corresponding description and graph on the real number line.

Interval Notation	Description of Interval	Graph
$(b, \infty)$	includes all real numbers $x$ such that $x$ is greater than $b$ ( $x > b$ )	
$[b, \infty)$	includes all real numbers $x$ such that $x$ is greater than or equal to $b$ ( $x \geq b$ )	
$(-\infty, a)$	includes all real numbers $x$ such that $x$ is less than $a$ ( $x < a$ )	
$(-\infty, a]$	includes all real numbers $x$ such that $x$ is less than or equal to $a$ ( $x \leq a$ )	
$(-\infty, \infty)$	includes all real numbers $x$	
$(a, b)$	includes all real numbers $x$ such that $x$ is between $a$ and $b$ ( $a < x < b$ )	
$[a, b)$	includes all real numbers $x$ such that $x$ is greater than or equal to $a$ and $x$ is less than $b$ ( $a \leq x < b$ )	
$(a, b]$	includes all real numbers $x$ such that $x$ is greater than $a$ and $x$ is less than or equal to $b$ ( $a < x \leq b$ )	
$[a, b]$	includes all real numbers $x$ such that $x$ is between and including $a$ and $b$ ( $a \leq x \leq b$ )	

## Finding the Domain of a Function:

If the domain of a function has not been explicitly stated, then by convention the domain is the set of all real numbers for which the expression is defined as a real number.

### Example:

Find the domain of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{2x-1}$ .

### Solution:

For  $\sqrt{2x-1}$  to be a real number,  $2x-1$  cannot be negative. Solve the inequality  $2x-1 \geq 0$  for  $x$  to find the domain of  $f$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 2x - 1 &\geq 0 \\
 2x - 1 + 1 &\geq 0 + 1 \\
 2x &\geq 1 \\
 \frac{2x}{2} &\geq \frac{1}{2} \\
 x &\geq \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

The domain in interval notation is  $\left[\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$ .

**Example:**

Find the domain of the function  $f(x) = \frac{5}{3x - 2}$ .

**Solution:**

Find the values of  $x$  where the denominator is 0 by solving the equation  $3x - 2 = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 3x - 2 &= 0 \\
 3x - 2 + 2 &= 0 + 2 \\
 3x &= 2 \\
 \frac{3x}{3} &= \frac{2}{3} \\
 x &= \frac{2}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

The function is defined for all real numbers  $x$  except those values of  $x$  where the denominator is 0. Thus, the domain is  $\left\{x \mid x \neq \frac{2}{3}\right\}$ .

The domain in interval notation is  $\left(-\infty, \frac{2}{3}\right) \cup \left(\frac{2}{3}, \infty\right)$ .

**Finding the Range of a Function:**

To determine the range of a function  $y = f(x)$ , find the set of all real numbers  $y$  that are obtained by the equation  $y = f(x)$  as  $x$  varies throughout the domain of  $f$ .

**Example:**

Find the domain and range of the function  $y = \sqrt{x} - 3$ .

**Solution:**

For  $\sqrt{x} - 3$  to be a real number,  $x$  cannot be negative.

Thus, the domain in interval notation is  $[0, \infty)$ .

To find the range of the function, we must determine the set of all values of  $y$  that are obtained by the equation  $y = \sqrt{x} - 3$  for nonnegative values of  $x$ .

For each  $x \geq 0$ , we know that  $\sqrt{x} \geq 0$ . Subtracting 3 from both sides of this inequality, we see that  $\sqrt{x} - 3 \geq -3$ .

Thus, the range of the function in interval notation is  $[-3, \infty)$ .

**Additional Example 1:**

Find the domain of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{8x - 2}$ . Express the answer in interval notation.

**Solution:**

For  $\sqrt{8x - 2}$  to be a real number,  $8x - 2$  cannot be negative. Solve the inequality  $8x - 2 \geq 0$  for  $x$  to find the domain of  $f$ .

$$8x - 2 \geq 0$$

$$8x - 2 + 2 \geq 0 + 2$$

$$8x \geq 2$$

$$\frac{\cancel{8}x}{\cancel{8}} \geq \frac{2}{8}$$

$$x \geq \frac{1}{4}$$

The domain in interval notation is  $\left[\frac{1}{4}, \infty\right)$ .

