Functions

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Introduction

Definition: A Function is correspondence between input numbers x-values and output numbers y-values than sends each input number x-value to exactly one output number y-value

Sometimes a function is described with an equation

Example: $y = x^2 + 1$ which can also be written as $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ What is? f(2)?

solution: put 2 in
$$f(x) = x^2 + 1$$

 $f(2) = 2^2 + 1$
 $f(2) = 4 + 1$
 $f(2) = 5$
what is $f(a+3)$?
put $a + 3$ into f

$$f(a+3) = (a+3)^2 + 1$$

$$f(a+3) = a^2 + 3^2 + 2 \cdot a \cdot 3 + 1$$

$$f(a+3) = a^2 + 9 + 6a + 1$$

$$f(a+3) - a^2 + 6a + 10$$