

# Functions

What is a function?

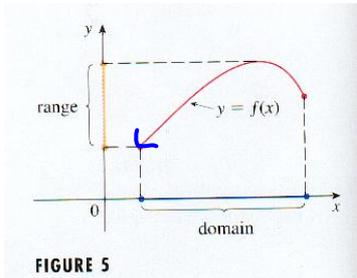
A function is a rule that assigns to each element in a set  $A$  exactly one element, called  $f(x)$ .



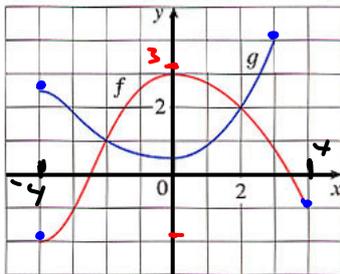
How do we identify the domain and range of a function?

$$y = \sqrt{x+2}$$

- First must know what these terms mean...define each.
- Must know how to indicate domain and range using correct notation (Set and Bracket)



Examples:



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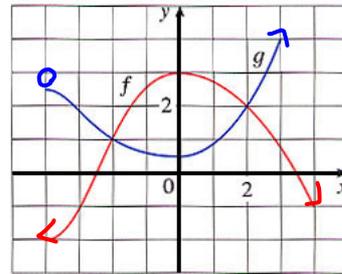
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$$R: \{y \mid \frac{1}{2} \leq y \leq 4, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$



$f$

$$D: \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\} \quad (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$R: \{y \mid y \leq 3, y \in \mathbb{R}\} \quad [3, \infty)$$

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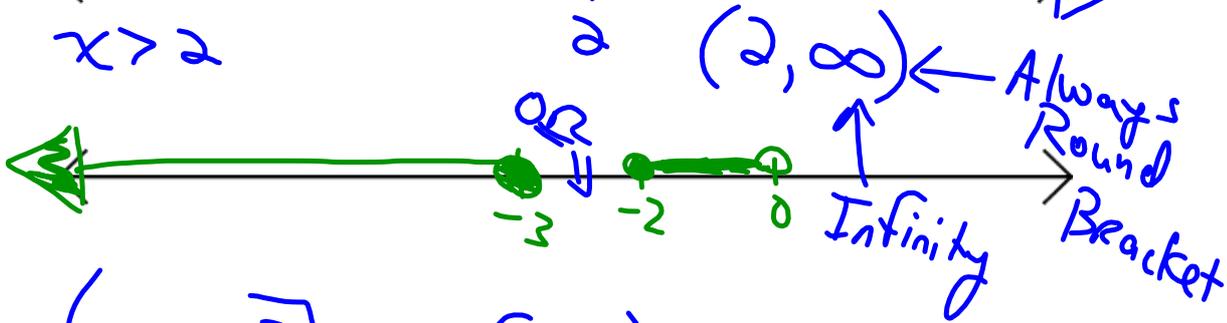
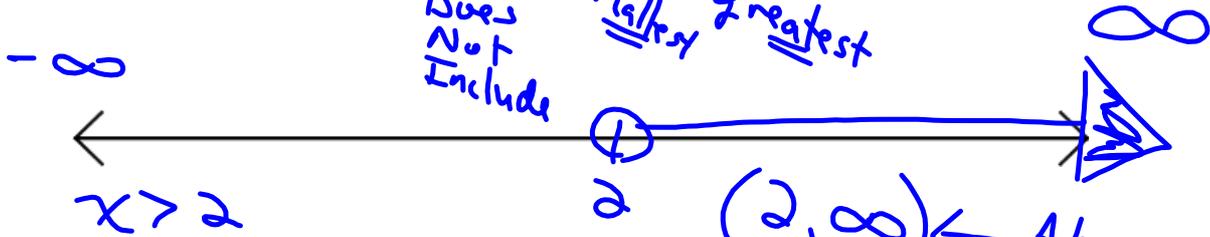
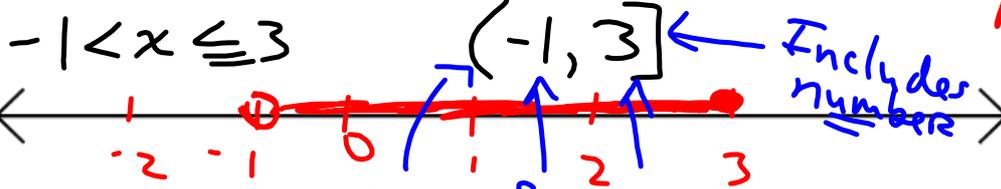
$$D: \{x \mid x > -4, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$R: \{y \mid y \geq \frac{1}{2}, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

# Bracket Notation

Notation used to describe "SETS" of numbers...

Must be Real Numbers

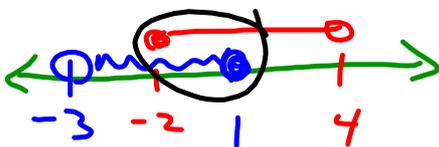


$(-\infty, -3]$  OR  $[-2, 0)$

"Intersection" of sets

$(-\infty, -3] \cup [-2, 0)$

"In Union with"



$\cap: [-2, 1]$

$\cup: (-3, 4)$

$\{\emptyset\}$  "Null set" "Empty set"

# Function Notation

- Must understand the notation associated with determining the values of functions

## I. From a graph

$f(1) \Rightarrow f(1) = 2$   
 "y value when the x-value is equal to 1"

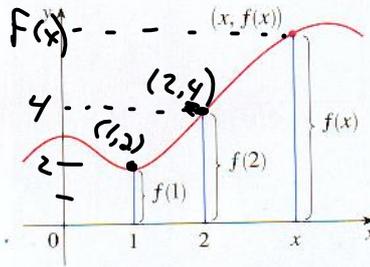


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## II. From a table of values

$f(4) = 5$   
 $f(-3) = 7$   
 $f(0) = 8$

x	f(x)
-3	7
0	8
4	5

## III. From an explicit formula (Equation)

$f(x) = -2x^2 + 5x - 3$  ← Explicit formula!

$f(-3) = ?$   
 $= -2(-3)^2 + 5(-3) - 3$   
 $= -18 - 15 - 3$   
 $= -36$   
 $(-3, -36)$

$f(8) = ?$   
 $= -2(8)^2 + 5(8) - 3$

$f(x) = -2x^2 + 5x - 3$

$f(2-h) = ?$  ←  $4+h^2$   
 $= -2(2-h)^2 + 5(2-h) - 3$   $(x+7)^2$   
 $= -2(4-4h+h^2) + 10-5h-3$   $x^2+14x+49$   
 $= -8+8h-2h^2+10-5h-3$

$f(2-h) = -2h^2 + 3h - 1$

# Complete Square

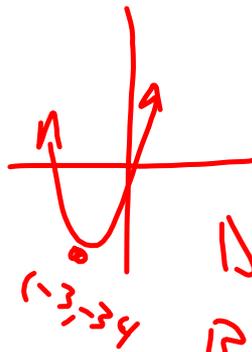
$$3x^2 + 18x - 7$$

$$3(x^2 + 6x + \frac{9}{1}) - 7 - 27$$

Take  $\frac{1}{2}$  and square

$$y = +3(x + 3)^2 - 34$$

V(-3, -34)  
opens up



D:  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
R:  $(-34, \infty)$

## Check-Up

2. Determine the domain and range of the quadratic  $f(x) = -5x^2 + 10x - 3$ .

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