**Additional Example 2:**

Find the domain of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{4-3x}$ . Express the answer in interval notation.

**Solution:**

For  $\sqrt{4-3x}$  to be a real number,  $4-3x$  cannot be negative. Solve the inequality  $4-3x \geq 0$  for  $x$  to find the domain of  $f$ .

$$4-3x \geq 0$$

$$4-3x-4 \geq 0-4$$

$$-3x \geq -4$$

$$\frac{\cancel{-3}x}{\cancel{-3}} \leq \frac{-4}{-3}$$

$$x \leq \frac{4}{3}$$

The domain in interval notation is  $\left(-\infty, \frac{4}{3}\right]$ .

**Additional Example 3:**

Find the domain of the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{4-9x}$ . Express the answer in interval notation.

**Solution:**

Find the values of  $x$  where the denominator is 0 by solving the equation  $4-9x=0$ .

$$4-9x=0$$

$$4-9x-4=0-4$$

$$-9x=-4$$

$$\frac{\cancel{-9}x}{\cancel{-9}} = \frac{-4}{-9}$$

$$x = \frac{4}{9}$$

The function is defined for each real number  $x$  except those values of  $x$  where the denominator is 0. Thus, the domain is  $\left\{x \mid x \neq \frac{4}{9}\right\}$ .

The domain in interval notation is  $\left(-\infty, \frac{4}{9}\right) \cup \left(\frac{4}{9}, \infty\right)$ .

**Additional Example 4:**

Find the domain of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 - 8x + 7}$ . Express the answer in interval notation.

**Solution:**

Find the values of  $x$  where the denominator is 0 by solving the equation  $x^2 - 8x + 7 = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - 8x + 7 &= 0 \\ (x-1)(x-7) &= 0 \\ x-1 &= 0 & \text{or} & & x-7 &= 0 \\ x-1+1 &= 0+1 & & & x-7+7 &= 0+7 \\ x &= 1 & & & x &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

The function is defined for each real number  $x$  except those values of  $x$  where the denominator is 0. Thus, the domain is  $\{x \mid x \neq 1, x \neq 7\}$ .

The domain in interval notation is  $(-\infty, 1) \cup (1, 7) \cup (7, \infty)$ .

**Additional Example 5:**

Find the domain of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + x - 12}$ . Express the answer in interval notation.

**Solution:**

For  $\sqrt{x^2 + x - 12}$  to be a real number,  $x^2 + x - 12$  cannot be negative. Solve the inequality  $x^2 + x - 12 \geq 0$  to find the domain of  $f$ .

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$$x^2 + x - 12 \geq 0$$

$$(x+4)(x-3) \geq 0$$

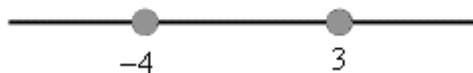
Solve the corresponding equation:  $(x+4)(x-3) = 0$ .

$$x+4=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x-3=0$$

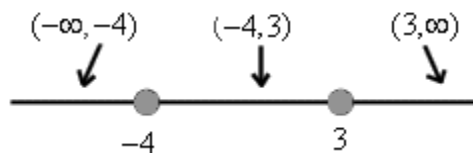
$$x+4-4=0-4 \quad x-3+3=0+3$$

$$x=-4 \quad x=3$$

Place  $-4$  and  $3$  on a number line. The closed circles indicate that the numbers satisfy the inequality  $(x+4)(x-3) \geq 0$ .



List the intervals determined by  $-4$  and  $3$ .



Check the signs of the factors  $x+4$  and  $x-3$  on the interval  $(-\infty, -4)$  by using a test value.

$-5$  is in the interval  $(-\infty, -4)$ .

For  $x = -5$ ,

$$x+4 = -5+4 = -1 < 0$$

and

$$x-3 = -5-3 = -8 < 0.$$

Sign of  $x+4$ :  $-$

Sign of  $x-3$ :  $-$

Sign of  $(x+4)(x-3)$ :  $+$

Show the results on the number line.





