

## Unit 8: Functions

- a function is a relation with one more condition!

Recall  $R = \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \mid y = 2x + 1 \}$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  is a function

$R = \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \mid x^2 + y^2 = 9 \}$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  not a function!

- N.B. A function is a relation in which each element of the source set corresponds to only one element of the target set.  
 (is paired with)

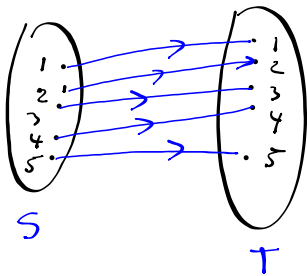
NOT COOL  
 e.g. (3, 2)

NOT A FUNCTION  $\rightarrow$  (3, 5)

(1, 2)  
 FINE  
 It's cool

(4, 2)  
 Sure,  
 a FUNCTION

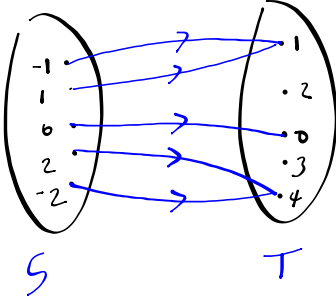
Relation



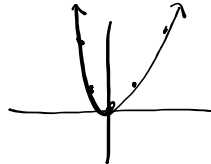
Function? YES  
Rule:  $y = x$



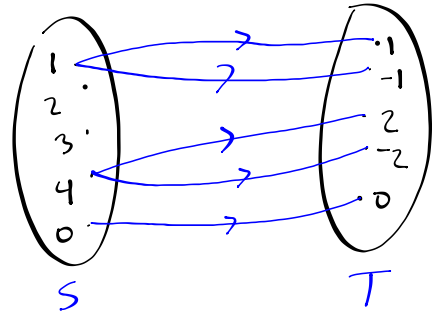
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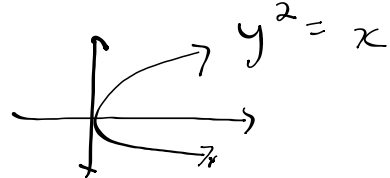
Function? YES  
Rule:  $y = x^2$



Relation

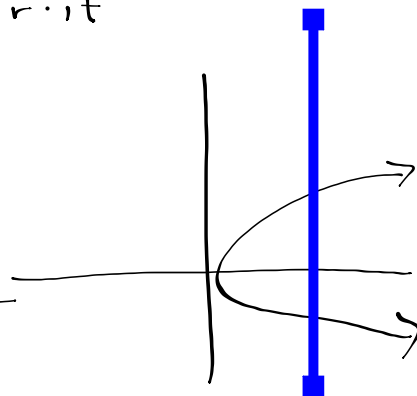
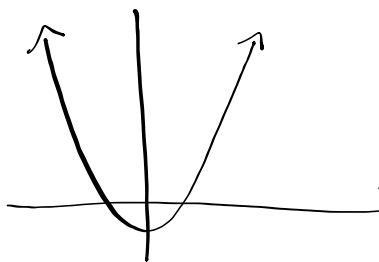
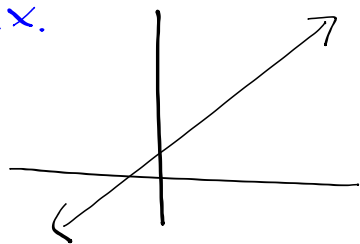


