In calculus, it is sometimes helpful to view a complicated function as the sum, difference, product, or quotient of simpler functions. For example,

$F(x) = x^2 + \sqrt{x}$ is the sum of $f(x) = x^2$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

$H(x) = \dfrac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 1}$ is the quotient of $f(x) = x^2 - 1$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 1$.

SUMMARY

We list here some of the important vocabulary introduced in this section, with a brief description of each term.

Function	A relation between two sets of real numbers so that each number x in the first set, the domain, has corresponding to it exactly one number y in the second set A set of ordered pairs (x, y) or $(x, f(x))$ in which no first element is paired with two different second elements The range is the set of y values of the function that are the images of the x values in the domain. A function f may be defined implicitly by an equation involving x and y or explicitly by writing $y = f(x)$.
Unspecified domain	If a function f is defined by an equation and no domain is specified, then the domain will be taken to be the largest set of real numbers for which the equation defines a real number.
Function notation	$y = f(x)$ f is a symbol for the function. x is the independent variable or argument. y is the dependent variable. $f(x)$ is the value of the function at x, or the image of x.

1.1 Assess Your Understanding

'Are You Prepared?'

Answers are given at the end of these exercises. If you get a wrong answer, read the pages listed in red.

1. If $x = -2$, the value of the expression $3x^2 - 5x + \dfrac{1}{x}$ is _____. (pp. A6–A7)

2. The domain of the variable in the expression $\dfrac{x - 3}{x + 4}$ is _____. (p. A7)

3. Solve the inequality: $3 - 2x > 5$. Write the solution in interval notation and graph the solution set. (pp. A83–A87)

4. Perform the indicated operation.

(a) $(x^2 + x - 1) - (x^2 + 4x - 3)$ (pp. A25–A26)

(b) $\dfrac{x + 1}{x - 2} + \dfrac{x}{x - 3}$ (pp. A50–A52)

(c) $\dfrac{2x + 3}{x - 4} \cdot \dfrac{x + 1}{2x + 3}$ (pp. A47–A48)

Concepts and Vocabulary

5. If f is a function defined by the equation $y = f(x)$, then x is called the _____ variable and y is the _____ variable.

6. The set of all images of the elements in the domain of a function is called the _____.

7. If the domain of f is all real numbers in the interval $[0, 7]$ and the domain of g is all real numbers in the interval $[-2, 5]$, the domain of $f + g$ is all real numbers in the interval _____.

8. If $f(5) = 17$, then 17 is the _____ of 5.

9. If $f(x) = x + 1$ and $g(x) = x^3$, then _____ $= x^3 - (x + 1)$.

10. ***True or False*** Every relation is a function.

11. ***True or False*** The domain of $(f \cdot g)(x)$ consists of the numbers x that are in the domains of both f and g.

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Skill Building

In Problems 15–26, determine whether each relation represents a function. For each function, state the domain and range.

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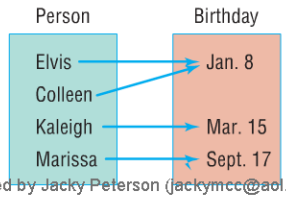

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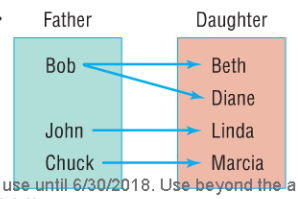

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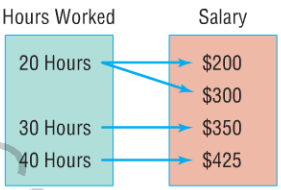

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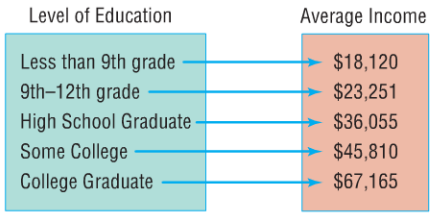

19. $\{(2, 6), (-3, 6), (4, 9), (2, 10)\}$ **20.** $\{(-2, 5), (-1, 3), (3, 7), (4, 12)\}$ **21.** $\{(1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 3), (4, 3)\}$

22. $\{(0, -2), (1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 7)\}$ **23.** $\{(-2, 4), (-2, 6), (0, 3), (3, 7)\}$ **24.** $\{(-4, 4), (-3, 3), (-2, 2), (-1, 1), (-4, 0)\}$

25. $\{(-2, 4), (-1, 1), (0, 0), (1, 1)\}$ **26.** $\{(-2, 16), (-1, 4), (0, 3), (1, 4)\}$

In Problems 27–38, determine whether the equation defines y as a function of x.

