

Math 1050 ~ College Algebra

1 Introduction to Functions

$$\begin{aligned} -3x + 4y &= 5 \\ 2x - y &= -10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^m k = \frac{m(m+1)}{2}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n z^k = \frac{1-z^{n+1}}{1-z}$$

Learning Objectives

- Determine whether a relation represents a function.
- Use the vertical line test to identify graphs of functions.
- Find the domain and range from the graph of a function.
- Find input and output values of a function.
- Find the domain from the equation of a function.

A **relation** is a set of ordered pairs. The set of first components of the ordered pairs is called the **domain** and the set of second components of the ordered pairs is called the **range**.

input value

output value

independent variable

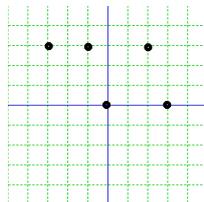
dependent variable

Ex1: For each of these, state whether it is a relation, and if it is, list the elements in the domain and in the range.

a) $\{(1,5), (5,-2), (5,4), (3,2)\}$

b) Bud 15
 May 16
 Ezi 17
 Zhu 18
 Tia 19

c)



d) Input values: days of the week
 Output values: final letter in word

e) $\{\text{name, rank, serial number}\}$

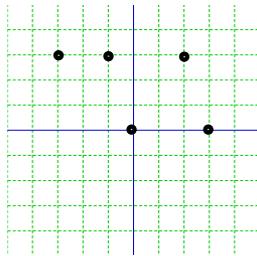
A **function** is a relation in which any two ordered pairs with the same first component also have the same second component.

Ex 2: From example 1, which of the relations are functions?

a) $\{(1,5), (5,-2), (5,4), (3,2)\}$

b) Bud	15
May	16
Ezi	17
Zhu	18
Tia	19

c)



d) Input values: days of the week
Output values: final letter in word

An equation in two variables can be a relation as can a 2-dimensional graph.

Ex 3: Which of these are functions?

a) $x+3 = y^2$

b) $2y = \sqrt{x-1}$

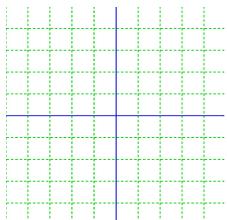
c) $x^2 + y^2 = 9$

d) $\{(3,1), (2,1), (5,1), (6,2)\}$

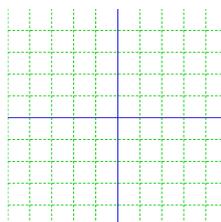
The Vertical Line Test: A graph represents a function if no vertical line intersects it at more than one point.

Ex 4: Use the vertical line test to determine if these relations are functions.

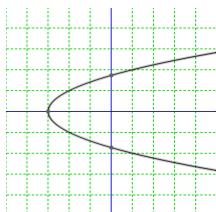
$$R_1 = \{(1,5), (5,-2), (5,4), (3,2)\}$$



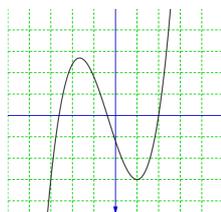
$$R_2 = \{(3,1), (2,1), (5,1), (-3,2)\}$$



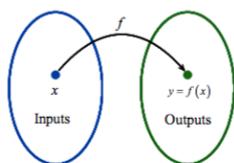
R_3



R_4



Function Notation



Ex 5: Evaluate these functions for the given values.

a) $f(x) = \sqrt{x+8} + 2$

$f(-8)$

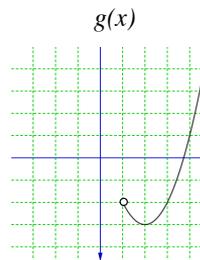
$f(x-8)$

$f(a)$

b) $g(2) =$

$g(0) =$

$g(a) = -2$ for $a =$



Domain of Functions

The domain of a function is the set of all input values for which the function is defined.

Implicit domain

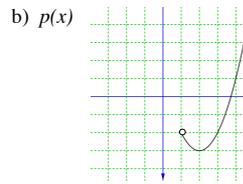
Explicit domain

Ex 6: Determine the domain for each of these functions and identify as implicit or explicit.

a) $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x+4}$

c) $g(x) = \frac{3}{x^2 - 2x}$

d) $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x+4}}{4+x}$



e) $h(x) = 5x - 3, x > -1$