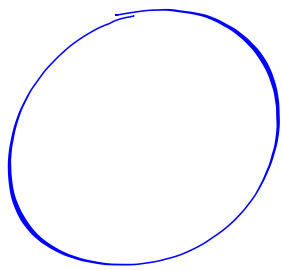
Function? NO  
Rule:  $y = \pm\sqrt{x}$



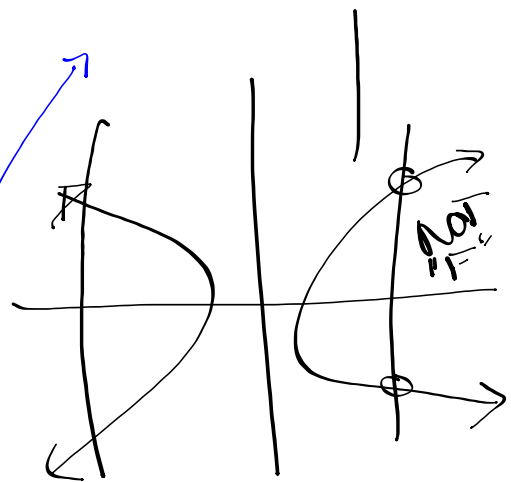
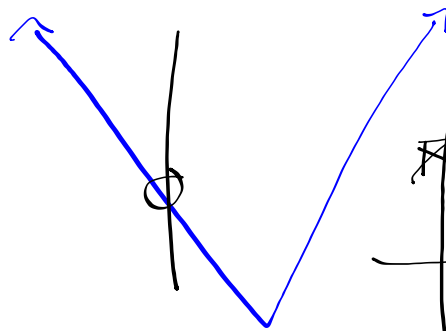
Use the Vertical Line Test to quickly determine whether Relation is a Function. VLT: No matter where you put a vertical line, it can only pass through the relation once for it to be a function.

e.x.





$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$



## Ways to Represent Functions

### Set Builder's Notation

$$f = \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \mid y = 2x - 4 \}$$

↗ only used when  $y$  is completely isolated!

### Functional Notation

Source  
set



$$f : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

target  
set

$$x \longrightarrow 2x - 4$$

⌋ = y

Write the following function  
in Functional Notation

$$f = \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \mid y = x^2 + 2 \}$$

$$f : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \longrightarrow x^2 + 2$$

For functions, you can rewrite the equation:

equivalent!

$$y = 2x - 4$$
$$f(x) = 2x - 4$$

"f at x"

the y value  
when x is  
defined.

ex.  $f(2)$

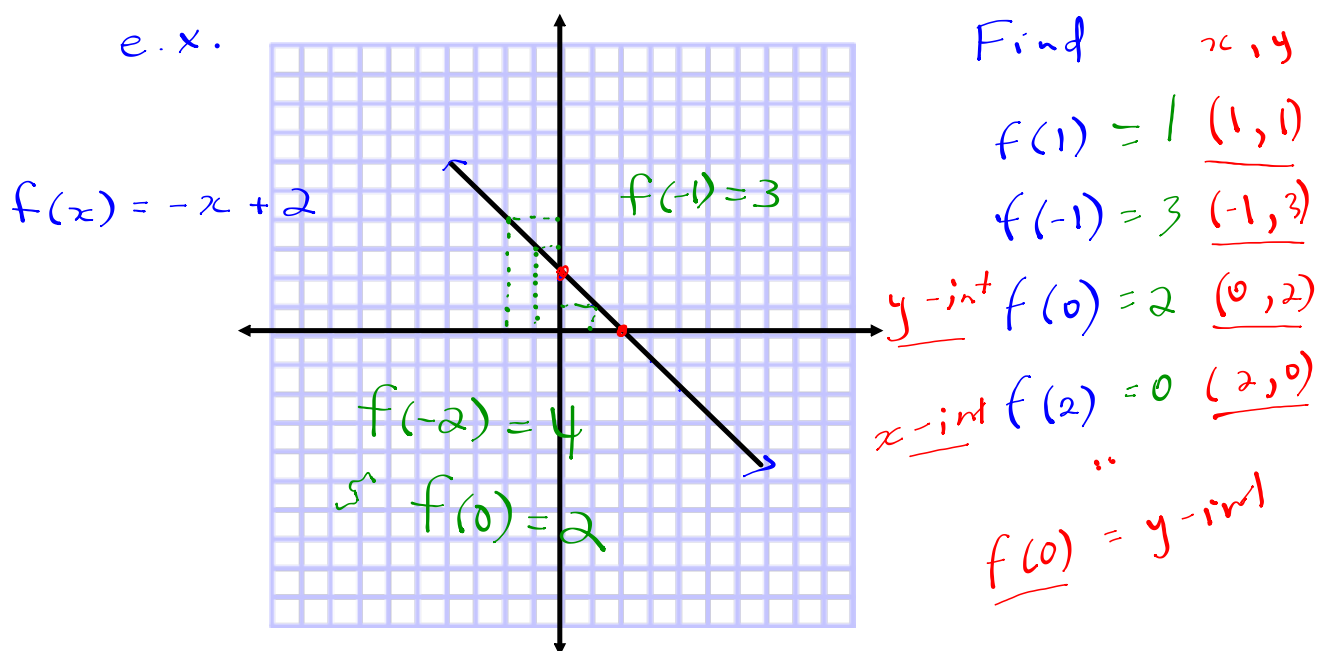
f at 2

The value  
of y when  
 $x = 2$ .

$$x = 0$$

$$y = -4$$

$$f(0) = -4$$





## Unit 9: Characteristics of Functions

Recall:  $f(0)$   
 $(0, y)$

- y-int: the point where the function intercepts the y-axis.

