

## 1A: Identifying Functions

### Relation vs. Function

**Relation** – Any set of \_\_\_\_\_

Example 1: Average Gross Monthly Salaries=

{(Physician, \$11,698 ),(Airline Pilot, \$5,884 ), (Computer Programmer, \$5,378),  
(Salesperson, \$2,260), ( furniture finisher, \$1,977)}

**Domain (“input”)** – The set of all \_\_\_\_\_ components in a relation. (a.k.a. *x-values*)

**Range (“output”)**– The set of all \_\_\_\_\_ components in a relation. (a.k.a. *y-values*)

Example 2:

*Salary Domain:*

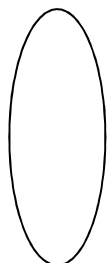
{physician, airline pilot, computer programmer, salesperson, furn. Finisher}

*Salary Range :* { \$11,698 , \$5,884, \$5,378, \$2,260, \$1,977 }

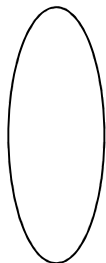
**Mapping:** A relation can be mapped to show how the domain is connected to the range.

Example 2: Draw a map for these relations.

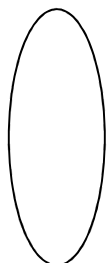
- a.  $\{(2,0), (4,2), (5,1), (10,12)\}$     b.  $\{(3,4), (5,4), (6,-1), (7,5)\}$     c.  $\{(3,2), (3,9), (4,6), (5,9)\}$



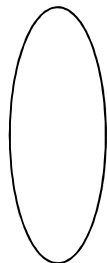
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**Functions** . Some relations are unique because they define *one specific outcome for every domain element*.

Example 3: Which of the following statements are *always* true?

- A person's height is determined by their age.
- An hourly worker's paycheck is determined by the hours they work.
- A person's vision is determined by the amount of T.V. they watch.
- The distance a car drives on the freeway (at the speed limit) is determined by the amount of time it drives.
- The number of assigned problems and the time needed to complete them.

Which of these statements describe functions?

**Definition:** A **function** is a relation such that

for every \_\_\_\_\_(x) value, there is only one \_\_\_\_\_(y) value

A **one-to-one** function is a function that has exactly one range value for each domain value.

Example 2b: Which relations in Example 2 are functions?

Which relations in Example 2 are *one-to-one* functions?

We can also view the sets in Example 2 as tables:

Example 2c:  $\{(2,0), (4,2), (5,1), (10,12)\} \rightarrow$

Is it a function?

What is  $f(5)$ ?

$x$	2	4	5	10
$f(x)$	0	2	1	12

## Function as equations and graphs

Every function must have **independent** variable(s) which determine the value of the **dependent** variable.

You are familiar with functions with one dependent variable, like:

$$y = \frac{2}{3}x + 4, \quad y = 3x^2 + 4 - 5, \quad f(x) = 2 \sin(x).$$

However, we can also have functions of more than one variable:

$$z = 2x + 3y + 4, \quad f(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2},$$

$$f(x, y) = -(\sin \pi x)(\cos \pi x) + \sin(4\pi x) \sin(4\pi y)$$

**Example 4:** Which of the equations below determine  $y$  as a function of  $x$ .  
 (Does every  $x$  have one and only one  $y$ -value pair?)

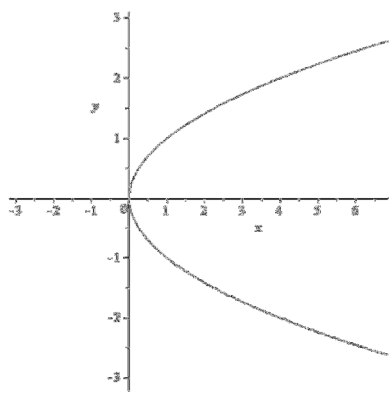
- a)  $y = \sqrt{4x + 3}$
- b)  $y = 3x + 4z$
- c)  $0 = x - y^2$
- d)  $9 = 3xy$

**Vertical Line test** – if a graph represents a function, then there are no vertical lines that can intersect the graph more than once.

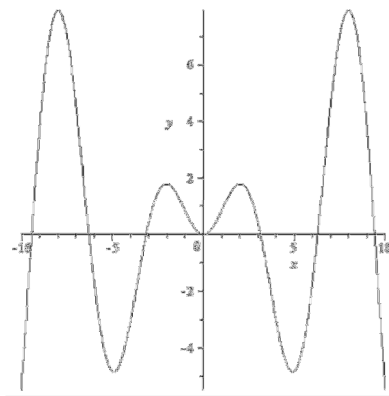
**Horizontal Line test** – If a graph is a function and no *horizontal lines* pass intersect the graph more than once, then the function is a *one-to-one* function.

**Example 5:** Which ones of the following graphs represent functions?  
 Are any of them *one-to-one* functions?

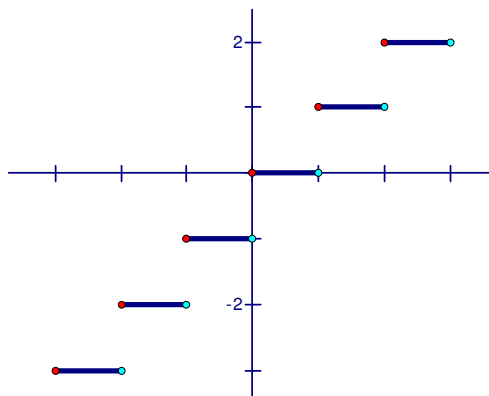
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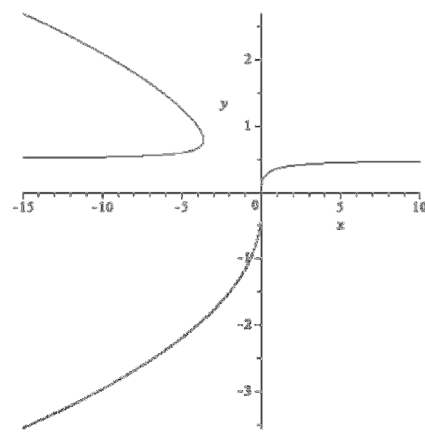
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c.



d.



## Function Notation

A quick way to name a point is with function notation. If we want to say that “Your paycheck is a function of the hours you work”, we can write this as  $P = f(h)$  or more simply  $P(h)$ . Here  $h$  is the domain value of hours, and  $P(h)$  represents the amount of pay you get for that number of hours.

### Try It

- If you work a job that you get \$25 each day plus \$10 per hour that you work, use function notation to write a function to represent you pay ,  $P(h)$ , as a function of your hours worked in a day,  $h$ .
- Find  $P(3)$
- What does  $P(3)$  mean?
- Find  $h$  so that  $P(h) = 72$ .

## Tool Kit Functions

As we work with functions, you will need to recognize several basic functions. Use your graphing utility to draw a sample graph of each of the following functions.

Linear Constant:  $f(x) = c$ , where  $c$  is a constant

Quadratic:  $f(x) = x^2$

Linear Identity:  $f(x) = x$

Cubic:  $f(x) = x^3$

Absolute value:  $f(x) = |x|$

Reciprocal:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

Reciprocal Squared:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$

Square Root:  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

Cube Root:  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$

Consider this:

Which functions are one-to-one functions?