

(Q1)

(a)

$$D = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-2\}$$

(b)

The range of  $f(x)$  is  $(-\infty, 3) \cup (3, \infty) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{3\}$ .

*Proof.* Let

$$y = f(x) = \frac{3x - 1}{x + 2}, \quad x \in D, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}$$

We can derive a function from  $f$  where the range of  $f$  becomes the domain of the function, by making  $x$  the subject of the equation.

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} y &= f(x) = \frac{3x - 1}{x + 2} \\ \implies yx - 2y &= 3x + 1 \\ \implies yx - 3x &= 2y + 1 \\ \implies x(y - 3) &= 2y + 1 \\ \implies x &= \frac{2y + 1}{y - 3} \end{aligned}$$

From this we can deduce that  $y$  is defined for all  $\mathbb{R}$  except  $y = 3$ , which is the set  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{3\}$ . ■