- Zeros/x-int(s) /  $f(x)=0$  / solutions  
the point where the function intercepts the x-axis. roots

$$(1, 0) \quad f(1) = 0$$

$$(-1, 0) \quad f(-1) = 0$$

- max/min point / vertex

- axis of symmetry  $x=4$

- the domain of a function:  $x \in ]-\infty, \infty[$

↳ an interval  $[ , ]$

that is a subset of source set.  
The interval of x-values the function uses.

- the range of a function:  $y \in ]-1, \infty[$

↳ subset of the target set.

↳ interval of y-values the function uses.

- the increasing interval of a function:  $x \in ]0, \infty[$

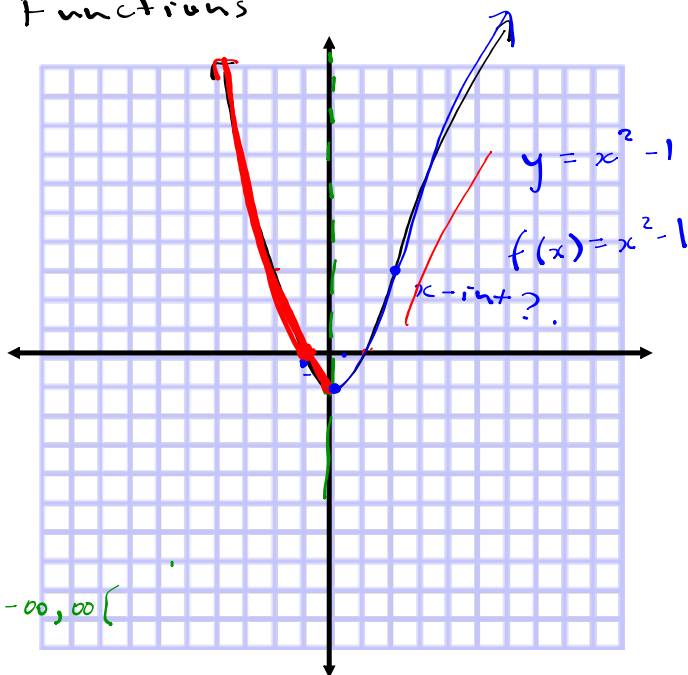
↳ in terms of x-values.

↳ when reading the graph left to right, the graph is going up. As x increases, y also increases.

- the decreasing interval of a function:  $x \in ]-\infty, 0[$

↳ in terms of x-values

↳ when reading the graph left to right, the graph is going down. As x increases, y decrease.



Determine the interval  
over which this function  
is increasing:  $]-\infty, 0[$

