MA 15910, Lessons 2a and 2b	Introduction to Functions
Algebra: Sections	3.5 and 7.4
Calculus: Sections	1.2 and 2.1

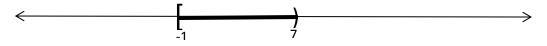
Representing an Interval Set of Numbers		
Inequality Symbol	Number Line Graph	Interval Notation
x < a	$ \xrightarrow{a} $	$(-\infty, a)$
x > a	$\leftarrow \overleftarrow{a}$	(a,∞)
$x \le a$	$ \xrightarrow{a} a $	(<i>−∞</i> , <i>a</i>]
$x \ge a$	$\leftarrow [a]$	$[a,\infty)$
a < x < b	$\langle () \rangle \Rightarrow a b $	(<i>a</i> , <i>b</i>)
$a \le x < b$	$\langle [$	[a,b)
$a < x \le b \in$	$\begin{array}{c} & & \\ \hline a & & b \end{array}$	(<i>a</i> , <i>b</i>]
$a \le x \le b \leftarrow$	$a \qquad b$	[<i>a</i> , <i>b</i>]
no solution	empty number line	Ø
all real numbers	← → →	$(-\infty,\infty)$

You are responsible for knowing all 3 ways above to represent a set of numbers that is an inequality; with the inequality symbol, graphed on a number line, or in interval notation.

You may remember from past experiences of graphing on a number line, that you used a 'closed dot' on the number line to indicate that the number itself was included in the set. You probably used an 'open dot' on the number line to indicate that the number itself was not included in the set. In this class, we will use a parenthesis to replace the 'open dot' and a bracket (opening in the shaded direction) to replace the 'closed dot'. Students are expected to know how to represent an interval on a number line as a graph on a number line, using intervals notation, or using the inequality symbols.

Example 0:

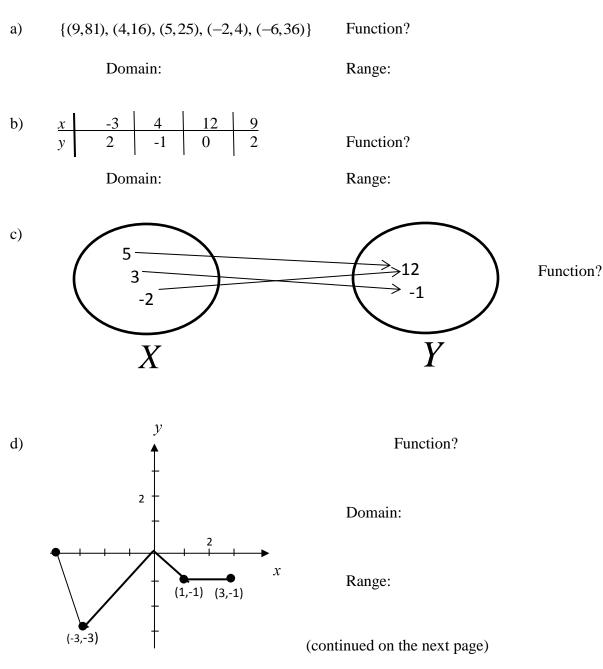
- (a) Represent the set of numbers x < 12, using a number line and interval notation.
- (b) Represent the set of numbers $x \ge 2$, using a number line and interval notation.
- (c) Represent the set of numbers $-5 < x \le 0$, using a number line and interval notation.
- (d) Represent the set of numbers $(3, \infty)$, using an inequality symbol and using a number line.
- (e) Represent the set of numbers $(-\infty, -100]$, using an inequality symbol and using a number line.
- (f) Represent the numbers represented on the number line below in both interval notation and using an inequality symbol.



Definition: <u>A relation is any set of ordered pairs</u>. The set of first components in the ordered pairs is called the **domain** of the relation. The set of second components is called the **range** of the relation. **Relations may be** <u>represented as sets</u>, <u>tables</u>, <u>diagrams</u>, <u>graphs</u>, <u>or equations</u>.

Definition: A **function** is a relation in which <u>no two ordered pairs have the same first</u> <u>components but different second components</u>. Each element or component of the domain (input values) is paired to <u>one and only one</u> element or component of the range (output values).

Relations or functions can be represented by (1) sets of ordered pairs, (2) tables of ordered pairs, (3) mappings of ordered pairs, (4) graphs, or (5) equations (as seen in the next few examples). **Example 1**: Which relations below represent <u>functions</u>? State the <u>domains and ranges</u>.



e)
$$x = y^2$$
 Function?
Domain:

 $f) \qquad y = \frac{2x-5}{x+3}$

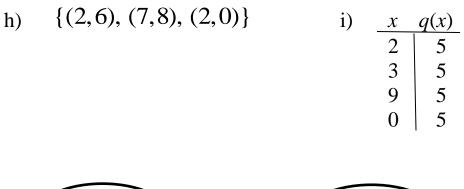
Function?

