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Notes on Numerical Mathematics**

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## **Introduction**

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## **Cartesian Mathematics**

### **Defining the Domain and Range of a Function**

The domain (set of valid inputs) and range (set of valid outputs) of a function can be defined using an variety of different notation, such as set builder notation, interval notation, and inequalities.

#### **Set-Builder Notation**

$$\{x \mid x > 0\}$$

This is read as: “the set of all  $x$ ’s, such that  $x$  is greater than zero”.

### **Interval Notation**

Interval notation uses square and round brackets. Square  $[]$  brackets indicate we include those end values, while round brackets  $()$  indicate we don’t.

$$[0, 20]$$

This denotes the interval of numbers from zero to twenty, including both zero and twenty.

$$[1, 5)$$

This denotes the interval of numbers from one until but not including 5, i.e. “1, 2, 3, 4”.

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