

## A. Relations

1. A **relation** is a set of ordered pairs. For example,

$$A = \{(-1, 3), (2, 0), (2, 5), (-3, 2)\}$$

2. **Domain** is the set of all first coordinates:  $\{-1, 2, 2, -3\}$

$$\text{so } \text{dom}(A) = \{-1, 2, -3\}$$

3. **Range** is the set of all second coordinates:  $\{3, 0, 5, 2\}$

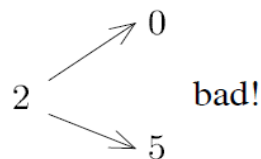
$$\text{so } \text{rng}(A) = \{3, 0, 5, 2\}$$

## B. Functions

A **function** is a relation that satisfies the following:

each  $x$ -value is allowed only **one**  $y$ -value

**Note:**  $A$  (below) is **not** a function, because 2 has  $y$ -values 0 and 5  
(violates our condition!)



### C. Testing Relations To See If They Are Functions

We make a “mapping table”. We do this as follows:

1. List all the  $x$ -values on the left.
2. At each  $x$ -value, draw an arrow—one arrow pointing to each  $y$ -value it has.
3. If you see a situation where an  $x$ -value has two or more arrows branching to  $y$ -values, then it is **not** a function.

#### Examples:

Check to see if the following relations are functions:

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

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

#### Solution

Make a mapping table for  $B$ :

$$\begin{array}{l} 3 \longrightarrow 4 \\ 2 \longrightarrow 4 \\ 1 \longrightarrow 4 \\ -3 \longrightarrow 2 \end{array}$$

Thus we see that  $B$  is a function.

Make a mapping table for  $C$ :

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \longrightarrow 2 \\ -2 \longrightarrow 3 \\ 5 \longrightarrow 1 \\ \quad \quad \quad \searrow \longrightarrow 4 \end{array}$$

Thus we see that  $C$  is **not** a function!

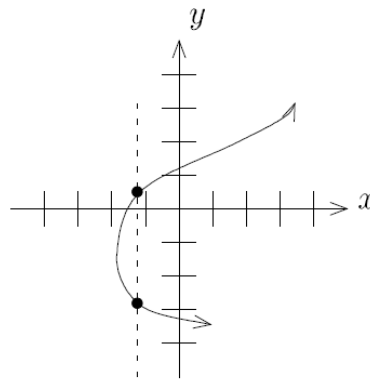
## C. Graphs and Functions

To check to see if a **graph** determines a function, we apply the **Vertical Line Test**.

### Vertical Line Test:

If a vertical line moved over allowed  $x$ -values intersects the graph exactly once (each time), the graph is a function; otherwise, it is not.

Example:



**not a function!**

**Functions and its Algebra:**

A function from a set A to set B is a rule that assigns each element  $x \in A$  to only one element in B satisfy

$$f: A \rightarrow B \text{ iff } \forall x \in A \exists! y \in B, f(x) = y$$

**The domain:**

The set of all  $x \in$  first component occurring in the ordered pairs of  $f$  is called the domain of  $f$ , and it is denoted by  $\text{dom}(f)$

$$\text{Dom}(f) = \{x \in A; (x, y) \in f, \text{ from some } y \in B\}$$

**The codomain:**

The codomain is the set of the second component occurring in the ordered pairs of  $f$  (all element in set B), and it is denoted by  $\text{cod}_f$

$$\text{cod}_f = \{y: y \in B\}$$

**The Range:**

The Range of  $f$  is a subset of the codomain of  $f$  whose elements are assigned by elements of the domain of  $f$ , and it is denoted by  $R_f$

$$R_f = \{f(x); x \in D_f\}$$

EX: find the domain of the functions:

$$1- y = x + 2 \Rightarrow D_f = R$$

$$2- y = \frac{x}{x^2-1} \Rightarrow x^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = 1 \Rightarrow x = \mp 1 \Rightarrow D_f = R/\{1, -1\}$$

$$3- y = \sqrt{2x-1} \Rightarrow 2x - 1 \geq 0 \Rightarrow 2x \geq 1 \Rightarrow x \geq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow D_f = \left\{x: x \geq \frac{1}{2}\right\}$$

$$4- y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \Rightarrow 1 - x^2 > 0 \Rightarrow 1 > x^2 \Rightarrow x < \mp 1 \Rightarrow D_f = (-1, 1)$$

**Some operations on functions:**

$$1-(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x); \quad x \in D_f \cap D_g \quad \Rightarrow d(f + g) = D_f \cap D_g$$

$$2- (f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x); \quad x \in D_f \cap D_g \quad \Rightarrow d(f - g) = D_f \cap D_g$$

$$3-(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x); \quad x \in D_f \cap D_g \quad \Rightarrow d(f \cdot g) = D_f \cap D_g$$

$$4-\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}; \quad x \in D_f \cap D_g, \{x: g(x) \neq 0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow d\left(\frac{f}{g}\right) = D_f \cap D_g - \{x: g(x) = 0\}$$

