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# Functions and Their Graphs

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## Function and their graphs

### What is Function?

- Functions are a tool for describing the real world in mathematical terms.
- A function can be represented by an equation, a graph, a numerical table, or a verbal description.

### Definition

A function  $f$  consists of a set of inputs, a set of outputs, and a rule for assigning each input to exactly one output. The set of inputs is called **Domain** of the function. The set of output is called the **Range** of the function.



A diagram showing the equation  $f(x) = y$  on a grid background. Three red arrows point to the components: one to  $f$  labeled "Function", one to  $x$  labeled "Input", and one to  $y$  labeled "Output".

## Example

For the function  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x - 1$ , evaluate

- a.  $f(-2)$
- b.  $f(\sqrt{2})$
- c.  $f(a + h)$

## Solution

Substitute the given value for  $x$  in the formula for  $f(x)$ .

- a.  $f(-2) = 3(-2)^2 + 2(-2) - 1 = 12 - 4 - 1 = 7$
- b.  $f(\sqrt{2}) = 3(\sqrt{2})^2 + 2\sqrt{2} - 1 = 6 + 2\sqrt{2} - 1 = 5 + 2\sqrt{2}$
- c. 
$$\begin{aligned} f(a + h) &= 3(a + h)^2 + 2(a + h) - 1 = 3(a^2 + 2ah + h^2) + 2a + 2h - 1 \\ &= 3a^2 + 6ah + 3h^2 + 2a + 2h - 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Example:** If  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 5x + 1$  and  $h \neq 0$ , evaluate  $\frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h}$

**Solution:** We first evaluate  $f(a + h)$  by replacing  $x$  by  $a + h$  in the expression for  $f(x)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}f(a + h) &= 2(a + h)^2 - 5(a + h) + 1 \\&= 2(a^2 + 2ah + h^2) - 5(a + h) + 1 \\&= 2a^2 + 4ah + 2h^2 - 5a - 5h + 1\end{aligned}$$

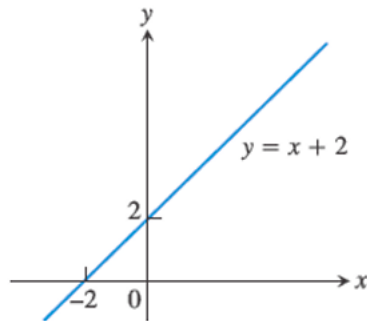
Then we substitute into the given expression and simplify:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h} &= \frac{(2a^2 + 4ah + 2h^2 - 5a - 5h + 1) - (2a^2 - 5a + 1)}{h} \\&= \frac{2a^2 + 4ah + 2h^2 - 5a - 5h + 1 - 2a^2 + 5a - 1}{h} \\&= \frac{4ah + 2h^2 - 5h}{h} = 4a + 2h - 5\end{aligned}$$

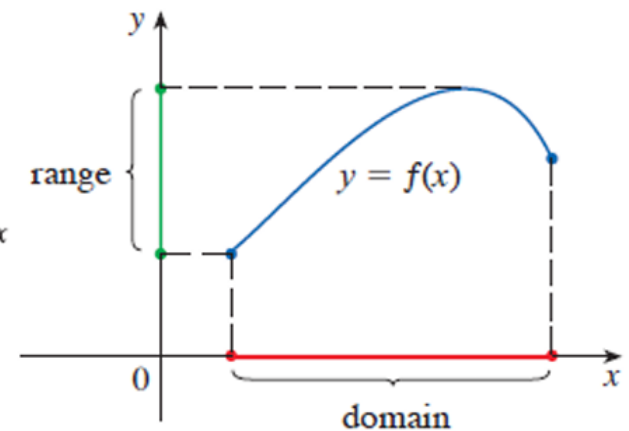
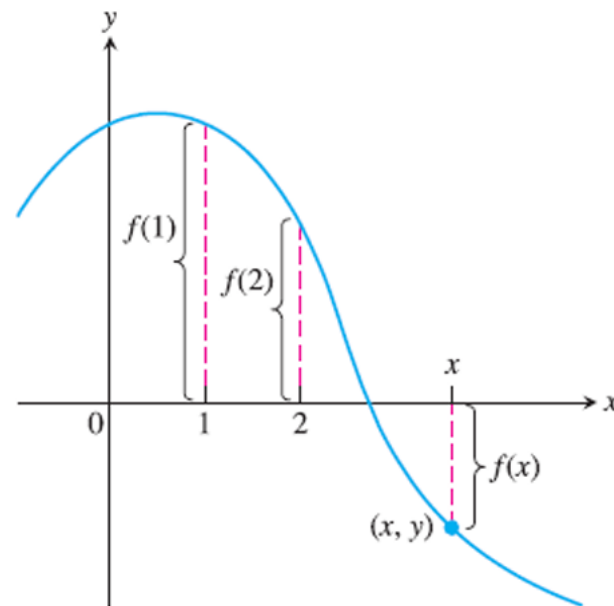
## Graphs of Function:

If  $f$  is a function with domain  $D$ , its graph consists of the points in the Cartesian plane whose coordinates are the input-output pairs for  $f$ . In set notation, the graph is:

$$\{(x, f(x)) \mid x \in D\}$$



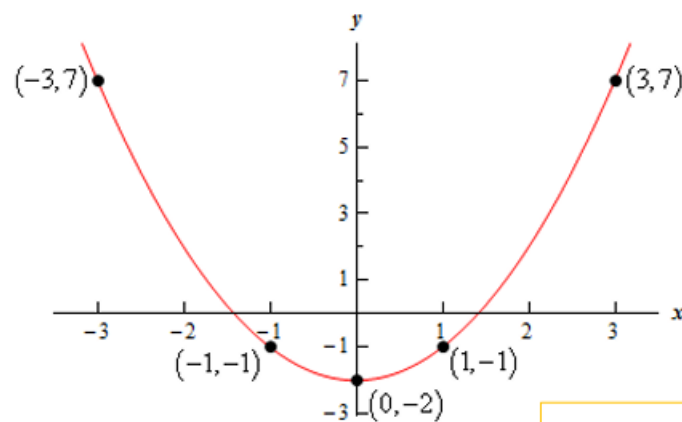
The graph of  $f(x) = x + 2$  is the set of points  $(x, y)$  for which  $y$  has the value  $x + 2$ .



**Example:** Sketch the graph of the following function.

$$f(x) = x^2 - 2$$

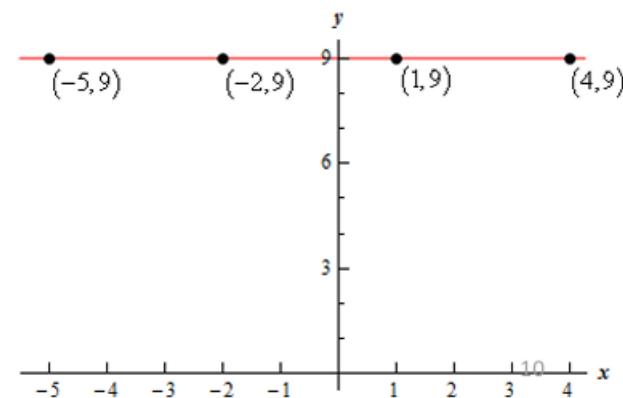
$x$	$f(x)$	$(x, y)$
-3	7	$(-3, 7)$
-1	-1	$(-1, -1)$
0	-2	$(0, -2)$
1	-1	$(1, -1)$
3	7	$(3, 7)$