27. $y = x^2$ **28.** $y = x^3$ **29.** $y = \dfrac{1}{x}$ **30.** $y = |x|$

31. $y^2 = 4 - x^2$ **32.** $y = \pm\sqrt{1 - 2x}$ **33.** $x = y^2$ **34.** $x + y^2 = 1$

35. $y = 2x^2 - 3x + 4$ **36.** $y = \dfrac{3x - 1}{x + 2}$ **37.** $2x^2 + 3y^2 = 1$ **38.** $x^2 - 4y^2 = 1$

In Problems 39– 46, find the following for each function:

(a) $f(0)$ (b) $f(1)$ (c) $f(-1)$ (d) $f(-x)$ (e) $-f(x)$ (f) $f(x + 1)$ (g) $f(2x)$ (h) $f(x + h)$

39. $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x - 4$ **40.** $f(x) = -2x^2 + x - 1$ **41.** $f(x) = \dfrac{x}{x^2 + 1}$ **42.** $f(x) = \dfrac{x^2 - 1}{x + 4}$

43. $f(x) = |x| + 4$ **44.** $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + x}$ **45.** $f(x) = \dfrac{2x + 1}{3x - 5}$ **46.** $f(x) = 1 - \dfrac{1}{(x + 2)^2}$

In Problems 47–62, find the domain of each function.

47. $f(x) = -5x + 4$ **48.** $f(x) = x^2 + 2$ **49.** $f(x) = \dfrac{x}{x^2 + 1}$ **50.** $f(x) = \dfrac{x^2}{x^2 + 1}$

51. $g(x) = \dfrac{x}{x^2 - 16}$ **52.** $h(x) = \dfrac{2x}{x^2 - 4}$ **53.** $F(x) = \dfrac{x - 2}{x^3 + x}$ **54.** $G(x) = \dfrac{x + 4}{x^3 - 4x}$

55. $h(x) = \sqrt{3x - 12}$ **56.** $G(x) = \sqrt{1 - x}$ **57.** $f(x) = \dfrac{4}{\sqrt{x - 9}}$

58. $f(x) = \dfrac{x}{\sqrt{x - 4}}$ **59.** $p(x) = \sqrt{\dfrac{2}{x - 1}}$ **60.** $q(x) = \sqrt{-x - 2}$

61. $P(t) = \dfrac{\sqrt{t - 4}}{3t - 21}$ **62.** $h(z) = \dfrac{\sqrt{z + 3}}{z - 2}$

In Problems 63–72, for the given functions f and g, find the following. For parts (a)–(d), also find the domain.

(a) $(f + g)(x)$ (b) $(f - g)(x)$ (c) $(f \cdot g)(x)$ (d) $\left(\dfrac{f}{g}\right)(x)$

(e) $(f + g)(3)$ (f) $(f - g)(4)$ (g) $(f \cdot g)(2)$ (h) $\left(\dfrac{f}{g}\right)(1)$

63. $f(x) = 3x + 4;\ g(x) = 2x - 3$ **64.** $f(x) = 2x + 1;\ g(x) = 3x - 2$

65. $f(x) = x - 1;\ g(x) = 2x^2$ **66.** $f(x) = 2x^2 + 3;\ g(x) = 4x^3 + 1$

67. $f(x) = \sqrt{x};\ g(x) = 3x - 5$ **68.** $f(x) = |x|;\ g(x) = x$

69. $f(x) = 1 + \dfrac{1}{x};\ g(x) = \dfrac{1}{x}$ **70.** $f(x) = \sqrt{x - 1};\ g(x) = \sqrt{4 - x}$

71. $f(x) = \dfrac{2x + 3}{3x - 2};\ g(x) = \dfrac{4x}{3x - 2}$ **72.** $f(x) = \sqrt{x + 1};\ g(x) = \dfrac{2}{x}$

73. Given $f(x) = 3x + 1$ and $(f + g)(x) = 6 - \dfrac{1}{2}x$, find the function g.

74. Given $f(x) = \dfrac{1}{x}$ and $\left(\dfrac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \dfrac{x + 1}{x^2 - x}$, find the function g.

