

Determining a Function given Ordered Pairs

A **function** is a pairing between two sets of numbers in which each element of the first set is paired with exactly one element of the second set.

Examples

1. $\{(2, 3), (3, 4), (4, 5), (5, 6)\}$ is a **function** because each first element (x -coordinate or input) is paired with a different second element (y -coordinate or output).
2. $\{(2, 3), (3, 4), (4, 5), (3, 6)\}$ is **not a function** because the first element 3 is paired with 4 and also with 6. In order to have a function, 3 can only be paired with one second element.

Try These

Determine if the following relations are functions.

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| 1. $\{(4, 3), (-2, 10), (5, -6), (10, 7)\}$ | 1. _____ |
| 2. $\{(-3, -6), (-5, 10), (-1, 2), (0, 0)\}$ | 2. _____ |
| 3. $\{(2, 7), (3, 7), (5, 7), (6, 7)\}$ | 3. _____ |
| 4. $\{(7, 2), (7, 3), (7, 4), (7, 5)\}$ | 4. _____ |
| 5. $\{(-5, 3), (6, 5), (3, 2), (10, 3)\}$ | 5. _____ |
| 6. $\{(6, 4), (-5, 2), (6, 7), (-8, 8)\}$ | 6. _____ |
| 7. $\{(11, 5), (2, 7), (-3, 8), (-3, 10)\}$ | 7. _____ |
| 8. $\{(9, 4), (3, 2), (-6, 4), (8, 7)\}$ | 8. _____ |
| 9. $\{(-7, 4), (8, 12), (9, 12), (6, 13)\}$ | 9. _____ |
| 10. $\{(8, 6), (-5, 2), (0, 6), (-5, 1)\}$ | 10. _____ |

Determining a Function given a Table

Examples

1.

x	y
1	-4
5	-3
8	-2
9	-2

This is a **function** because each first element (x -coordinate or input) is paired with a different second element (y -coordinate or output).

2.

x	y
-7	0
-8	-1
-9	2
-7	-3

This is **not a function** because the first element -7 is paired with 0 and also with -3 . In order to have a function, -7 can only be paired with one second element.

Try These

Determine if the following relations are functions.

1.

x	y
1	6
1	-6
2	8
2	-8

2.

x	y
1	4
2	4
3	4
4	4

3.

x	y
-4	2
-4	3
-4	4
-4	5

4.

x	y
3	2
5	4
7	5
3	7

5.

x	y
0	-5
2	6
9	-3
5	0

6.

x	y
0	-6
-2	-4
4	-2
-6	-2