

Day 1

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• input  $\rightarrow$  function  $\rightarrow$  output

$$\cdot f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \text{ is even} \\ x+5 & \text{if } x \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

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| <p>e.g. <math>f(2) = 4</math></p> <p>e.g. <math>f(3) = 8</math></p> |  |
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•  $h(a)$  = the next largest number  
that starts with the same  
letter as var a

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| <p><math>h(2) = 3</math></p> <p><math>h(8) = 11</math></p> | <p><math>h(12) = 13</math></p> |
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• Equations can also be functions e.g.  $y = mx + c \Rightarrow y = f(x) = mx + c$

| x | y | $f(0) = 2$ |
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| 0 | 1 | $f(1) = 2$ |
| 1 | 2 | $f(2) = 3$ |
| 2 | 3 | ...        |

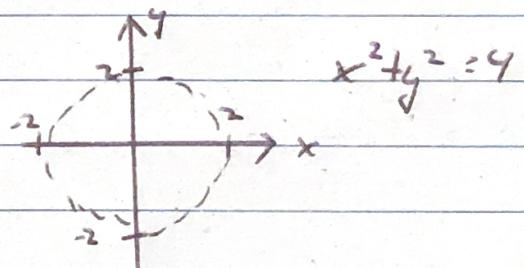


Diagram 1.

• Diagram 1 is not a function, as it could give more than 1 possible output, e.g.

$$x=1, 1^2 + y^2 = 4 \Rightarrow 1 + y^2 = 4 \Rightarrow y^2 = 3 \Rightarrow y = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

so is called for positive or negative square root of 3

Q. The function ~~F(x)~~ is defined as  $f(x) = 49 - x^2$

Find value of  $f(5)$ .

$$f(5) = 49 - 5^2 \Rightarrow 49 - 25 = 24$$

$$\therefore f(5) = 24$$

The change of outputs eg  $(f(2) - f(0)) / (2 - 0) = 1$ ,  $f(2) - 2$   
is called rate of change