PreCalculus 1.4

Relation: A set of points with x and y coordinates.

Definition of a Function: A relation where all of the x coordinates only have one y

coordinate.

Is the relation a function?

Every y value has exactly one y value.

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| X | Y |
| 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 4 |
| 2 | 5 |
| 3 | 7 |
| 4 | 9 |

This relation is a function. All of the y coordinates have different x’s.

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| --- | --- |
| X | Y |
| 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 2 |
| 1 | -2 |
| 2 | 4 |
| 2 | -4 |

This relation is not a function. The x value of 1 has two different y values.

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| X | Y |
| 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 1 |
| 3 | 1 |
| 4 | 1 |

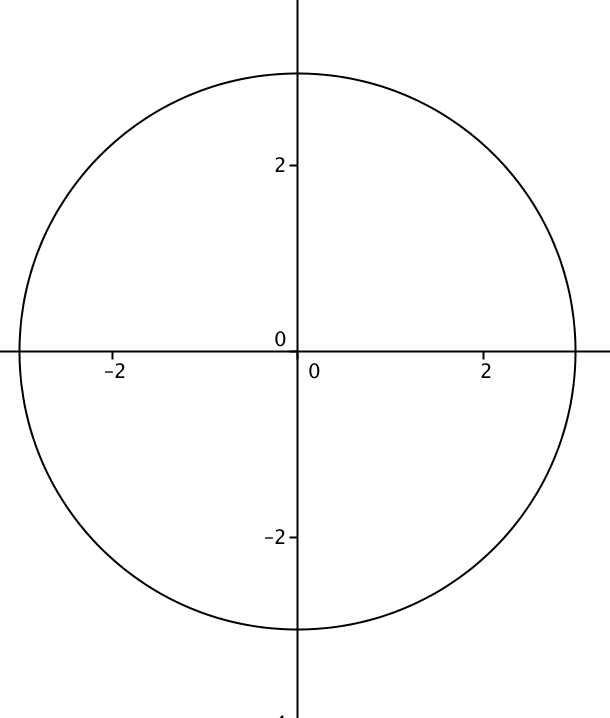
This relation is a function. All of the y coordinates have different x values.

The Vertical Line Test

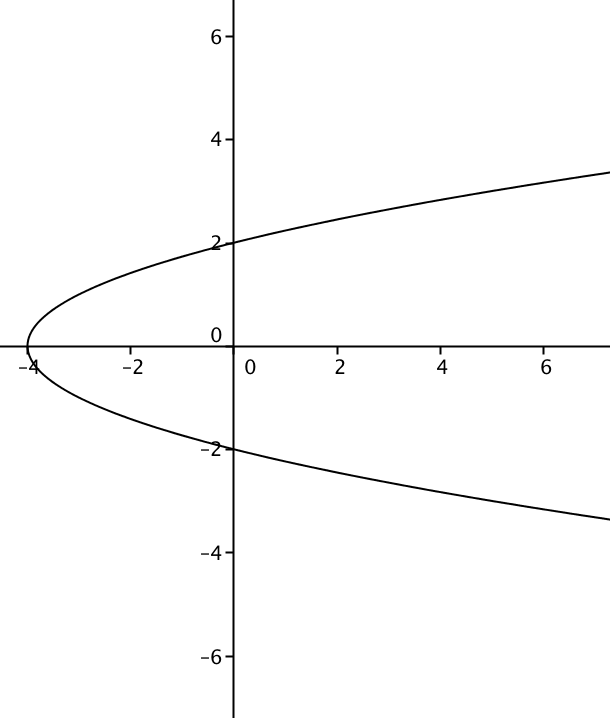
If a relation is a function and you draw any vertical line, the line will

touch the graph only one time.

