

Terminology To Know

These are important terms and notations for this section.

Below is a quick-reference for definitions in this chapter.

Definition 1 (Graph (of a function)). *A visual representation of the relationship between domain and range, ie the “x-y coordinate picture” of a function.*

Definition 2 ((Cartesian) Coordinates). *A method of graphing a function where the domain and range meet at a right angle (ie the so-called “x-y plane”).*

Definition 3 (Precision). *How exact (aka how specific) a value is. For example, 2.1343435 is more precisely determined than 2.134 since it has considerably more digits given.*

Definition 4 (Accuracy). *How close to correct a value is. For example, 3.14 is a more accurate value of π than 3.151592, even though 3.151592 is a more precise number than 3.14.*

Definition 5 (Parent Function). *A parent functions is the ‘prototypical’ form of the given function type. That is to say, the ‘parent function’ of a function type is the base (ie most basic) version of that function without any manipulations, shifts, or changes to it’s form.*

For example: *The parent function of the quadratic function would be $f(x) = x^2$. This is the base type without anything added to it.*

*This is most commonly referenced by asking a question. **For example:** ‘What is the parent function type of the function $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 3$?’ In this case the answer would be $f(x) = x^2$ since the given function was a quadratic, and x^2 is the parent function for a quadratic.*