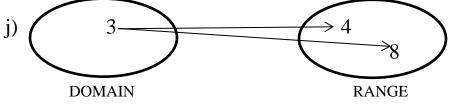
Domain:

Range:

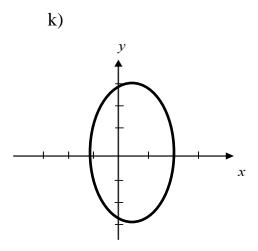
$$g$$
) $s = \sqrt{3r+2}$ Function

Domain:





(continued on the next page)



<u>Function Notation</u>: Functions can be 'named' by using letters. This 'name' can be used to write the function. For example; the function *h* represented by $y = 2x - x^2$ can be written as $h(x) = 2x - x^2$. This type of notation is known as <u>function</u> <u>notation</u>. The element of the domain, the input (the *x*) is inside the parentheses and the result, the output, (the *y* or h(x)) is the matching or corresponding element of the range.

Example 2: Given the function g(x) = |3x-1|, find the following function values. Also approximate the value of (d).

- *a*) g(-2) = *b*) g(0) =
- c) g(4) = d $g(\sqrt{2})$

Assume all variables in problems in example 3 yield arguments that are in the domain of the function.

Example 3: Given the functions $f(x) = x^2 - 2x$ and $F(x) = \frac{x}{3x-1}$, find the following. a) f(3x) = g F(3x) = g

b)
$$F(a+1) =$$
 h) $f(a+1) =$

c)
$$f(r+2) =$$
 i) $F(r+2) =$

$$d) \quad F\left(\frac{1}{b}\right) = \qquad \qquad j) \quad f\left(\frac{1}{b}\right) =$$

e)
$$f(x) + f(2) = k$$
 $F(x) + F(2) = k$

$$f) \quad f(x+h) - f(x) =$$

A function may be defined by more than one equation, such as the **piecewise-defined function** in example 4.

Example 4: Given this piecewise-defined function, find the following.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+2 & \text{if } x < 1\\ x^2 & \text{if } x \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

$$a) \quad f(0) =$$

$$b) \qquad f(1) =$$

c)
$$f(x+2)$$
 if $x \ge -1$

$$d) \qquad f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \text{ if } x < 2$$

(lesson 2 part b)

In most functions the implied domain is the set of all real numbers (inputs) that yield real number values for the function values (outputs). In 'real life' problems, the domain and range are only the values that are reasonable.

Example 5: Find the domain of each function. *a*) $f(x) = \sqrt{2x-3}$ *d*) $g(x) = \sqrt{5-10x}$

b)
$$G(x) = \frac{2x}{x^2 - 3x - 4}$$
 e) $h(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x^2 + 5x + 6}$

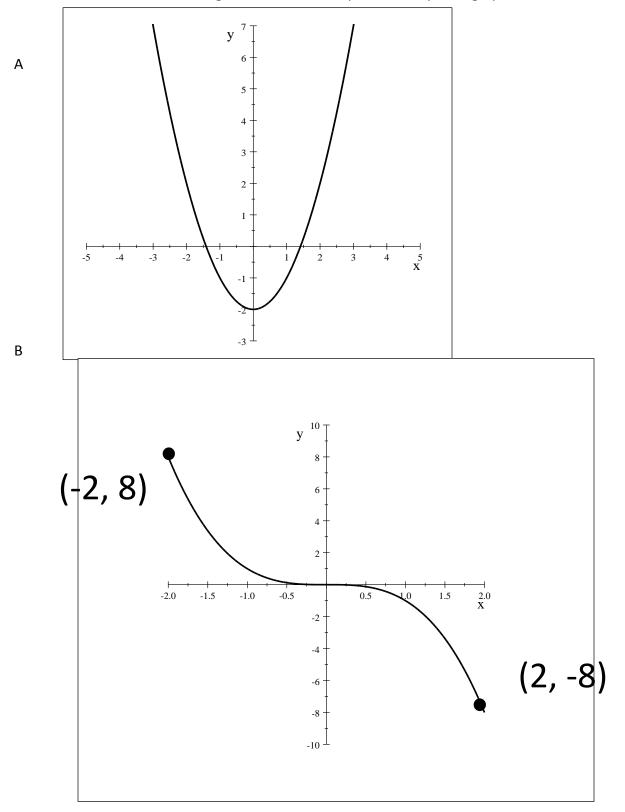
c)
$$d(t) = 50t$$
, where d is the distance in miles
traveled by a car in t hours

g) volume of a sphere:
$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$
 h) $j(x) = \frac{x-3}{x+2}$

f) A tennis ball is tossed vertically upward from a height of 5 feet according to the height function $h(t) = -16t^2 + 21t + 5$, where *h* us the height of the tennis ball in feet and *t* is time in seconds. When does the ball hit the ground? (Round to the nearest hundredth of a second, if necessary.)