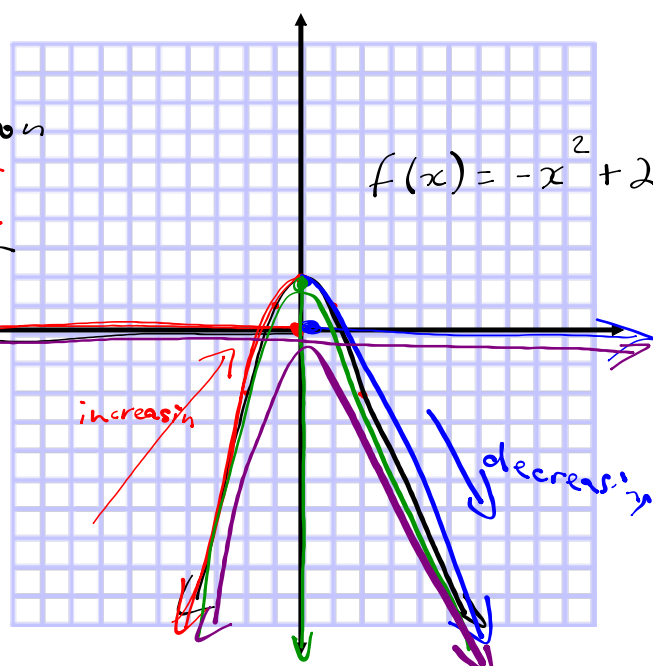
is decreasing  $]0, \infty[$

• Range:  $]-\infty, 2]$

• Domain:  $]-\infty, \infty[$

•  $f(0) : \underline{2}$

•  $f(-1) : \underline{1}$



## Characteristics Continued

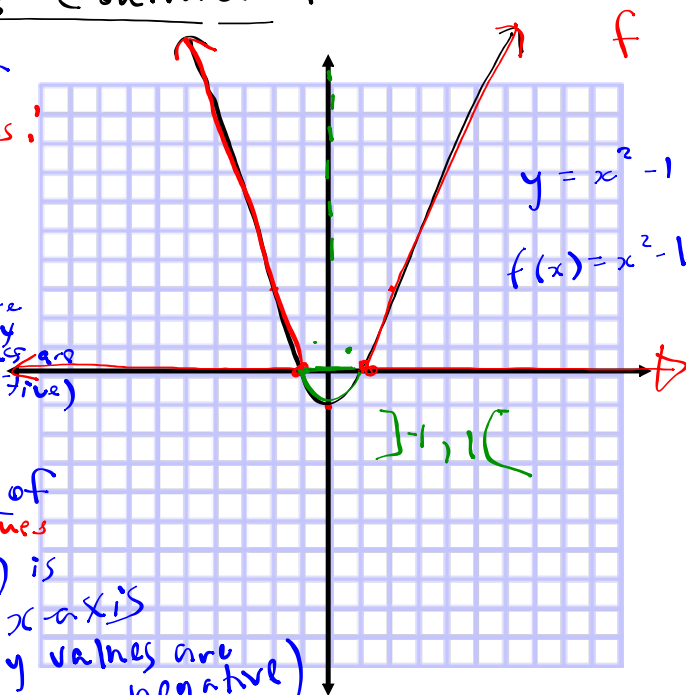
- positive interval of a function  $\rightarrow$   $x$ -values:

$\rightarrow$  the function  $(f/y)$  is positive when it's above the  $x$ -axis (where the  $y$  values are positive)

ex.  $]-\infty, -1[ \cup ]1, \infty[$

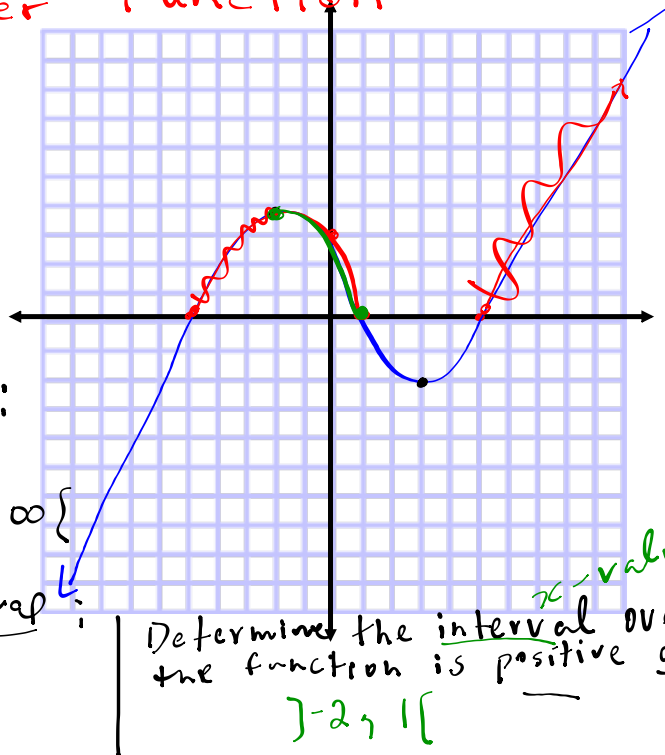
- negative interval of a function  $\rightarrow$   $x$ -values

$\rightarrow$  the function  $(f/y)$  is negative below the  $x$ -axis (where the  $y$  values are negative)



## Power Function

$f(0) = 3$   
 x-ints  $\in (-5, 0)$   
            $(1, 0)$   
            $(5, 0)$   
 Range:  $] -\infty, \infty [$   
 Domain:  $] -\infty, \infty [$   
Positive interval:  
 $] -5, 1 [ \cup ] 5, \infty [$   
Decreasing interval:  
 $] -2, 3 [$



Determine the interval over which  
 the function is positive and decreasing.  
 $] -2, 1 [$

## Absolute Value Function

min :  $(0, -1)$

negative interval :

range :  $] -1, 1 [$

$[-1, 00 [$

increasing interval :

$] 0, \infty [$

Determine the interval  
over which the function  
is negative and increasing

$] 0, 1 [$

