

# Review of Functions

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$$x - 1 \geq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x \geq 1$$

So,

$$\text{Domain} = [1, \infty)$$

Since  $\sqrt{x-1} \geq 0$  for all  $x \geq 1$ ,

$$\text{Range} = [0, \infty)$$

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**Solution:** Inside the square root must be non-negative:

$$1 - x^2 \geq 0$$

Factorize:

$$(1 - x)(1 + x) \geq 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (x - 1)(x + 1) \leq 0$$

This inequality holds when  $x \in [-1, 1]$ .

$$\therefore \text{Domain} = [-1, 1]$$

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**Solution:** The denominator must be non-zero:

$$x(x-1) \neq 0$$

So,

$$x \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x \neq 1$$

Thus,

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**Solution:** 1. Denominator cannot be zero:

$$x \neq 3$$

2. Expression inside the root must be non-negative:

$$\frac{x-2}{x-3} \geq 0$$

Critical points:  $x = 2$ ,  $x = 3$ . By sign analysis on intervals  $(-\infty, 2]$ ,  $(2, 3)$ , and  $(3, \infty)$ :

$$\frac{x-2}{x-3} \geq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (-\infty, 2] \cup (3, \infty)$$

Thus,

$$\text{Domain} = (-\infty, 2] \cup (3, \infty)$$

# Procedure for Finding the Range of a Function

For a function  $y = f(x)$ , the steps are:

- ① Express  $x$  explicitly in terms of  $y$ .
- ② Find the possible values for  $y$  (similar to finding domain for  $x$ ).
- ③ Eliminate any values of  $y$  that are not valid with respect to  $x$ , if applicable.

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**Domain:** Denominator  $\neq 0 \Rightarrow x \neq -3$ .

$$\text{Domain} = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-3\}$$

**Range:** Let  $y = \frac{1}{x+3} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1-3y}{y}, y \neq 0$ .

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**Domain:**  $x \neq 0 \Rightarrow \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$

**Range:** Let  $y = \frac{2x + 3}{x} \Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{y - 2}$ , so  $y \neq 2$ .

$$\text{Range} = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{2\}$$

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**Domain:**  $x - 2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq 2$ .

$$\text{Domain} = [2, \infty)$$

**Range:** Let  $y = f(x)$ .

$$y = \sqrt{x-2}$$

Since the square root symbol denotes the principal (non-negative) square root,  $y \geq 0$ . Square both sides to solve for  $x$ :

$$y^2 = x - 2$$

$$x = y^2 + 2$$

Since  $y^2 + 2$  is defined for all real  $y$ , and we already established  $y \geq 0$ , the range is all non-negative real numbers.

$$\text{Range} = [0, \infty)$$



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**Domain:**  $4 - x^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow (2 - x)(2 + x) \geq 0 \Rightarrow -2 \leq x \leq 2.$

$$\text{Domain} = [-2, 2]$$

**Range:** Let  $y = f(x).$

$$y = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$$

Again, since it's a square root,  $y \geq 0$ . Square both sides:

$$y^2 = 4 - x^2$$

Rearrange to solve for  $x^2$ :

$$x^2 = 4 - y^2$$

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For  $x^2$  to be a real number, it must be non-negative:

$$x^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow 4 - y^2 \geq 0$$

$$4 \geq y^2 \Rightarrow -2 \leq y \leq 2$$

Combining with  $y \geq 0$ , the range is  $[0, 2]$ .

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**Domain:**  $x^2 - 4 \geq 0 \Rightarrow (x - 2)(x + 2) \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \leq -2$  or  $x \geq 2$ .

$$\text{Domain} = (-\infty, -2] \cup [2, \infty)$$

**Range:** Let  $y = f(x)$ .

$$y = \sqrt{x^2 - 4}$$

Since it's a square root,  $y \geq 0$ . Square both sides:

$$y^2 = x^2 - 4$$

Rearrange to solve for  $x^2$ :

$$x^2 = y^2 + 4$$

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For  $x^2$  to be defined and real,  $x^2 \geq 0$ , which is always true for  $y^2 + 4$  since  $y^2 \geq 0$ . Combining with  $y \geq 0$ , the range is all non-negative real numbers.

