Exercises 3 Function
Domain, codomain, range, graph

Objectives

- understand what a function is.
- be able to judge whether a given relation is a function.
- be able to determine the range of a given function.
- be able to determine values of a given function.

Problems

3.1 Which of the following relations are functions? Explain your answer.

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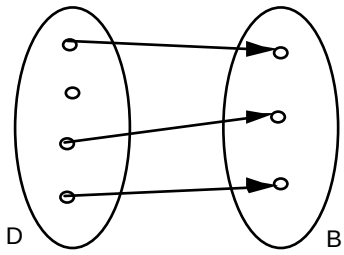

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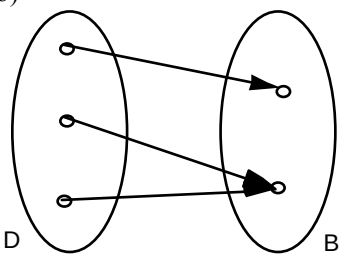

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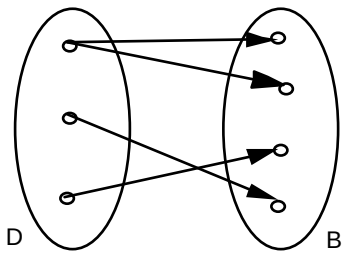

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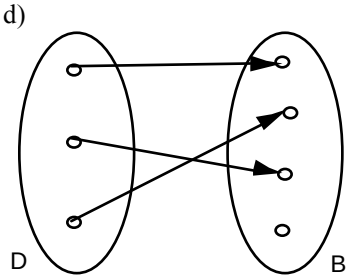


e) D = set of all the modules of the HTW Tourism bachelor programme
B = set of all the HTW lecturers
f: $D \to B$, $m \to l = f(m)$ = lecturer of m

f) D = {1981, 1982, ... , 1990, 1991}
B = set of all the human beings aged between 20 and 30
f: $D \to B$, $y \to p = f(y)$ = person who was born in the year y

g) D = set of all the human beings aged between 20 and 30
B = {1981, 1982, ... , 1990, 1991}
f: $D \to B$, $p \to y = f(p)$ = year of birth of person p

h) f: $\mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, $x \to y = f(x) = x^2$

i) f: $\mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R}$, $x \to y = f(x)$ = number whose square is x

Notice:
- $\mathbb{R}^+$ is the set of all positive real numbers, i.e. $\mathbb{R}^+ = \{x: x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x > 0\}$.

j) f: $\mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, $t \to b = f(t)$ = bank account balance at time t

3.2 Determine the range E of the functions below:

a) D = {January, February, March, ..., December}
B = {A, B, C, ..., Z}
f: $D \to B$, $m \to l = f(m)$ = initial letter of m

b) D = set of all the neighbouring countries of Switzerland
B = set of all the European cities
c: $D \to B$, $x \to y = c(x)$ = capital of neighbouring country x

c) function f in problem 3.1 g)

d) function f in problem 3.1 h)

3.3 a) $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}, x \to f(x) = x^3 - x$

Determine the following values:

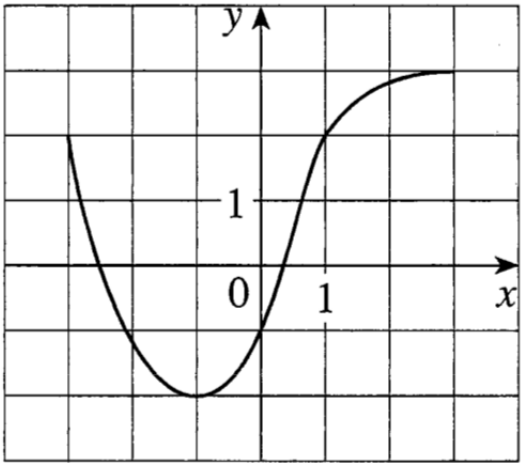
i)	f(1)	ii)	f(-2)	iii)	f(a)
iv)	$f(b^2)$	v)	f(a - b)	vi)	$f(x^3 - x)$

b) $g: \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\} \to \mathbb{R}, x \to g(x) = \frac{x^2}{x+1}$

Determine the following values:

i)	g(2)	ii)	g(-3)	iii)	g(a)
iv)	$g(b^2)$	v)	g(a - b)	vi)	$g\left(\frac{x^2}{x+1}\right)$

3.4 The graph of a function f ist given as follows:



a) State the value of f(-1).

b) Estimate the value of f(2).

c) For what values of x is f(x) = 2?

d) Estimate the values of x such that f(x) = 0.

e) State the domain D of f.

f) State the range E of f.

Answers

3.1 a) no function b) function
c) no function d) function
e) no function f) no function
g) function h) function
i) no function j) function

3.2 a) $E = \{A, D, F, J, M, N, O, S\}$
b) $E = \{Berlin, Vienna, Vaduz, Rome, Paris\}$
c) $E = B$
d) $E = \mathbb{R}_0^+$

Notice:
- $\mathbb{R}_0^+$ is the set of all positive real numbers, including zero, i.e. $\mathbb{R}_0^+ = \{x: x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x \geq 0\}$.

3.3 a) i) $f(1) = 1^3 - 1 = 0$
ii) $f(-2) = (-2)^3 - (-2) = -6$
iii) $f(a) = a^3 - a$
iv) $f(b^2) = (b^2)^3 - b^2 = b^6 - b^2$
v) $f(a - b) = (a - b)^3 - (a - b) = a^3 - 3a^2b + 3ab^2 - b^3 - a + b$
vi) $f(x^3 - x) = (x^3 - x)^3 - (x^3 - x) = x^9 - 3x^7 + 3x^5 - 2x^3 + x$

b) i) $g(2) = \frac{2^2}{2+1} = \frac{4}{3}$
ii) $g(-3) = \frac{(-3)^2}{-3+1} = -\frac{9}{2}$
iii) $g(a) = \frac{a^2}{a+1}$
iv) $g(b^2) = \frac{(b^2)^2}{b^2+1} = \frac{b^4}{b^2+1}$
v) $g(a - b) = \frac{(a-b)^2}{(a-b)+1} = \frac{a^2 - 2ab + b^2}{a - b + 1}$
vi) $g\left(\frac{x^2}{x+1}\right) = \frac{\left(\frac{x^2}{x+1}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{x^2}{x+1}\right)+1} = \frac{x^4}{x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + 1}$

3.4 a) $f(-1) = -2$
b) $f(2) \approx 2.8$
c) $x_1 = -3$, $x_2 = 1$
d) $x_1 \approx -2.5$, $x_2 \approx 0.3$
e) $D = \{x: x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } -3 \leq x \leq 3\} = [-3,3]$
f) $E = \{y: y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } -2 \leq y \leq 3\} = [-2,3]$