

Chapter 1 Functions and Their Graphs

Section 1.1

Solution point – For an equation in x and y , a point (a, b) is a solution point if the substitution of $x = a$ and $y = b$ satisfies the equation

Graph of an equation – The set of all solution points of an equation

Intercepts – The points at which the graph touches or crosses an axis

Section 1.2

Slope – The number of units the line rises or falls vertically for each unit of horizontal change from left to right

Point-slope form – The equation of the line that passes through the point (x_1, y_1) and has slope m is

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

Slope-intercept form – A linear equation written in the form $y = mx + b$

General form – An equation of the form $Ax + By + C = 0$ where A and B are not both zero

Parallel – Two distinct nonvertical lines are parallel if and only if their slopes are equal.

Perpendicular – Two distinct nonvertical lines are perpendicular if and only if their slopes are negative reciprocals of each other. That is, $m_1 = -1/m_2$.

Section 1.3

Function – A function f from a set A to a set B is a relation that assigns to each element x in the set A exactly one element y in the set B .

Domain – The set of inputs of the function f

Range – The set of all outputs for the given set of inputs of the function f

Independent variable – A variable in an equation that represents a function that can take on any value for which the function is defined

Dependent variable – A variable in an equation that represents a function whose value depends on the value of the independent variable

Function notation – The symbol, $f(x)$, read as the value of f at x or f of x , used to describe y as a function of x , where f is the name of the function and $f(x)$ is the value of the function at x

Implied domain – The set of all real values for which the function is defined

Section 1.4

Graph of a function – The collection of ordered pairs $(x, f(x))$ such that x is in the domain of f

Vertical Line Test – A set of points in the coordinate plane is the graph of y as a function of x if and only if no vertical line intersects the graph at more than one point

Increasing – A function f is increasing on an interval if, for any x_1 and x_2 in the interval, $x_1 < x_2$ implies $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$.

Decreasing – A function f is decreasing on an interval if, for any x_1 and x_2 in the interval, $x_1 < x_2$ implies $f(x_1) > f(x_2)$

Constant – A function f is constant on an interval if, for any x_1 and x_2 in the interval, $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

Relative minimum – A function value $f(a)$ is called a relative minimum of f if there exists an interval (x_1, x_2) that contains a such that $x_1 < x < x_2$ implies $f(a) \leq f(x)$.

Relative maximum – A function value $f(a)$ is called a relative maximum of f if there exists an interval (x_1, x_2) that contains a such that $x_1 < x < x_2$ implies $f(a) \geq f(x)$

Greatest integer function – The greatest integer function is denoted by $[|x|]$ and is defined as the greatest integer less than or equal to x

Step function – A function whose graph resembles a set of stair steps

Even function – A function $y = f(x)$ is even if, for each x in the domain of f , $f(-x) = f(x)$

Odd function – A function $y = f(x)$ is odd if, for each x in the domain of f , $f(-x) = -f(x)$

Section 1.5

Vertical shift – A transformation of the graph of $y = f(x)$, represented by $h(x) = f(x) \pm c$, in which the graph is shifted upward or downward c units respectively (c is a positive real number)

Horizontal shift – A transformation of the graph of $y = f(x)$, represented by $h(x) = f(x \pm c)$, in which the graph is shifted to the left or to the right c units respectively (c is a positive real number)

Reflection – A transformation of the graph of $y = f(x)$ in which $h(x) = -f(x)$ represents a reflection in the x -axis and $h(x) = f(-x)$ represents a reflection in the y -axis

Rigid transformation – Transformations in which the basic shape of the graph is unchanged

Nonrigid transformation – Transformations that cause a distortion (a change in the original shape of the graph)

Section 1.6

Arithmetic combination – Two or more functions combined by the operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division

Composition – The composition of the function f with the function g is $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$

Section 1.7

Inverse function – Let f and g be two functions. If $f(g(x)) = x$ for every x in the domain of g and $g(f(x)) = x$ for every x in the domain of f , then g is the inverse of the function f . The function g is denoted by f^{-1} .

One-to-one – A function f is one-to-one if, for a and b in its domain, $f(a) = f(b)$ implies $a = b$

Horizontal Line Test – A function is one-to-one if every horizontal line intersects the graph of the function at most once