This key should allow you to understand why you choose the option you did (beyond just getting a question right or wrong). More instructions on how to use this key can be found here.

If you have a suggestion to make the keys better, please fill out the short survey here.

Note: This key is auto-generated and may contain issues and/or errors. The keys are reviewed after each exam to ensure grading is done accurately. If there are issues (like duplicate options), they are noted in the offline gradebook. The keys are a work-in-progress to give students as many resources to improve as possible.

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1. Is the following relation a function?

$$(1, 4.0), (2, 5.66), (3, 6.93), (4, 8.0), (5, 8.94), (6, 9.8), (7, 10.58)$$

The solution is Yes, which is option A.

A. Yes

* Correct! Every x-value has exactly one output.

B. No

For a relation to be a function, every x-value needs exactly one output. That means for a relation to NOT be a function, we would need one x-value that has two or more different outputs.

General Comment: For a relation to be a function, every x-value needs exactly one output.

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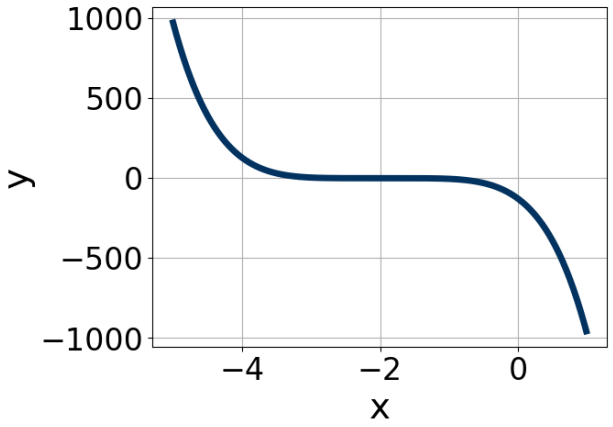
2. Is the graph below a linear function?



The solution is no, the graph is not linear., which is option B.

A. Yes, the graph is linear

A linear function has a constant rate of growth. As x increases/decreases, y increases/decreases at the same rate. The graph in this example does not have a constant rate of change.

B. No, the graph is not linear.

* Correct! The graph does not have a constant rate of change and thus is not a linear function.

General Comment: The equation graphed was -4(x + 2)^5−3.$Alinearfunctionhasaconstantrateofgrowth.Thismeans$ is NOT a linear function. As x increases, the y increases faster and faster. From $x = 1$ to $x = 2$, the y increases by 3. From $x = 2$ to $x = 3$, the y increases by 5. From $x = 3$ to $x = 4$, the y increases by 7. A linear function would have the same change in y for any change in x.

3. Is the following relation a linear function?

x	y
2	11
3	18
4	25
5	32
6	39
7	46
8	53

The solution is Yes, which is option A.

A. Yes

* Correct! As x increases/decreases, y increases/decreases at the same rate.

B. No

A linear function has a constant rate of growth. As x increases/decreases, y increases/decreases at the same rate.

General Comment: For a relation to be a linear function, every x-value needs exactly one output AND there needs to be a constant rate of growth (as x increases/decreases, y increases/decreases at the same rate).

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4. Is the equation below a linear function?

$$f(x) = -5(x + 1) + 2$$

The solution is yes, the graph is linear., which is option A.

A. Yes, the equation is linear

* Correct! The equation is a degree-1 polynomial and is thus a linear function.

B. No, the equation is not linear.

A linear function is a degree-1 polynomial. Polynomial equations have all variables with positive integer exponents.

General Comment: The equation graphed was -5(x + 1)+2. A linear function is a degree-1 polynomial. Polynomial equations have all variables with positive integer exponents, like $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2x + 4$. Square root and cube root functions have rational exponents (1/2 and 1/3).
