

COLLEGE ALGEBRA

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GPS #1

1.1

FUNCTIONS AND MODELS

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Useful Definitions: Let X and Y be two nonempty sets.

- * A relation is a set of ordered pairs. For example: $\{(-1, 4), (-3, 5), (1, 2), (7, -2)\}$
- * A function is a relation in which, for each value of the first component of the ordered pairs, there is exactly one value of the second component.
- * A function from X into Y is a relation that associates with each element of X exactly one element of Y .
- * In a relation, the set of all values of the independent variable is the domain; the set of all values of the dependent variable is the range.
- * Vertical Line Test: If every vertical line intersects the graph of a relation only once, the relation is a function.

1. State whether each relation defines a function and give the domain and range.

a) $\{(-1, 4), (-3, 5), (1, 2), (7, -2)\}$

Function
 $d: \{-1, -3, 1, 7\}$
 $r: \{4, 5, 2, -2\}$

b) $\{(2, 7), (3, -4), (2, 0), (1, -2)\}$

not a function
 $d: \{2, 3, 1\}$
 $r: \{7, -4, 0, -2\}$

2. Use "vertical line test" to check whether each relation defines y as a function of x . Give the domain.

a) $y = x^2$

Function
 $d: (-\infty, \infty)$

b) $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

Not a function
 $d: [-1, 1]$

c) $x = y^2$

Not a function
 $d: [0, \infty)$

d) $y = x^3$

Function
 $d: (-\infty, \infty)$

3. Let $f(x) = -2x + 3$ and $g(x) = -\frac{1}{4}x^2 + 3x + 1$. Find the following.

a) $f(1) = -2(1) + 3 = \boxed{f(1) = 1}$

b) $g(-2) = -\frac{1}{4}(-2)^2 + 3(-2) + 1 = \boxed{g(-2) = -6}$

c) $f(m) = -2(m) + 3 = \boxed{f(m) = -2m + 3}$

d) $g(-x) = -\frac{1}{4}(-x)^2 + 3(-x) + 1 = \boxed{g(-x) = -\frac{1}{4}x^2 - 3x + 1}$

e) $f(x+1) = -2(x+1) + 3 = \boxed{f(x+1) = -2x + 1}$

e) $g(-k) = -\frac{1}{4}(-k)^2 + 3(-k) + 1 = \boxed{g(-k) = -\frac{1}{4}k^2 - 3k + 1}$

f) $f(x+h) - f(x) = -2(x+h) + 3 - (-2x + 3)$
 $= -2x - 2h + 3 + 2x - 3$
 $= \boxed{f(x+h) - f(x) = -2h}$

g) $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \frac{-2h}{h} = -2$
 $\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = -2}$

4. Find the domain of each of the following functions:

a) $f(x) = x^2 + 5$
 $d: (-\infty, \infty)$

b) $g(x) = \frac{1}{4}x - 3$
 $d: (-\infty, \infty)$

c) $r(t) = \frac{2t}{t^2 - 9}$ $(t-3)(t+3) = 0$
 $d: \{t \mid t \neq \pm 3\}$

b) $h(u) = \sqrt{10 - 2u}$
 $d: (-\infty, 5]$