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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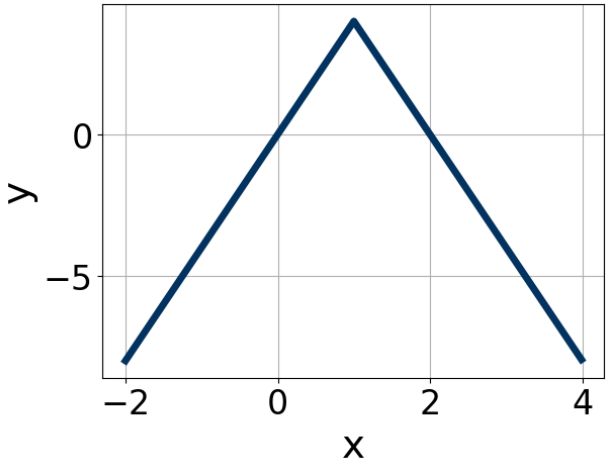
1. Is the graph below a linear function?



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 -1—+4. A linear function has a constant rate of growth. This means that as x increases or decreases, y increase or decreases at the same rate. For example, x^2 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.

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2. Is the following relation a function?

$$(4, 6.0), (5, 6.71), (6, 7.35), (7, 7.94), (8, -7.94), (7, -6.0), (6, -6.71)$$

The solution is No, which is option B.

A. Yes

Notice how one x-value has two separate outputs? For a relation to be a function, every x-value needs exactly one output.

B. No

* Correct! An x-value has two separate outputs and thus this relation is not a function.

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

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3. Is the equation below a linear function?

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

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

A. Yes, the equation is linear

A linear equation is a degree-1 polynomial. -$3\sqrt{4x+5}$+$6 is a square root function No, the equation is not linear.$

* Correct! -$3\sqrt{4x+5}+6 is not a degree-1 polynomial.$

General Comment: The equation graphed was -$3\sqrt{4x+5}$+$6. A linear function is a degree-1 polynomial. Polynomial eq$ = $3x^2 - 2x + 4$. Square root and cube root functions have rational exponents (1/2 and 1/3).

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4. Is the following relation a linear function?

x	y
-2	-5
-1	-2
0	1
1	4
2	7
3	10
4	13

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).