Lesson 2(b)

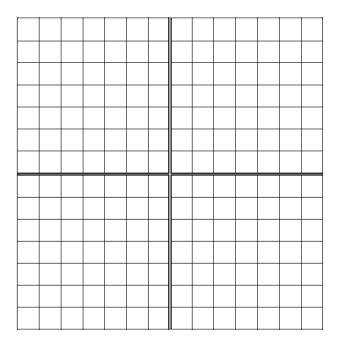
Determine the domain and range of the function represented by each graph.



9

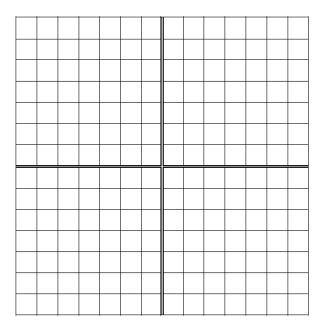
Graph each linear function by plotting enough points to determine the line.

(a)
$$g(x) = 2x - 3$$



There is an announcement in MyMathLab that describes how to graph a line in MyMathLab.

(b)
$$f(x) = -\frac{4}{3}x + 2$$



An algebraic expression, equation, or function cannot have any numbers in the domain that would lead to zero in the denominator. For the following problems, determine the values of *x* that would have to be rejected because they lead to zero in the denominator.

Example:

a)
$$\frac{5}{3x} - \frac{2}{5x} = \frac{1}{4}$$
 b) $\frac{2}{x-4} + \frac{3}{x+2} = \frac{1}{x^2 - 2x - 8}$

c)
$$\frac{1}{x^2 - 9} = \frac{2}{x + 3} - \frac{5}{x - 3}$$
 d) $\frac{4}{x} = \frac{12}{x + 9}$

Example 6:

A manufacturer can produce and sell x gadgets per week. The total cost of producing these gadgets (in dollars) is given by C(x) = 11x + 375. The revenue from the sale of these gadgets (in dollars) is R(x) = 26.6x. (a) Find a function to represent the <u>profit</u> from the production and sell of x gadgets per week. (b) What is the profit from the sale of 25 gadgets?

Example 7:

Write a <u>cost function</u> (cost as a function of number of songs) for this situation. An Internet site where a student can download songs charges a \$10 registration fee plus \$0.75 per song. Example 8:

The demand function (price/coat) for a type of coat if given by p = D(n) = 86 - 0.5n, where p is the price in dollars and n is the quantity demanded (number of coats).

- a) Find the price for a demand of 55 coats.
- b) Find the quantity demanded for a coat at the price of \$32.

Example 9:

Producing x units of hamburger packages costs C(x) = 12x + 36. The revenue is R(x) = 16x. (Both C and R are in dollars.)

a) Write a profit function P(x). Find the <u>break-even</u> quantity.

b) Find the profit from 250 units of hamburger packages.

c) Find the number of units that must be produced for a profit of \$560.

Example 10:

Forensic scientists (CSI) use the lengths of certain bones to calculate the height of a person. The following functions represent a person's height based on the length of the femur (r), the bone from the knee to the hip socket.

For women: h(r) = 61.41 + 2.3r

For men: h(r) = 69.09 + 2.24r

a) Find the height of a man with a femur measuring 59 cm. 62 cm.

b) Find the height of a woman with a femur measuring 48 cm. 55 cm.

Example 11:

A company that manufactures bicycles has a fixed cost of \$100,000 a month. It costs \$100 on average to produce each bicycle. The total cost per month for the company is the sum of its fixed cost and the variable costs (costs of production of the bicycles). Write a cost function, C, as a function of the number of bicycles produced, b. Find C (90) and C (200). Interpret each.

Example 12:

A car was purchased for \$22,500. The value of the car decreased by \$3200 per year for the first six years. Write a function that describes the value of the car, *V*, after *x* years, where $0 \le x \le 6$. Find and interpret *V* (3) and *V*(8).

Example 13: $p(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < -4 \\ -x & \text{if } -4 \le x < 0 \\ x^2 & \text{if } x \ge 0 \end{cases}$ a) Find p(-4), p(0), and p(3). b) Find p(a+2) if -4 < a+2 < 0

c) Find p(5-3a) if $5-3a \ge 0$