Check the signs of the factors  $x+4$  and  $x-3$  on the interval  $(-4,3)$  by using a test value.

0 is in the interval  $(-4,3)$ .

For  $x=0$ ,

$$x+4 = 0+4 = 4 > 0$$

and

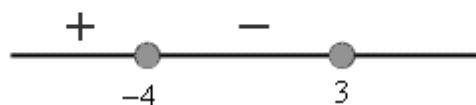
$$x-3 = 0-3 = -3 < 0.$$

Sign of  $x+4$ :     +

Sign of  $x-3$ :     -

Sign of  $(x+4)(x-3)$ : -

Show the results on the number line.



Check the signs of the factors  $x+4$  and  $x-3$  on the interval  $(3,\infty)$  by using a test value.

4 is in the interval  $(3,\infty)$ .

For  $x=4$ ,

$$x+4 = 4+4 = 8 > 0$$

and

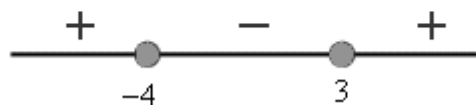
$$x-3 = 4-3 = 1 > 0.$$

Sign of  $x+4$ :     +

Sign of  $x-3$ :     +

Sign of  $(x+4)(x-3)$ : +

Show the results on the number line.



The domain of the function is  $\{x \mid (x+4)(x-3) \geq 0\}$ . Write the domain in interval notation from the number line analysis.

The domain in interval notation is  $(-\infty, -4] \cup [3, \infty)$ .

**Additional Example 6:**

Find the domain and range of the function  $y = |x| + 4$ . Express each answer in interval notation.

**Solution:**

For each real number  $x$ , the expression  $|x| + 4$  is a real number. Thus, the domain of the function in interval notation is  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

To find the range of the function, we must determine the set of all values of  $y$  that are obtained by the equation  $y = |x| + 4$  as  $x$  varies throughout the set of real numbers.

For each real number  $x$ , we know that  $|x| \geq 0$ . Adding 4 to both sides of this inequality, we see that  $|x| + 4 \geq 4$ .

Thus, the range of the function in interval notation is  $[4, \infty)$ .

**Additional Example 7:**

Find the domain and range of the function  $y = \frac{x+4}{x-2}$ . Express each answer in interval notation.

**Solution:**

We first find the domain, the set of all real numbers  $x$  for which the expression  $\frac{x+4}{x-2}$  is a real number. Begin by finding where the denominator is 0 by solving the equation below.

$$\begin{aligned}x - 2 &= 0 \\x - 2 + 2 &= 0 + 2 \\x &= 2\end{aligned}$$

The function is defined for each real number  $x$  except those values of  $x$  where the denominator is 0.

Therefore, the domain is  $\{x \mid x \neq 2\}$ . The domain in interval notation is  $(-\infty, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$ .

We now find the range, which is the set of all real numbers  $y$  that are obtained when all real numbers except 2 are substituted for  $x$  in the expression  $\frac{x+4}{x-2}$ .

Begin by solving the equation below for  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \frac{x+4}{x-2} \\ y(x-2) &= \frac{x+4}{x-2}(x-2) \\ y(x-2) &= x+4 \\ yx-2y &= x+4 \\ yx-2y-x &= x+4-x \\ yx-2y-x &= 4 \\ yx-2y-x+2y &= 4+2y \\ yx-x &= 4+2y \\ x(y-1) &= 4+2y \\ \frac{x \cancel{(y-1)}}{\cancel{y-1}} &= \frac{4+2y}{y-1} \\ x &= \frac{4+2y}{y-1} \end{aligned}$$

The expression  $\frac{2y+4}{y-1}$  is a real number when the denominator is not 0. Find the values of  $y$  where the denominator is 0 by solving the equation below.

