

Chapter Notes

A **relation** is any set of ordered pairs. The set of the first components of the ordered pairs is called the **domain** of the relation and the set of all second components is called the **range** of the relation.

A **function** is a relation in which no two ordered pairs have the same first component and different second components. A **function** is a correspondence (a rule) from a first set, called the **domain**, to a second set, called the **range**, such that each element in the domain corresponds to exactly one element in the range. For each value of x , there is one and only one y . The variable x is called **independent** variable because it can be assigned any value from the domain. The variable y is called the **dependent** variable because its value depends on x .

The notation $f(x)$, read “*f of x*”, represents the value of the function at the number x .

Vertical Line Test

If any vertical line intersects a graph in more than one point, the graph does not define y as a function of x .

Domain

When asked to find the domain of a function, ask yourself these questions.

- Does the expression contain a rational expression (a fraction)? If so, the denominator cannot be zero.
Set denominator = 0 and solve the resulting equation.
The values of x that make the denominator = 0 cannot be in the domain of the function.
- Does the expression contain a radical expression with an even root? If so, the radicand (the expression under the radical) must be greater than or equal to zero.
Solve the inequality:
 $radicand \geq 0$
The values of x that solve the inequality form the domain of the function.
- Does the expression contain a logarithm? If so, the argument of the logarithm must be greater than zero.
Solve the inequality:
 $argument > 0$
The values of x that solve the inequality form the domain of the function.
- If the answer to the above three questions is “**no**”, and the problem is not an application problem, the domain is that x can be any real number.

Let $f(x) = \frac{3x-1}{x-5}$.

a) State the domain.

Find the indicated function values.

b) $f(0)$

c) $f(3)$

d) $f(-3)$

e) $f(a+h)$

Let f and g be two functions.

1. $(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

2. $(f-g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

3. $(fg)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$

4. $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}, g(x) \neq 0$

Let $f(x) = x^2 + 4x$ and $g(x) = 2 - x$. Find each of the following.

a) $(f + g)(x)$

b) $(f + g)(4)$

c) $(f - g)(x)$

d) $(f - g)(-2)$

e) $(fg)(x)$

f) $(fg)(-3)$

g) $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$

h) the domain of $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$

All equations of the form $Ax + By = C$ are **linear equations**. The graph of a linear equation is a straight line. To find the *x-intercept*, set $y = 0$. To find the *y-intercept*, set $x = 0$.

The **slope** of a line is a measure of the steepness of the line. The slope of the line through two distinct points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is

$$m = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{\text{change in } y}{\text{change in } x}$$

The **slope-intercept equation** of a non-vertical line with slope m and y-intercept b is

$$y = mx + b$$

The **point-slope equation** of a non-vertical line with slope **m** containing point (x_1, y_1) is

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$5x + 3y = 15$$

Find the x-intercept.

Find the y-intercept.

Graph the line.

Solve the equation for y.

State the slope of the line.

Graph the line using the slope intercept form.

As a craftsman making feather dusters, you have invested \$250 in materials. You expect to sell your dusters for \$7.50 each.

- a) Set up a model, draw a graph, and determine an equation to calculate your profit.
- b) Use your graph to estimate how many dusters you would have to sell to break even.
- c) How many dusters would you have to sell to earn a profit of at least \$100?

If two lines are parallel, the two lines have the same slope.

If two lines are perpendicular, the two lines have slopes that are negative reciprocals of each other.

$$l_1 \parallel l_2 \leftrightarrow m_1 = m_2$$

$$l_1 \perp l_2 \leftrightarrow m_1 = -\frac{1}{m_2}$$

Find an equation of the line that passes through the points $(2,1)$ and $(-1,-5)$. Graph the line.

Find an equation of the line whose slope is undefined and contains the point $(3,-1)$.
Graph the line.

How to Find an Equation of a Line

1. Find the slope m .
 - a. If given two points, use the slope formula to find the slope.
 - b. The slope could be given.
 - c. If the line you need is parallel to another line, then the slopes of the two lines are equal.
 - d. If the line you need is perpendicular to another line, then the slope of the line you need is the negative reciprocal of the slope of the given line.
2. Select a point (x_1, y_1) .
3. Substitute the slope m and the point (x_1, y_1) into the point slope form of the line.
$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$
4. Do the algebra to get the line into the point intercept form of the line.
$$y = mx + b$$

Find an equation of the line that is parallel to the line $y = 2x - 1$ and contains the point $(-2, 3)$. Graph both lines.

Find an equation of the line that is perpendicular to the line $x - 2y = 4$ and contains the point $(1, 3)$. Graph both lines.