

**Precalculus 1.2a WARM UP**

- **WHAT'S THE SLOPE OF A HORIZONTAL LINE?** zero
- **GIVE AN EXAMPLE OF A HORIZONTAL LINE**  $y=4$
- **FIND THE SLOPE OF THE LINE GIVEN BY  $Y=3X-2$**  3
- **IS YOUR ANSWER A NUMBER?** Y/N
- **WHAT DOES IT REPRESENT?**
- **Would a beginning downhill skier want the slope of a hill to be  $1/10$  or  $9/10$ ?**

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**What questions do you have from 1.1?****1.2: Functions****Relations****Definition 1.** A *relation* is any set of ordered pairs.

The set of all first components (all the x-values) is called the "domain."

The set of all second components (all the y-values) is called the "range."

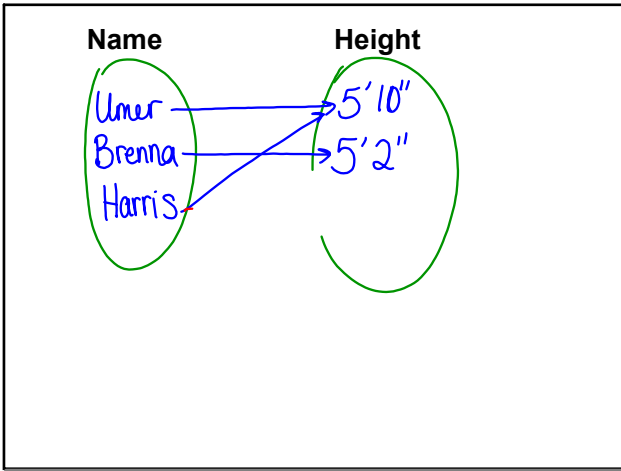
**Example 1**Find the domain and range of:  $\{(0,9.1), (10,6.7), (20,10.7), (30,13.2), (36,17.4)\}$ 

$$D: \{0, 10, 20, 30, 36\}$$

$$R: \{9.1, 6.7, 10.7, 13.2, 17.4\}$$

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**Functions**

**Definition 2.** A function is a correspondence from a first set (the domain) to a second set (the range) such that each element in the domain corresponds to **exactly one** element in the range.

Based on the definition above, in a function, no two ordered pairs have the same first component and **different** second components.

Each input has **exactly one** corresponding output.

**Q:** Was the previous relation (from Example 1) a function? Why or why not?  
 $\{(0,9.1), (10,6.7), (20,10.7), (30,13.2), (36,17.4)\}$

**A:** **Function**

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**Example 2**  
 Determine which (if any) of the following are functions.

[A]  $\{(1,2), (3,4), (5,6), (5,8)\}$       [B]  $\{(1,2), (3,4), (6,5), (8,5)\}$

**Nope**      **Yes**

[C] Domain: A set of cars in a parking lot  
 Correspondence: Each car's license number  
 Range: A set of letters and numbers

**Yes**

[D] **Function**

**Vertical Line Test**

[E]  $x^2 + y = 1$   
 $y = -x^2 + 1$   
**Yes**

[F]  $-x + y^2 = 1$   
 $y = \pm \sqrt{x+1}$   
**Not Function**

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**Notation for Functions**

Oftentimes, we write  $f(x)$  instead of  $y$ :

$y = 6 - 2x$  is the same as  $f(x) = 6 - 2x$

$f(x)$  can be a little more convenient to use because it is more specific than just writing  $y$ . For example, if we wanted to find what  $y$  is when  $x = 2$ , we can write and plug in 2 every time we see  $x$ .

Q: What is  $y$  when  $x = 2$  (from the equation above)?

A:  $y = 6 - 2(2)$        $f(2) = 6 - 2(2)$   
 $y = 2$                        $f(2) = 2$

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**Example 3**

Let  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 6$ .

You can use a graphing calculator for part [A].

[A]  $f(-5) = (-5)^2 - 2(-5) + 6$   
 $25 + 10 + 6$   
 $41$

[B]  $f(a+4) = (a+4)^2 - 2(a+4) + 6$   
 $(a+4)(a+4) - 2a - 8 + 6$   
 $a^2 + 8a + 16 - 2a - 8 + 6 = a^2 + 6a + 14$

[C]  $f(-x) = (-x)^2 - 2(-x) + 6$   
 $x^2 + 2x + 6$

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**Example 4 (Piece-wise Functions)**

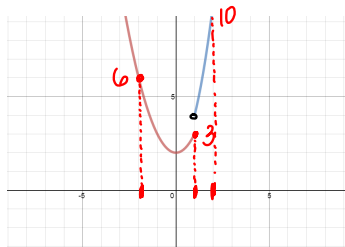
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$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 2, & x \leq 1 \\ 2x^2 + 2, & x > 1 \end{cases}$

$f(-2) = (-2)^2 + 2 = 6$   
 $f(1) = (1)^2 + 2 = 3$   
 $f(2) = 2(2)^2 + 2 = 10$

Find

$f(-2), f(1), f(2)$

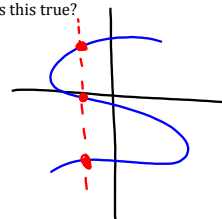


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**Vertical Line Test**

We know that a function can only have one  $y$ -value for each  $x$ -value. Hence, if a vertical line intersects a graph in more than one point, the graph does not represent a function.

Why is this true?



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**Example 5**  
 Draw [A] an example of a graph that represents a function and has three x-intercepts, [B] a function that has one y-intercept and no x-intercepts, [C] a graph that does not represent a function, and [D] a function that has two y-intercepts.

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**Q:** Is it possible to draw a function with more than one y-intercept? Why or why not?  
**A:** *No!*

**Example 6**  
 Use the graph of  $f$  on the right to find:  
 [A]  $f(-3) = 0$   
 [B]  $f(-2) = 1$

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**Conclusion**

1. How do you know an equation is a function?
2. What does function notation do for you?
3. What is important about piecewise functions?
4. Questions?????

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**HOMWORK**  
 ...functions...the building block of analytical geometry

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