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**Domain:** Inside root

$$4 - x^2 > 0 \Rightarrow (2 - x)(2 + x) > 0 \Rightarrow -2 < x < 2.$$

$$\text{Domain} = (-2, 2)$$

**Range:** Let  $y = f(x)$ .

$$y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$$

Since the denominator is a square root,  $\sqrt{4-x^2} > 0$ , which implies  $y > 0$ . Square both sides:

$$y^2 = \frac{1}{4-x^2}$$



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Rearrange to solve for  $4 - x^2$ :

$$4 - x^2 = \frac{1}{y^2}$$

$$x^2 = 4 - \frac{1}{y^2}$$

For  $x^2$  to be real and non-negative:

$$4 - \frac{1}{y^2} \geq 0$$

$$4 \geq \frac{1}{y^2}$$

Since  $y^2 > 0$ :

$$4y^2 \geq 1$$

$$y^2 \geq \frac{1}{4}$$

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Taking the square root of both sides:

$$|y| \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

So,  $y \leq -\frac{1}{2}$  or  $y \geq \frac{1}{2}$ . Combining this with our earlier condition  $y > 0$ , the range is  $[\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$ .

$$\text{Range} = [\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$$

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**Solution:** Let  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ . Then,

$$2x_1 + 3 = 2x_2 + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x_1 = 2x_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_1 = x_2$$

Hence,  $f(x)$  is **one-one**.

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## Proof of Bijectivity

To prove that a function is bijective, we must show that it is both one-one (injective) and onto (surjective).

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**One-One (Injective)** A function is one-one if  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  implies  $x_1 = x_2$ .

Let's assume  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ .

$$\frac{x_1 - 2}{x_1 - 3} = \frac{x_2 - 2}{x_2 - 3}$$

Cross-multiplying gives:

$$(x_1 - 2)(x_2 - 3) = (x_2 - 2)(x_1 - 3)$$

Expanding both sides:

$$x_1x_2 - 3x_1 - 2x_2 + 6 = x_1x_2 - 3x_2 - 2x_1 + 6$$

Subtracting  $x_1x_2 + 6$  from both sides:

$$-3x_1 - 2x_2 = -3x_2 - 2x_1$$

# Bijjective Function Problem

Rearranging the terms:

$$-3x_1 + 2x_1 = -3x_2 + 2x_2$$

$$-x_1 = -x_2$$

$$x_1 = x_2$$

Since  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  implies  $x_1 = x_2$ , the function is one-one.

**Onto (Surjective)** A function is onto if for every  $y$  in the codomain  $B$ , there exists an  $x$  in the domain  $A$  such that  $f(x) = y$ . To prove this, we express  $x$  in terms of  $y$ .

Let  $y = f(x)$ .

$$y = \frac{x - 2}{x - 3}$$



# Bijjective Function Problem

Multiply both sides by  $(x - 3)$ :

$$y(x - 3) = x - 2$$

$$xy - 3y = x - 2$$

Group the terms with  $x$  on one side:

$$xy - x = 3y - 2$$

$$x(y - 1) = 3y - 2$$

Solve for  $x$ :

$$x = \frac{3y - 2}{y - 1}$$

$$\forall y \in B, \exists x \in A \text{ such that } f(x) = y.$$

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For every  $y \in \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$ , the expression for  $x$  is defined and  $x \in \mathbb{R} - \{3\}$ . This confirms that the function is onto.

Since the function is both one-one and onto, it is bijective.

**Finding the Inverse Function**  $f^{-1}(x)$  The inverse function is found by taking the expression for  $x$  in terms of  $y$  and swapping the variables. From the onto proof, we have:

$$x = \frac{3y - 2}{y - 1}$$

Replacing  $x$  with  $f^{-1}(x)$  and  $y$  with  $x$ :

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{3x - 2}{x - 1}$$