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(a) $(f+g)(x)$ *(b)* $(f-g)(x)$ *(c)* $(f \cdot g)(x)$ *(d)* $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$ *(e)* $(f+g)(3)$ *(f)* $(f-g)(4)$ *(g)* $(f \cdot g)(2)$ *(h)* $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(1)$

63. $f(x) = 3x + 4; \quad g(x) = 2x - 3$

64. $f(x) = 2x + 1; \quad g(x) = 3x - 2$

65. $f(x) = x - 1; \quad g(x) = 2x^2 + 1$

66. $f(x) = 2x^2 + 3; \quad g(x) = 4x^3 + 1$

67. $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}; \; g(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$

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In Problems 75–82, find the difference quotient of f; that is, find $\dfrac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$, $h \neq 0$, *for each function. Be sure to simplify.*

75. $f(x) = 4x + 3$

76. $f(x) = -3x + 1$

77. $f(x) = x^2 - x + 4$

78. $f(x) = x^2 + 5x - 1$

79. $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2x + 6$

80. $f(x) = 4x^2 + 5x - 7$

81. $f(x) = x^3 - 2$

82. $f(x) = \dfrac{1}{x+3}$

Applications and Extensions

83. If $f(x) = 2x^3 + Ax^2 + 4x - 5$ and $f(2) = 5$, what is the value of A?

84. If $f(x) = 3x^2 - Bx + 4$ and $f(-1) = 12$, what is the value of B?

85. If $f(x) = \dfrac{3x+8}{2x-A}$ and $f(0) = 2$, what is the value of A?

86. If $f(x) = \dfrac{2x-B}{3x+4}$ and $f(2) = \dfrac{1}{2}$, what is the value of B?

87. If $f(x) = \dfrac{2x-A}{x-3}$ and $f(4) = 0$, what is the value of A? Where is f not defined?

88. If $f(x) = \dfrac{x-B}{x-A}$, $f(2) = 0$ and $f(1)$ is undefined, what are the values of A and B?

89. Geometry Express the area A of a rectangle as a function of the length x if the length of the rectangle is twice its width.

90. Geometry Express the area A of an isosceles right triangle as a function of the length x of one of the two equal sides.

91. Constructing Functions Express the gross salary G of a person who earns \$10 per hour as a function of the number x of hours worked.

92. Constructing Functions Tiffany, a commissioned salesperson, earns \$100 base pay plus \$10 per item sold. Express her gross salary G as a function of the number x of items sold.

93. Population as a Function of Age The function

$$P(a) = 0.015a^2 - 4.962a + 290.580$$

represents the population P (in millions) of Americans that were a years of age or older in 2005.

Source: *U.S. Census Bureau*

(a) Identify the dependent and independent variable.
(b) Evaluate $P(20)$. Provide a verbal explanation of the meaning of $P(20)$.
(c) Evaluate $P(0)$. Provide a verbal explanation of the meaning of $P(0)$.

94. Number of Rooms The function

$$N(r) = -1.44r^2 + 14.52r - 14.96$$

represents the number N of housing units (in millions) in 2005 that had r rooms, where r is an integer and $2 \le r \le 9$.

Source: *U.S. Census Bureau*

(a) Identify the dependent and independent variable.
(b) Evaluate $N(3)$. Provide a verbal explanation of the meaning of $N(3)$.

95. Effect of Gravity on Earth If a rock falls from a height of 20 meters on Earth, the height H (in meters) after x seconds is approximately

$$H(x) = 20 - 4.9x^2$$

(a) What is the height of the rock when $x = 1$ second? $x = 1.1$ seconds? $x = 1.2$ seconds? $x = 1.3$ seconds?
(b) When is the height of the rock 15 meters? When is it 10 meters? When is it 5 meters?
(c) When does the rock strike the ground?