Domain is  $(-\infty, \infty)$  and  
Range is  $[-2, \infty)$

$$f(x) = 9$$

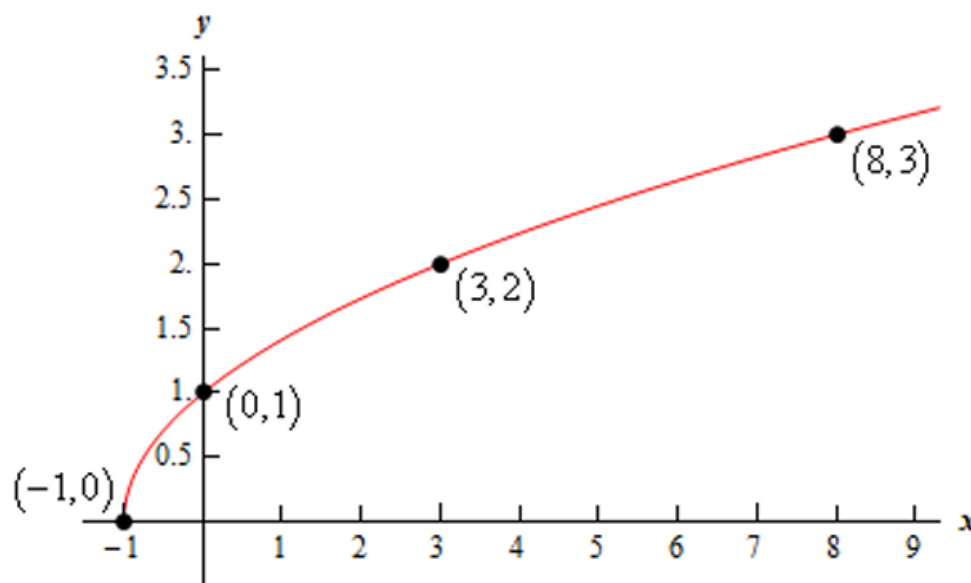
$x$	$f(x)$	$(x, y)$
-5	9	$(-5, 9)$
-2	9	$(-2, 9)$
1	9	$(1, 9)$
4	9	$(4, 9)$



**Example:** Sketch the graph of the following function.

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$$

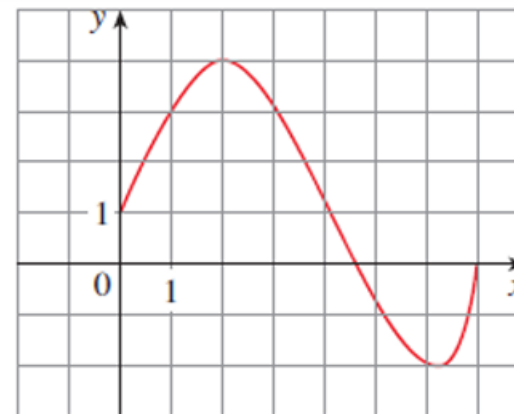
$x$	$f(x)$	$(x, y)$
-1	0	$(-1, 0)$
0	1	$(0, 1)$
3	2	$(3, 2)$
8	3	$(8, 3)$



Domain is  $[-1, \infty)$  and  
Range is  $[0, \infty)$

**EXAMPLE** // The graph of a function  $f$  is shown in Figure shown.

- (a) Find the values of  $f(1)$  and  $f(5)$ .
- (b) What are the domain and range of  $f$ ?



**SOLUTION**

- (a) We see from Figure the value of  $f$  at 1 is  $f(1) = 3$ .  
( the point on the graph that lies above  $x = 1$  is 3 units above the  $x$ -axis.)

When  $x = 5$ , the graph lies about 0.7 units below the  $x$ -axis,  
so we estimate that  $f(5) \approx -0.7$ .

- (b) We see that  $f(x)$  is defined when  $0 \leq x \leq 7$ , so the domain of  $f$  is the closed interval  $[0, 7]$ . Notice that  $f$  takes on all values from  $-2$  to  $4$ , so the range of  $f$  is

$$\{y \mid -2 \leq y \leq 4\} = [-2, 4]$$



**Example:** Find the Domains and Ranges of each of all of the following

$$(a) y = x^3 \quad -5 \leq x < 4 \quad (b) y = x^4 \quad (c) y = \frac{1}{(x-1)(x+2)} \quad 0 \leq x \leq 6$$

### **Solution**

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$$(a) y = x^3 \quad -5 \leq x < 4$$

domain  $-5 \leq x < 4$ , range  $-125 \leq y < 64$

$$(b) y = x^4$$

domain  $-\infty < x < \infty$ , range  $0 \leq y < \infty$

$$(c) y = \frac{1}{(x-1)(x+2)}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 6$$

domain  $0 \leq x < 1$  and  $1 < x \leq 6$ ,

range  $-\infty < y \leq -0.5$ ,  $0.25 \leq y < \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} (x-1)(x+2) &\geq 0 \\ x^2 + x - 2 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

**H.W:** Find the Domain and Range of each function.

1.  $f(x) = 2x + 3$

2.  $f(x) = x^2 + 4$

3.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

4.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x - 4}$

5.  $f(x) = \sqrt{4 - x}$

6.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-4}}$

7.  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 1$

8.  $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x^2+5x+6}$

9.  $f(x) = \frac{2}{x^2+3}$

10.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 5x + 6}$

11.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2+2x+3}{\sqrt{x+1}}$

12.  $f(x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$