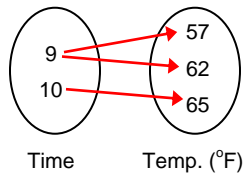
$$\begin{aligned} y-1 &= 0 \\ y-1+1 &= 0+1 \\ y &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the range is  $\{y \mid y \neq 1\}$ . The range in interval notation is  $(-\infty, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$ .

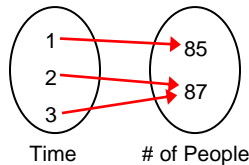
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For each of the examples below, determine whether the mapping makes sense within the context of the given situation, and then state whether or not the mapping represents a function.

- Erik conducts a science experiment and maps the temperature outside his kitchen window at various times during the morning.

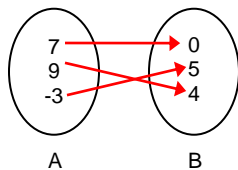


- Dr. Kim counts the number of people in attendance at various times during his lecture this afternoon.

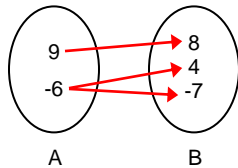


State whether or not each of the following mappings represents a function. If a mapping is a function, then identify its domain and range.

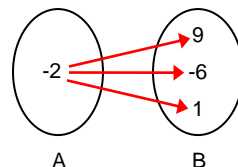
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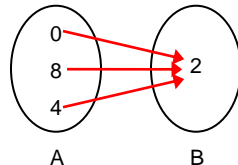
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Express each of the following rules in function notation. (For example, “Subtract 3, then square” would be written as  $f(x) = (x - 3)^2$ .)

- Divide by 7, then add 4
- Multiply by 2, then square
- Take the square root, then subtract 6
- Add 4, square, then subtract 2

Find the domain of each of the following functions. Then express your answer in interval notation.

11.  $f(x) = \frac{5}{x-3}$

12.  $f(x) = \frac{x-6}{x+1}$

13.  $g(x) = \frac{x-4}{x^2-9}$

14.  $f(x) = \frac{3x+1}{x^2+4}$

15.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2+6x+5}{x^2-11x+28}$

16.  $g(x) = \frac{3x+15}{x^2+8x-20}$

17.  $f(t) = \sqrt{t}$

18.  $h(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$

19.  $g(x) = \sqrt[5]{x}$

20.  $h(t) = \sqrt[4]{t}$

21.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-5}$

22.  $g(x) = \sqrt{x+7}$

23.  $F(x) = \frac{\sqrt{3-2x}}{x+4}$

24.  $G(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x-3}}{x-7}$

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25.  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x-5}$

