Mathematics

Functions and their graphs

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A function is a rule that for every input assigns a specific output. You can also think of a function as a machine in which each input produces one output.

For example, let's say you own a prepaid phone. Your monthly cost is a function of the number of minutes you use. The cost is \$0.15 per minute.



The input, usually x, called the independent variable. The output, usually y, called the dependent variable.



- The set of all possible inputs is called the DOMAIN.
- The DOMAIN is the set of all possible x values .
- The set of all possible outputs is called the RANGE .
- The RANGE is the set of all possible y values .

Determine the domain and range. Example Y=4+3x



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Example y=5+2xf(x)=5+2x

- Domain: {0,1,2,3,.....}
- Range:{5,7,9,1,....}

Determining function values and graphing functions.

Example 1: Determine the domine and range f(x)=4x-2





Example 2: Determine the domine and range $f(x) = x^2$

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Example 3: Determine the domine and range f(x) = |x| - 3

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How to determine if a relation or correspondence is a Function

Goal : Given a relation , determine if is a function



Formal Definition of a Function

A function is a correspondence between a first set, called the domain, and a second set, called the range, such that each member of the domain corresponds to exactly one member of the range. Domain: set of x-values Range: set of y-values Function: If every x-value is paired with exactly 1 y- value

Example :Determine whether or not each correspondence is a function.

| Domain | | Range I |
|----------|---|------------|
| Sep 2006 | | 8,729,000 |
| Jan 2007 | | 21,066,000 |
| Mar 2007 | | 10,549,000 |
| Jun 2007 | • | 9,815,000 |

Example:



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| c) Baseball Teams | |
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Graphs of Functions

Definition : The graph of a function f is a drawing that represents all the input - output pairs (x, f(x)). In cases where the function is given by an equation, the graph of a function is the graph of the equation y = f(x).

Example : The graph of the cubic polynomial on the real line is { $x^3 - 9x$ }: x is a real number }.

 $f(x)=x^2-9x$





• Determining if the graph of a relation or correspondence is a function



• The Vertical Line Test

• A graph represents a function if it is impossible to draw a vertical line that intersects the graph more than once.



Example: Determine whether each of the following is the graph of a function.





Determining Domain and Range

The domain of the function is the set of all x - values , or inputs , of the points on the graph .

The domain can be viewed as the curve's shadow onto the x - axis , or how it behaves from left to right

The range of the function is the set of all y - values , or outputs , of the points on the graph .

◆ The range can be viewed as the curve's shadow onto the y - axis or how it behaves up and down.

Domain :

Range :



Example: State the domain and range of the following relation. Is the relation a function? $\{(2,-3),(4,6),(3,-1),(6,6),(2,3)\}$

Example: Find the domain and range of given function

f(x) = |x| - 1





Example: Find the domain and range of given function.

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

Graphical method

Algebraic method

Domain:



Range:

Example: Find the domain and range of given function.

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

Graphical method

Algebraic method

Domain:

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Range: