A **relation** is a relationship between sets of information. It is any collection of ordered pairs. If we denote the ordered pairs in a relation by (x, y) then the set of x-values (or inputs) is the **domain** and the set of all y-values (or outputs) is the **range**.

Ways to represent a relation:

(1) By listing ordered pairs as coordinates or in a table

Examples:

(A)
$$\{(1,2), (3,4), (5,6), (7,8), (9,10)\}$$

(B) <u>STUDENT</u>	SCORE		
Mary	87		
Joe	94		
Peter	82		

(2) By specifying a rule

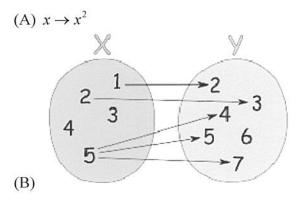
Examples:

(A)
$$\{(x,y) | y = \sqrt{x-1}\}$$

(B)
$$y = 4x - 5$$

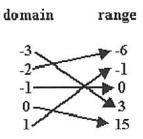
(3) By specifying a mapping

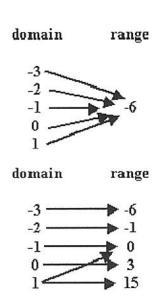
Examples:

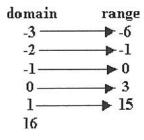


A **function** is a "well behaved" relation. A **function** is a relation in which each element of the domain corresponds to exactly one element of the range. That is, no two ordered pairs have the same first element.

Determine whether or not the following relations are functions.

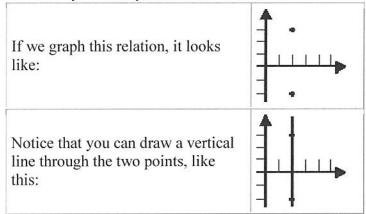




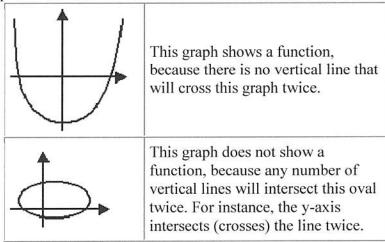


The "Vertical Line Test"

Looking at this function stuff graphically, what if we had the relation that consists of a set containing just two points: $\{(2, 3), (2, -2)\}$? We already know that this is not a function, since x = 2 goes to each of y = 3 and y = -2.



This characteristic of non-functions was noticed by I-don't-know-who, and was codified in "The Vertical Line Test": Given the graph of a relation, if you can draw a vertical line that crosses the graph in more than one place, then the relation is not a function. Here are a couple examples:



Practice Questions

1. Which of the relations below is a function?

Choose:

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

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

$$\{(0,2), (0,3), (0,4), (0,5), (0,6)\}$$



2. Given the relation $A = \{(5,2), (7,4), (9,10), (x,5)\}$. Which of the following values for x will make relation A a function?

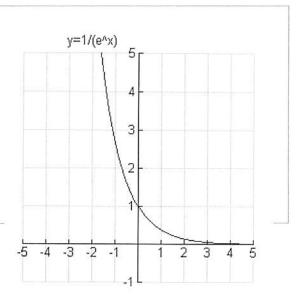
Choose:



3. The graph of a relation is shown at the right. Is this relation a function?

Choose:

Cannot be determined from a graph



4.

Is the relation depicted in the chart below a function?



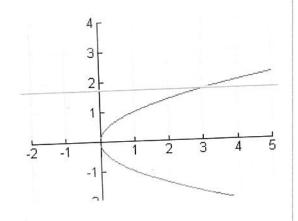
X	0	1	3	5	3	9
Y	8	9	10	6	10	7

Choose:

- Yes
- No
- Cannot be determined from a chart
- **5.** The graph of a relation is shown at the right. Is the relation is a function?

Choose:

- Yes
- Cannot be determined from a graph



6.



Which of the following relations is a function?

Choose:

$$x^2 + y^2 = 16$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{x+4}$$

$$y = |x+1| + 5$$

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