Ex: let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ ,  $g(x) = \sqrt{1-x}$ , find  $f + g$ ,  $f - g$ ,  $f \cdot g$ ,  $\frac{f}{g}$ ,  $\frac{g}{f}$ , and their domains.

$$\text{Sol: } D_f = [0, \infty), \quad D_g = (-\infty, 1] \rightarrow d(f + g) = D_f \cap D_g = [0, 1]$$

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

$$(f - g)(x) = \sqrt{x} - \sqrt{1-x}$$

$$(f \cdot g)(x) = \sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt{1-x} = \sqrt{x(1-x)} = \sqrt{x - x^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{1-x}} = \sqrt{\frac{x}{1-x}}$$

$$\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{g(x)}{f(x)} = \frac{\sqrt{1-x}}{\sqrt{x}} = \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}}$$

**composition of function**

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two functions, if the range of  $g$  is a subset of the domain of  $f$ , then there is a function  $f \circ g$  defined as follow:

$$f \circ g(x) = f(g(x))$$

$$d(f \circ g) = \{x: g(x) \in D_f, x \in D_g\}$$

$$d(g \circ f) = \{x: f(x) \in D_g, x \in D_f\}$$

Note: In general

$$f \circ g \neq g \circ f$$

Ex: Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ ,  $g(x) = x^2 - 1$ , find  $f \circ g$ ,  $g \circ f$ ,  $d_{f \circ g}$ ,  $d_{g \circ f}$ .

$$\text{Sol: } f \circ g(x) = f(g(x)) = f(x^2 - 1) = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$$

$$g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = g(\sqrt{x}) = (\sqrt{x})^2 - 1 = x - 1$$

$$d_f = x \geq 0, d_g = \mathbb{R}$$

$$d(f \circ g) = \{x: g(x) \in D_f, x \in D_g\} \Rightarrow x \in D_g = \mathbb{R}$$

$$g(x) \in D_f \Rightarrow x^2 - 1 \geq 0 \Rightarrow (x - 1)(x + 1) \geq 0$$

$$1- x-1 \geq 0 \wedge x+1 \geq 0$$

$$x \geq 1 \wedge x \geq -1 \rightarrow \{x: x \geq 1\}$$

$$2- x-1 \leq 0 \wedge x+1 \leq 0$$

$$x \leq 1 \wedge x \leq -1 \rightarrow \{x: x \leq -1\}$$

$$d(f \circ g) = \{x: x \leq -1, x \geq 1\} = \mathbb{R} \setminus (-1, 1)$$

$$d(g \circ f) = \{x: f(x) \in D_g, x \in D_f\}$$

$$= \{x: x \geq 0, x \in \mathbb{R}\} = [0, \infty)$$

**Homework Assignments:**

1- find the domain, codomain, and the Range of the following functions:

A-  $y = \sqrt{x}$       B-  $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$       C-  $y = \sqrt{x^2 - 9}$       D-  $y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$

2. Which of the following tables represent functions?

I.

Input	Output
0	1
0	2
2	3
3	4

III.

Input	Output
-3	2
-2	-2
2	-3
3	3

II.

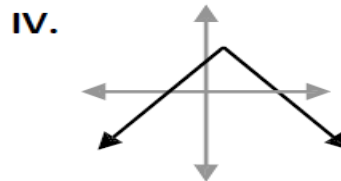
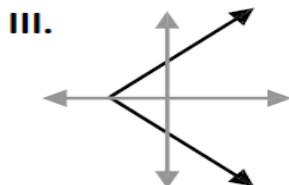
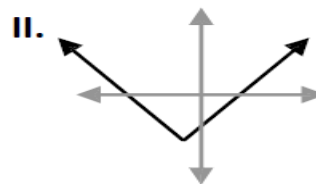
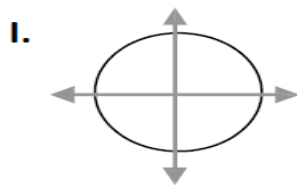
Input	Output
0	0
1	0
2	1
3	1

IV.

Input	Output
2	-11
0	8
2	4
4	7

- A. I and IV only  
 B. II and III only  
 C. I, II and III only  
 D. II, III and IV only

3. Determine which of the following are functions:



- A. I and III only  
 B. II and IV only  
 C. II, III, and IV only  
 D. I, II, III and IV

4- Find  $f + g$  ,  $f - g$  ,  $f \cdot g$  ,  $\frac{f}{g}$  ,  $\frac{g}{f}$  , and their domains of the following functions:

A-  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$  ,  $g(x) = \sqrt{4-x^2}$

B-  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2-1}$  ,  $g(x) = x^2$

C-  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$  ,  $g(x) = \sqrt{2x-3}$

5- find  $f \circ g$  ,  $g \circ f$  ,  $d_{f \circ g}$  ,  $d_{g \circ f}$  of the following functions:

A-  $f(x) = \sqrt{2-x}$  ,  $g(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$

B-  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2-1}$  ,  $g(x) = x^2$

C-  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$  ,  $g(x) = \sqrt{2x-3}$

D-  $f(x) = |x|$  ,  $g(x) = -x$

E-  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+2}$  ,  $g(x) = \frac{x-1}{x}$