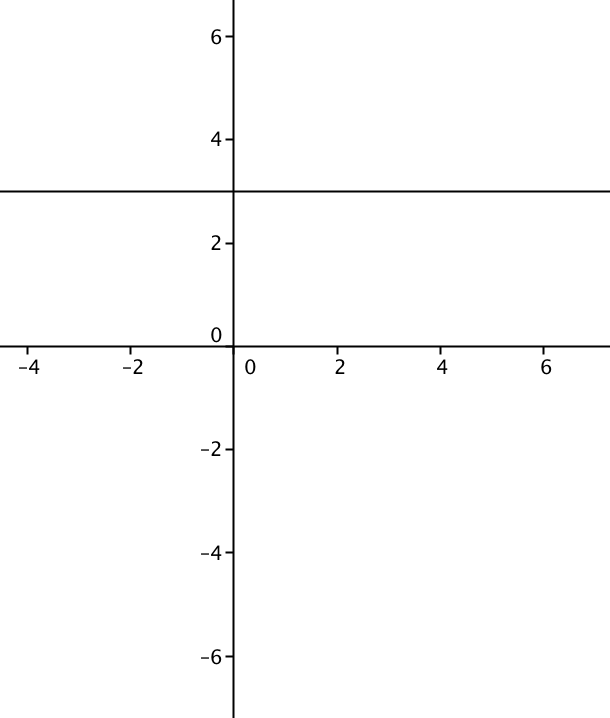
Use the vertical line test to verify if these are functions or not.



This is not a function as the vertical line would hit two points.



This is not a function as the vertical line would hit the curve twice.



This is a function as any vertical line would just hit the curve one time.

is a function of

is the independent variable and is the dependent variable

Is a function of algebraically?

(Solve for and see if there is only one value)

y is a function of x

Is a function of algebraically?

(Solve for and see if there is only one value)

y is not a function of x.

Function Notation

This is read “The value of at is .”

is the same thing as y. We could write this same function as

Evaluating a Function

Evaluate means to put the given value in for the and solve for

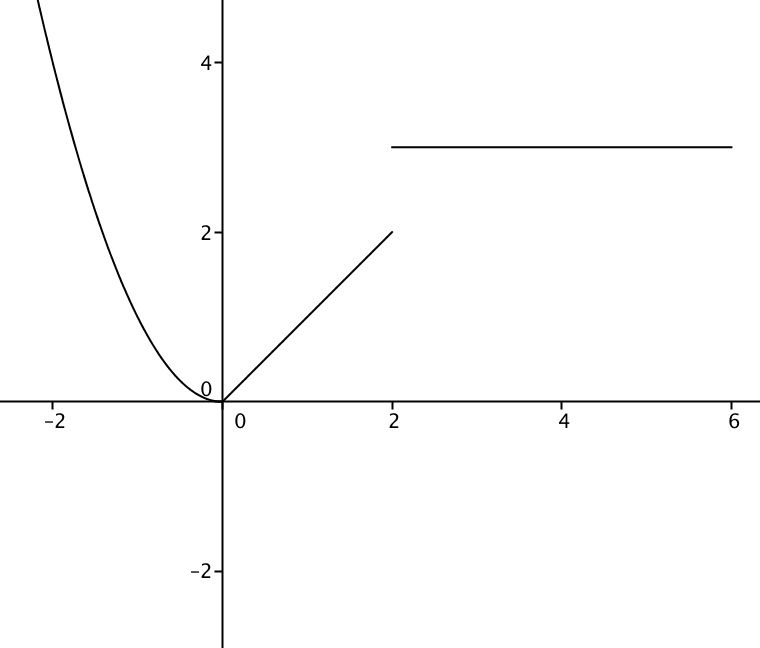
Piece-Wise Function

A piece-wise function has different rules for different numbers.

This function has a negative number for if is less than 0.

This function has a positive number for if is This will never happen.

Graph this function.