96. Effect of Gravity on Jupiter If a rock falls from a height of 20 meters on the planet Jupiter, its height H (in meters) after x seconds is approximately

$$H(x) = 20 - 13x^2$$

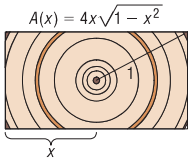
(a) What is the height of the rock when $x = 1$ second? $x = 1.1$ seconds? $x = 1.2$ seconds?
(b) When is the height of the rock 15 meters? When is it 10 meters? When is it 5 meters?
(c) When does the rock strike the ground?

97. Cost of Trans-Atlantic Travel A Boeing 747 crosses the Atlantic Ocean (3000 miles) with an airspeed of 500 miles per hour. The cost C (in dollars) per passenger is given by

$$C(x) = 100 + \frac{x}{10} + \frac{36{,}000}{x}$$

where x is the ground speed (airspeed $\pm$ wind).
(a) What is the cost per passenger for quiescent (no wind) conditions?
(b) What is the cost per passenger with a head wind of 50 miles per hour?
(c) What is the cost per passenger with a tail wind of 100 miles per hour?
(d) What is the cost per passenger with a head wind of 100 miles per hour?

98. Cross-sectional Area The cross-sectional area of a beam cut from a log with radius 1 foot is given by the function $A(x) = 4x\sqrt{1 - x^2}$, where x represents the length, in feet, of half the base of the beam. See the figure. Determine the cross-sectional area of the beam if the length of half the base of the beam is as follows:
(a) One-third of a foot
(b) One-half of a foot
(c) Two-thirds of a foot



99. Economics The **participation rate** is the number of people in the labor force divided by the civilian population (excludes military). Let $L(x)$ represent the size of the labor force in year x and $P(x)$ represent the civilian population in year x. Determine a function that represents the participation rate R as a function of x.

100. Crimes Suppose that $V(x)$ represents the number of violent crimes committed in year x and $P(x)$ represents the number of property crimes committed in year x. Determine a function T that represents the combined total of violent crimes and property crimes in year x.

101. Health Care Suppose that $P(x)$ represents the percentage of income spent on health care in year x and $I(x)$ represents income in year x. Determine a function H that represents total health care expenditures in year x.

102. Income Tax Suppose that $I(x)$ represents the income of an individual in year x before taxes and $T(x)$ represents the individual's tax bill in year x. Determine a function N that represents the individual's net income (income after taxes) in year x.

103. Profit Function Suppose that the revenue R, in dollars, from selling x cell phones, in hundreds, is $R(x) = -1.2x^2 + 220x$. The cost C, in dollars, of selling x cell phones, in hundreds, is $C(x) = 0.05x^3 - 2x^2 + 65x + 500$.
(a) Find the profit function, $P(x) = R(x) - C(x)$.
(b) Find the profit if $x = 15$ hundred cell phones are sold.
(c) Interpret $P(15)$.

104. Profit Function Suppose that the revenue R, in dollars, from selling x clocks is $R(x) = 30x$. The cost C, in dollars, of selling x clocks is $C(x) = 0.1x^2 + 7x + 400$.
(a) Find the profit function, $P(x) = R(x) - C(x)$.
(b) Find the profit if $x = 30$ clocks are sold.
(c) Interpret $P(30)$.

105. Some functions f have the property that $f(a + b) = f(a) + f(b)$ for all real numbers a and b. Which of the following functions have this property?

(a) $h(x) = 2x$ (b) $g(x) = x^2$

(c) $F(x) = 5x - 2$ (d) $G(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

Explaining Concepts: Discussion and Writing

106. Are the functions $f(x) = x - 1$ and $g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 1}$ the same? Explain.

107. Investigate when, historically, the use of the function notation $y = f(x)$ first appeared.

108. Write the equation of the following function f. The square root of three times a number x increased by 5.

109. Write the following function in words: $g(t) = t^2 - 2$.

110. Will the equation of a circle define a function? Explain.

'Are You Prepared?' Answers

1. 21.5 **2.** $\{x|x \neq -4\}$ **3.** $(-\infty, -1)$

4. (a) $-3x + 2$ (b) $\frac{2x^2 - 4x - 3}{(x - 2)(x - 3)}$ (c) $\frac{x + 1}{x - 4}$