

MTH4100 Calculus I

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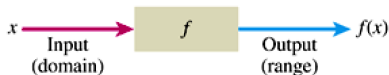
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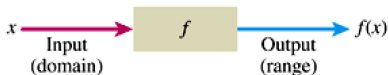
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- Important: rule is unique, only **one** value $f(x)$ for every x

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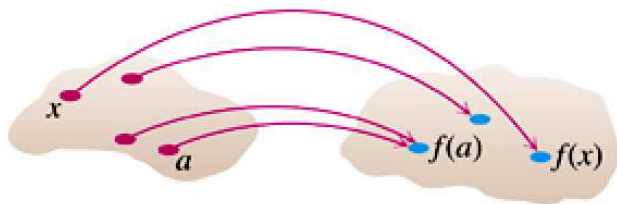
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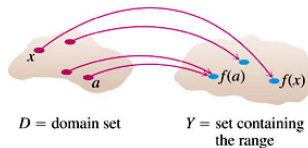
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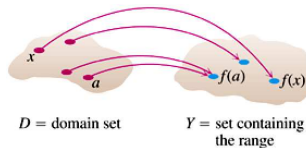
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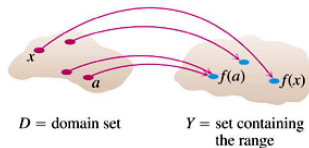


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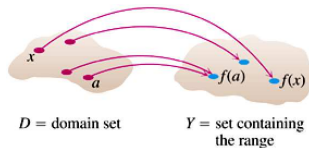
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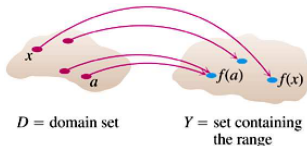
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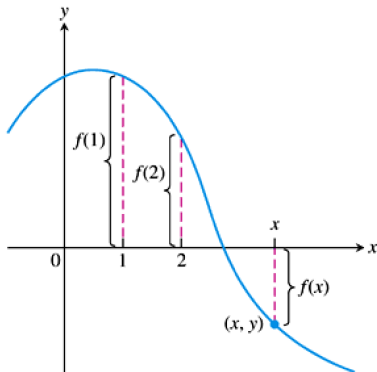
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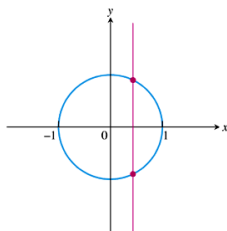
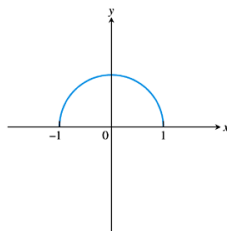
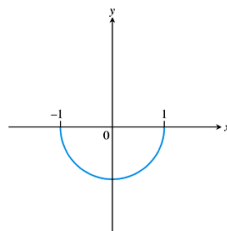
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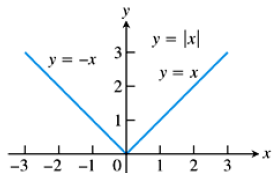
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The vertical line test

(a) $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ (b) $y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$ (c) $y = -\sqrt{1 - x^2}$

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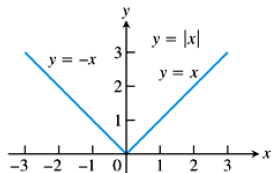
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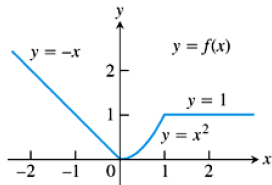
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Revision so far: Functions and their Graphs

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- Domain and range of a function
- Graph of a function
- Piecewise defined functions

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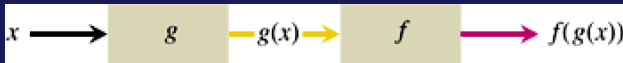
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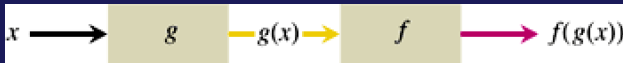
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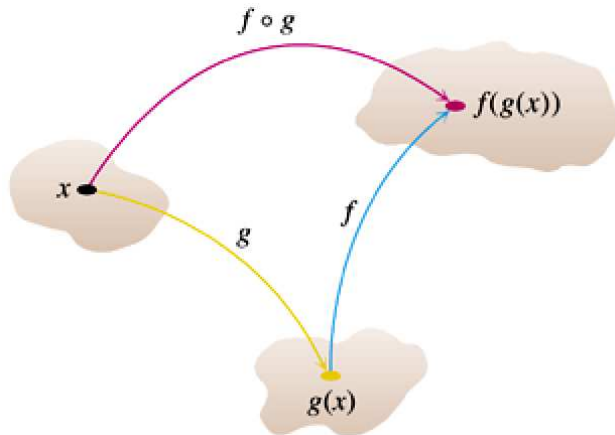
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