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Lesson 2-2: Graphs of Functions

Objective

Students will...

- Be able to make a table of values for a given function.
- Be able to graph each function using its table of values.
- Be able to determine the domain and the range of each function from its graph.

Four Ways of Representing a Function

To help us understand what a function is, we have used machine and arrow diagrams. We can represent a functional relationship in following ways:

- 1. _____ (by a description in words)
- 2. _____ (by an explicit formula)
- 3. _____ (by a graph)
- 4. _____ (by a table of values)



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Functions and their Graphs

If f is a function with domain A, then the graph of f is the set of ordered pairs: {

In other words, the graph of f is the set of all points (x, y) such that y = f(x); that is, the graph of f is the graph of the equation y = f(x).

Hence, we can place each input and output as an ordered pair, namely, (______, ____, _____).

Table of Values

Thus, we can graph every function the way we first learned how to graph- by making a table of values. Consider the following functions:

 $f(x) = x^2$

$$g(x) = x^3 \qquad \qquad h(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

Graphing Functions



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Getting Information from the Graph

The values of a function are represented by the y-coordinates of its graph. So, we can read off the values of a function from its graph.

Ex. The function T graphed gives the temperature between noon and 6 P.M. at a certain weather station. a. Find T(1), T(3), T(5).

b. Which is larger, T(2) or T(4)?



Domain and Range from Graphs

You can also determine the ______ and the ______ of functions from their graphs. Remember that domain is all possible *x*-values, while the range is the all possible *y*-values. So, from the graph the domain is always from the lowest ______ to the highest ______.





Vertical Line Test

Remember that in a function, for every input there is exactly one output. Graphically this means that for every x-value there must be only one y-value. Thus, a <u>test</u> can be used on a graph of any given expression to determine whether it is a function.

Vertical Line Test- A curve in the coordinate plane is the graph of a function if and only if no vertical line intersects the curve **more than**_____.



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