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"Relation versus Function"

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✓ **Introduction:**

The relation-function concept is one of the most important ideas in mathematics, and consequently in our everyday life.

- A football team should include **at least** one defender.
- In a football match each team has **at most** one goalkeeper position.
- For each car **corresponds**, four wheels.
- To each person **corresponds**, a specific age.

Give four mathematical examples that includes the terms at **least** or at **most** (2 for each)

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To each month of the year **corresponds**, one and only one name.





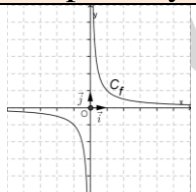
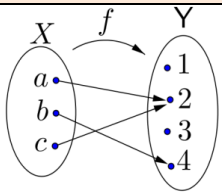
The importance of **correspondence** lies in prediction of other terms of the relation.

**Eg 1:** An engineer tries to find the correspondence (relation) between the car's performance and the number of kilometers it covers.

➤ Example: A tree grows 20 cm per year.

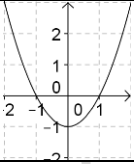
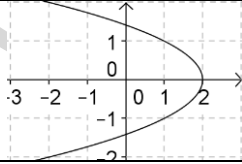
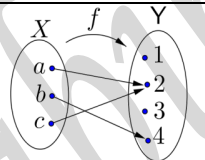
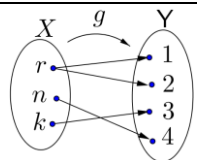
- i. **Find** the height of the tree:  $\begin{cases} a) 3 \text{ years later} : \dots\dots\dots \\ b) 10 \text{ years later} : \dots\dots\dots \end{cases}$
- ii. **Relate** the height of the tree to its age. ....

Relations and Functions can be represented in four interrelated ways:

			
Graphically	As ordered pairs	In explicit form: as an equation	In a set notation: as a mapping
	(2,1), (-1,0)	$y^2 = x^2 - 3$ $y = x^2 - 3$	

## Relation versus functions

Study carefully the following table to figure out the definition of a function and that of a relation:

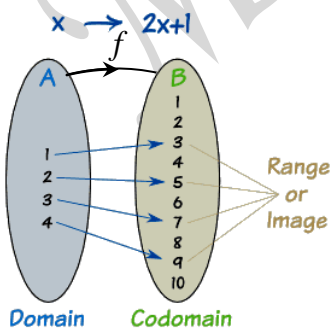
	Examples of functions	Examples of relations
Ordered pair	$N = \{(-1;1), (1;1), (2;4), (3;9)\}$	$R = \{(-3;2), (0;1), (2;5), (0;4)\}$
	List the set of values of the 1 <sup>st</sup> components (abscissas: $x$ )	
	Does there exist an abscissa, $x$ , for which corresponds two ordinates $y$ ?	
Explicit form As an equation	$y = x + 1$	$y^2 = x$
	Find the values of $y$ , for $x = 1, 4 \& 9$	
	What do you notice?	
Graphically		
	Does there exist an $x$ for which corresponds two values of $y$ ?	
Mapping		
	Does there exist an $x$ for which corresponds two values of $y$ ?	

Complete the following definitions:

- A relation is a rule that assigns .....
- A function is a rule that assigns .....



### Terminologies:



- 1-  $f$  : represents the name of the function (rule).
- 2-  $f(x)$  : represents the image of  $x$  given by the function  $f$  .
- 3- The variable  $x$  is called the independent variable.
- 4- The set of values  $x$ , for which there correspond a value of  $y$  is called the domain of the given function  $f$  .
- 5- The variable  $y = f(x)$  is called the dependent variable.
- 6- The set of values  $y = f(x)$  is called the range of the given function  $f$  .

❖ **Mathematical Relation:**

**Def<sub>1</sub>** A relation is a **rule** (process or method) that produces a **correspondence** between an **initial set of elements** called the **domain** and a **final set of elements** called the **range**, such that for each element in the domain corresponds at **least one** element in the range.

**Def<sub>2</sub>** A relation is any set of **ordered pairs**. The set of all 1<sup>st</sup>- components of the ordered pairs is called the **domain**, and the set of all 2<sup>nd</sup>- components is called the **range** of the relation.

Ex<sub>1</sub>: Consider the relation between the width ( $x$ ) and the length ( $y$ ) of a rectangle, defined by the expression,  $y = 2x - 1$ .

a) Find for each value of  $x$ , such that  $x = \{1, 2, 5, 7\}$  the corresponding value of  $y$ .

Pre-image	$x$		2		
Image	$y$		3		

b) What does the set  $D = \{1, 2, 5, 7\}$  represent? .....

c) Find set of range,  $R$ , of the given relation. ....

Ex<sub>2</sub>: Consider the following Venn diagram:

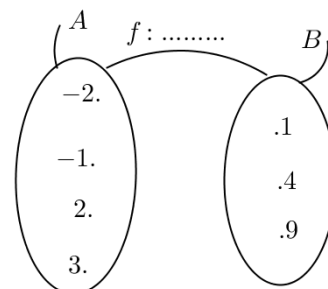
a) Write the relation that exists between the given sets.

b) Write in extension the set of:

i. Domain: .....

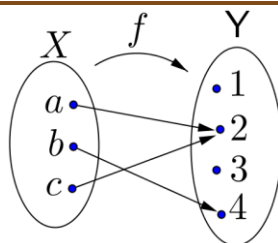
ii. Range: .....

c) What do the values  $-2$  &  $4$  represent in the given relation?

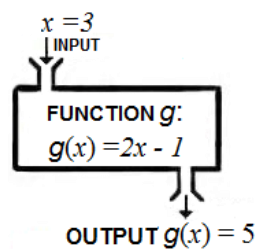
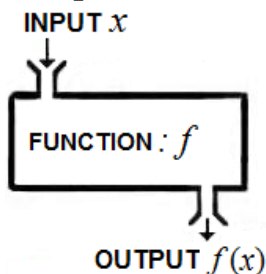
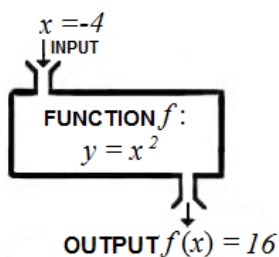


❖ **Function:**

**Def** A function is a relation that assigns **for each element**  $x$  in the set of domain **one and only one element**  $y$  in the set of range.



**Function machine:** For each **input** value there exists **exactly one output** value only.



Ex<sub>3</sub>: Consider the relation  $f : x^2 + y^2 = 25$ , assuming that  $x$  is the independent variable.

a. Find for the following values of  $x = \{-1, 0, 2, 3\}$  the corresponding values of  $y = f(x)$ .

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b. Is the above relation a function? Justify.

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### How to determine that a given curve is a function or not?

#### ✓ Vertical line test:

We can use the graph of a given relation to determine if this relation defines a function or not.

To check if the graph of a given relation represents a function we perform a test called the **vertical line test**.

If any vertical line cuts the graph of a given relation in at most one point, then the relation is a function.

Ex<sub>3</sub>: Use the vertical line test to justify which relation represents a function.