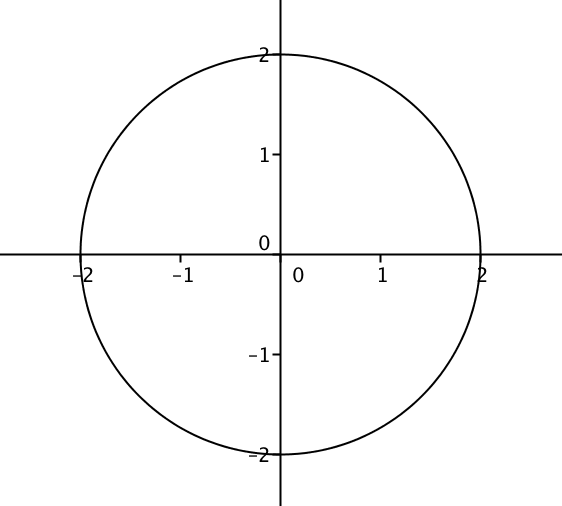


The Domain and Range of the function

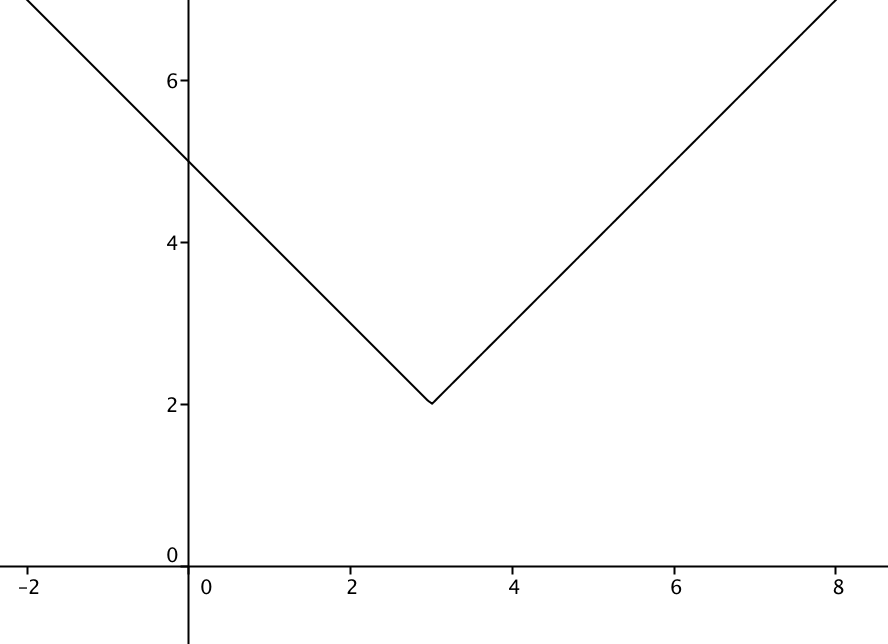
The domain is the x coordinate.

The range is the y coordinate.

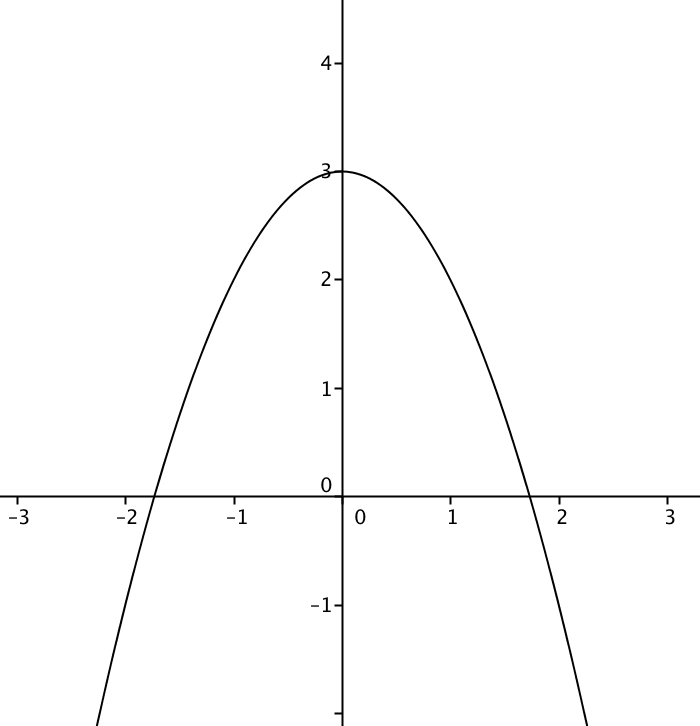
Find the domain and range of the following graphs.



Domain Range



Domain [-2, 8] Range [2, 7]



Domain [-2.2, 2.2] Range [-2.2, 3]