

Functions & Interval Notation

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1. State the domain and range

a)

$$D: \{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$R: \{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid -4 \leq y \leq -2\}$$

b)

$$D: \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid -1 \leq x \leq 7\}$$

$$R: \{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid -3 \leq y \leq -1\}$$

c)

$$D: \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$R: \{-5, 4, 7, 9, 11\}$$

d)

$$D: \{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$R: \{y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

e)

$$D: \{-4, -3, 1, 2\}$$

$$R: \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

f)

$$D: \{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$R: \{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \leq 0\}$$

2. State the domain and range, then determine whether the relation is a function, and justify your answer.

a)

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

$$D: \{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$R: \{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \leq -3\}$$

This relation is a function, as it passes the vertical line test.

b)

$$y = \frac{1}{x+3}$$

$$D: \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq -3\}$$

$$R: \{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \neq 0\}$$

This relation is a function, as it passes the vertical line test.

c)

$$y = 2^{-x}$$

$$D: \{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$R: \{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y > 0\}$$

This relation is a function, as it passes the vertical line test.

d)

$$y = \cos x + 1$$

$$D: \{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$R: \{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid -1 \leq y \leq 1\}$$

This relation is a function, as it passes the vertical line test.

e)

$$x^2 + y^2 = 9$$

$$D: \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid -3 \leq x \leq 3\}$$

$$R: \{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid -3 \leq y \leq 3\}$$

This relation is not a function, as it does not pass the vertical line test.

f)

$$y = 2 \sin x$$

$$D: \{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$R: \{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid -2 \leq y \leq 2\}$$

This relation is a function, as it passes the vertical line test.

3. Determine whether each relation is a function, and state its domain and range.

a)

This relation is a function, because each x value only corresponds to one y value.

$$D: \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$$

$$R: \{2, 4, 6\}$$

b)

This relation is a function, because each x value only corresponds to one y value.

$$D: \{0, 1, 2, 5\}$$

$$R: \{-1, 3, 6\}$$

c)

This relation is a function, because each x value only corresponds to one y value.

$$D: \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

$$R: \{2, 4\}$$

d)

This relation is not a function, because there is a value of x that corresponds to more than one y value.

$$D: \{2, 6, 8\}$$

$$R: \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$$

e)

This relation is not a function, because there is a value of x that corresponds to more than one y value.

$$D: \{1, 10, 100\}$$

$$R: \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

f)

This relation is a function, because each x value only corresponds to one y value.

$$D: \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$R: \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

4. Determine whether each relation is a function, and state its domain and range.

a)

This relation is a function, as it passes the vertical line test.

$$D: \{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$R: \{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \geq 2\}$$

b)

This relation is not a function, as it does not pass the vertical line test.

$$D: \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 2\}$$

$$R: \{y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

c)

$$x^2 = 2y + 1$$

This relation is a function, as when you isolate for y, $y = 2(x^2 - 1)$ it becomes clear that there is only one y value for every x value.

$$D: \{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$R: \{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \geq -2\}$$

d)

$$x = y^2$$

This relation is not a function, as when you isolate for y, $y = \pm\sqrt{x}$ it becomes clear that there are two y values for every x value.

$$D: \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\}$$

$$R: \{y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

e)

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

This relation is a function, as there is only one possible y value for every x value.

$$D: \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq 0\}$$

$$R: \{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \neq 0\}$$

f)

$$f(x) = 3x + 1$$

This relation is a function, as there is only one possible y value for every x value.

$$D: \{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$R: \{y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

7. The following table gives Tina's height above the ground while riding a Ferris wheel, in relation to the time she was riding it.

Time(s)	0	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240
Height(m)	5	10	5	0	5	10	5	0	5	10	5	0	5

a) Draw a graph of the relation, using time as the independent variable and height as the dependent variable.



b, c) What is the domain? What is the range?

$$D: \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 \leq x \leq 240\}$$

$$R: \{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 \leq y \leq 10\}$$

d) Is this relation a function? Justify your answer.

This relation is a function, as it passes the vertical line test.

e) Another student sketched a graph, but used height as the independent variable. What does this graph look like?

$$x = 5 \sin \frac{9}{2}y + 5$$

$$x - 5 = 5 \sin \frac{9}{2}y$$

$$\frac{x-5}{5} = \sin \frac{9}{2}y$$

$$\frac{x-5}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{9} = \sin y$$

$$\frac{2(x-5)}{45} = \sin y$$

$$\arcsin\left(\frac{2(x-5)}{45}\right) = y$$

$$y = \arcsin\left(\frac{2(x-5)}{45}\right)$$

$$x = 5 \sin \frac{9}{2}y + 5$$

$$x - 5 = 5 \sin \frac{9}{2}y + 1$$

$$\frac{x}{5} = \sin \frac{9}{2}y + 1$$

$$\frac{x}{5} - 1 = \sin \frac{9}{2}y$$

$$\arcsin\left(\frac{x}{5} - 1\right) = \frac{9}{2}y$$

$$\frac{2}{9} \arcsin\left(\frac{x}{5} - 1\right) = y$$

$$y = \frac{2}{9} \arcsin\left(\frac{x}{5} - 1\right)$$



f) Is the relation in part e) a function? Justify your answer.

No, the relation in part e) is not a function, as it does not pass the vertical line test.

8. Consider what happens to a relation when the coordinates of all its ordered pairs are switched.

a) Give an example of a function that is still a function when its coordinates are switched.

$$\{(0, 0), (1, 1), (4, 2)\}$$

b) Give an example of a function that is no longer a function when its coordinates are switched.

$$y = x^2$$

c) Give an example of a relation that is not a function, but becomes a function when its coordinates are switched.

$$y = \pm\sqrt{x}$$

9. Explain why a relation that fails the vertical line test is not a function.

A function is an equation or set of ordered pairs where every x-value only corresponds to one y-value, and when a relation fails the vertical line test, it means that a vertical line can be drawn that intersects the graph at more than one point, which means that there is an x value that corresponds to more than one y-value.

11. The table below lists all the ordered pairs that belong to the function $g(x)$

x	0	1	2	3	4	5
$g(x)$	3	4	7	12	19	28

a) Determine an equation for $g(x)$

$$g(x) = x^2 + 3$$

b) Does $g(3) - g(2) = g(3 - 2)$? Explain.

$$g(3) - g(2) = (3^2 + 3) - (2^2 + 3)$$

$$g(3) - g(2) = (12) - (7)$$

$$g(3) - g(2) = 5$$

$$g(3 - 2) = (3 - 2)^2 + 3$$

$$g(3 - 2) = (1)^2 + 3$$

$$g(3 - 2) = 4$$

$$\therefore g(3) - g(2) \neq g(3 - 2)$$