26.  $g(x) = \sqrt[3]{x^2+x-6}$

27.  $h(t) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{t^2-7t-8}{t+5}}$

28.  $f(x) = \sqrt[5]{\frac{2x-9}{4x-7}}$

29.  $f(t) = \sqrt{t^2-10t+24}$

30.  $g(t) = \sqrt{t^2-5t-14}$

35. (a)  $f(t) = |t|$

(b)  $g(t) = |9-t|$

(c)  $h(t) = 9-|t|$

36. (a)  $f(x) = |x|$

(b)  $g(x) = |x|+1$

(c)  $h(x) = |x+1|$

37. (a)  $f(x) = |x^2+3|$

(b)  $g(x) = |x^2+3|-4$

(c)  $h(x) = 2|x^2+3|+5$

**Find the domain and range of each of the following functions. Express answers in interval notation.**

31. (a)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

(b)  $g(x) = \sqrt{x-6}$

(c)  $h(x) = \sqrt{x-6}$

(d)  $p(x) = \sqrt{x-6}+3$

32. (a)  $f(t) = 3-t$

(b)  $g(t) = 3-\sqrt{t}$

(c)  $h(t) = \sqrt{3-t}$

(d)  $p(t) = \sqrt{3-t}-7$

33. (a)  $f(x) = x^2-4$

(b)  $g(x) = 4-x^2$

(c)  $h(x) = x^2+4$

(d)  $p(x) = \sqrt{x^2-4}$

(e)  $q(x) = \sqrt{4-x^2}$

(f)  $r(x) = \sqrt{x^2+4}$

34. (a)  $f(t) = 25+t^2$

(b)  $g(t) = t^2-25$

(c)  $h(t) = 25-t^2$

(d)  $p(t) = \sqrt{25+t^2}$

(e)  $q(t) = \sqrt{t^2-25}$

(f)  $r(t) = \sqrt{25-t^2}$

38. (a)  $f(t) = |t^2+6|$

(b)  $g(t) = |t^2+6|+7$

(c)  $h(t) = -\frac{1}{3}|t^2+6|-8$

39.  $g(t) = |2x-7|+5$

40.  $h(t) = 6-|t-1|$

41.  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{5x+6}-4$

42.  $g(x) = \sqrt[4]{8-3x}+2$

**Find the domain and range of each of the following functions. Express answers in interval notation.**

*(Hint: When finding the range, first solve for x.)*

43. (a)  $f(x) = \frac{3}{x+2}$

(b)  $g(x) = \frac{x+5}{x-2}$

44. (a)  $f(x) = \frac{4}{x-3}$

(b)  $g(x) = \frac{5x-2}{x-3}$

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Evaluate the following.

45. If  $f(x) = 5x - 4$ , find:

$$f(3), f\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right), f(a), f(a+3), f(a)+3, f(a)+f(3)$$

46. If  $f(x) = 3x + 1$ , find:

$$f(5), f(-8), f\left(-\frac{4}{7}\right), f(t)-2, f(t-2), f(t)-f(2)$$

47. If  $g(x) = x^2 - 3x + 4$ , find:

$$g(0), g\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right), g(x+5), g\left(\frac{1}{a}\right), g(3a), 3g(a)$$

48. If  $h(t) = t^2 + 2t - 5$ , find:

$$h(1), h\left(\frac{3}{2}\right), h(c+6), -h(x), h(2x), 2h(x)$$

49. If  $f(x) = \frac{2+x}{x-3}$ , find:

$$f(-7), f(0), f\left(\frac{3}{5}\right), f(t), f(t^2 - 3)$$

50. If  $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x+4} - x$ , find:

$$f(2), f(-5), f\left(-\frac{7}{4}\right), f(3p), f(p^3) + 2$$

51. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x-5, & \text{if } x \geq 4 \\ 3-x^2, & \text{if } x < 4 \end{cases}$ , find:

$$f(6), f(2), f(-3), f(0), f(4), f\left(\frac{9}{2}\right)$$

52. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 4x, & \text{if } x < -2 \\ 7 - 2x, & \text{if } x \geq -2 \end{cases}$ , find:

$$f(-5), f(3), f(0), f(1), f(-2), f\left(-\frac{10}{3}\right)$$

53. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^2, & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 4, & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 2 \\ x+5, & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$ , find:

$$f(0), f(-6), f(2), f(1), f(4), f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

54. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -4x-7, & \text{if } x \leq -1 \\ x^2+6, & \text{if } -1 < x < 3 \\ -7, & \text{if } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$ , find:

$$f(0), f(-4), f(-1), f(3), f(6), f\left(-\frac{5}{3}\right)$$

Determine whether each of the following equations defines  $y$  as a function of  $x$ . (Do not graph.)

55.  $3x - 5y = 8$

56.  $x + 3 = y^2$

57.  $x^2 + y = 3$

58.  $3x^4 - 2xy = 5x$

59.  $7x - y^4 = 5$

60.  $3x^2 + y^2 = 16$

61.  $x^3y - 2y = 6$

62.  $\sqrt{x} - 3y = 5$

63.  $x^3 = 5y$

64.  $y^3 = -7x$

65.  $|y| - 2 = x$

66.  $|x| + 3y = 4$

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For each of the following problems:

(a) Find  $f(x+h)$ .

(b) Find the difference quotient  $\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}$ .

(Assume that  $h \neq 0$ .)

67.  $f(x) = 7x - 4$

68.  $f(x) = 5 - 3x$

69.  $f(x) = x^2 + 5x - 2$

70.  $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 8$

71.  $f(x) = -8$

72.  $f(x) = 6$

73.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

74.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-3}$