

# MTH 30: Pre-calculus mathematics

## Plan for today

- discuss the structure of the class
- see the online textbook at [openstax.org](https://openstax.org)
- Cover *Section 1.1 Functions and Function Notation*

## Objectives:

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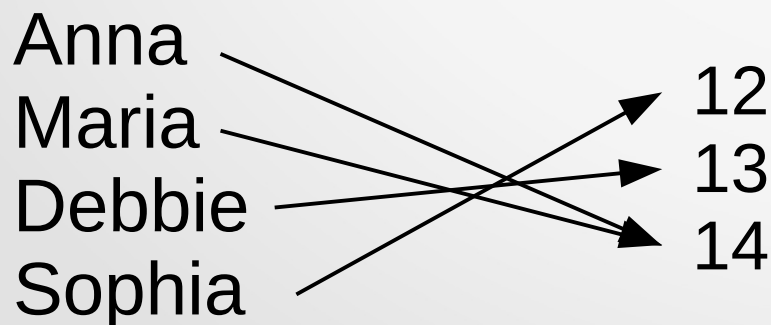
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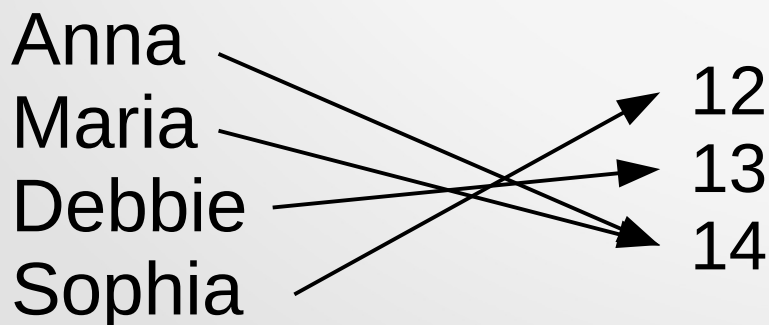
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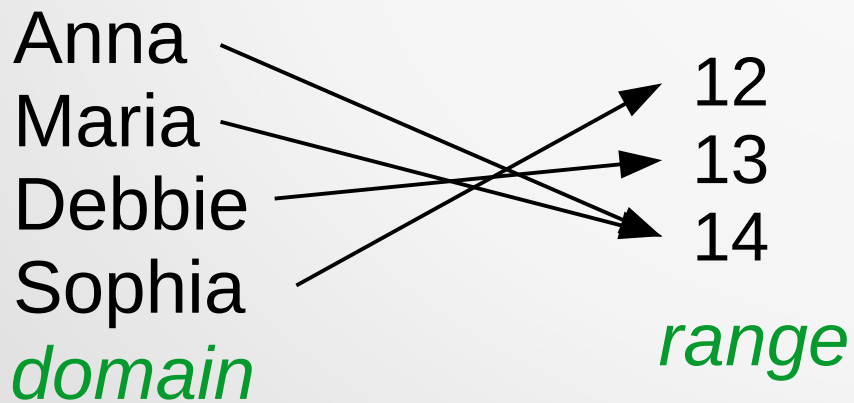
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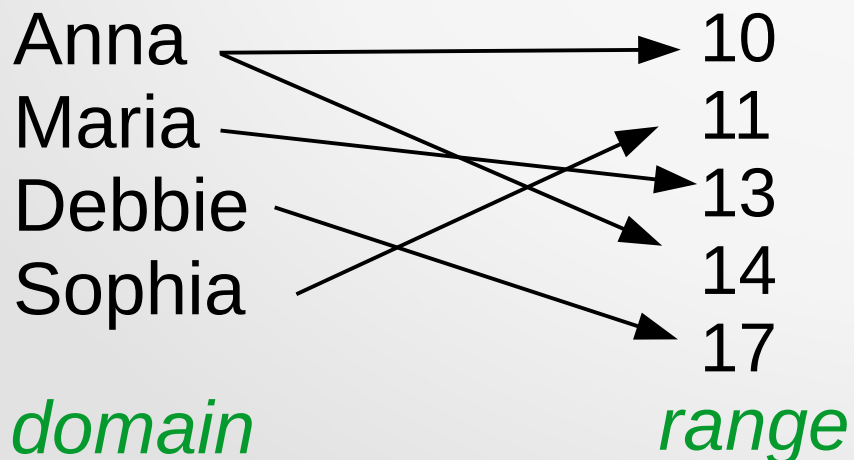
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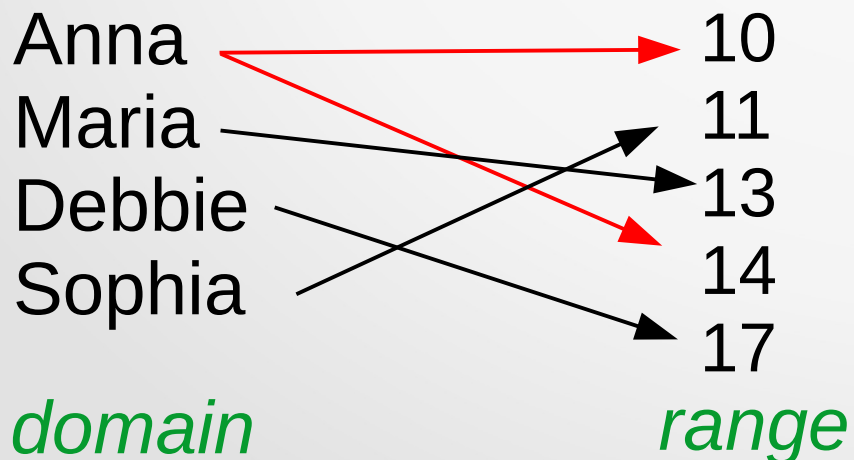


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In  $y = x^2 + 5$  we can “replace”  $y$  by  $f(x)$ ,

“ $f$  of  $x$ ” or “ $f$  at  $x$ ” represents the value of the function at the number  $x$ ”.

Functions may have different names:  $f$ ,  $h$ ,  $g$ ,  $F$ ,  $G$ , ...

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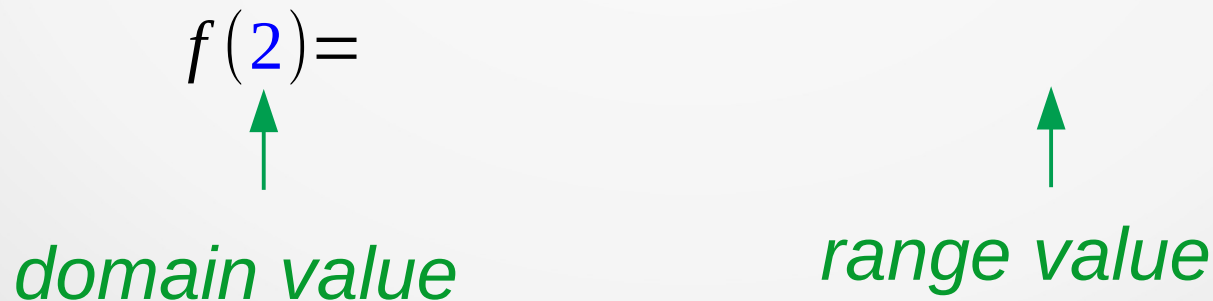
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## Finding an Equation of a Function

### **Example:**

consider the equation  $2x - 4y = 12$

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$$y = \frac{1}{2}x - 3$$

**(2)** We can rewrite the equation as if  $x$  is a function of  $y$ :

$$x = 2y + 6$$

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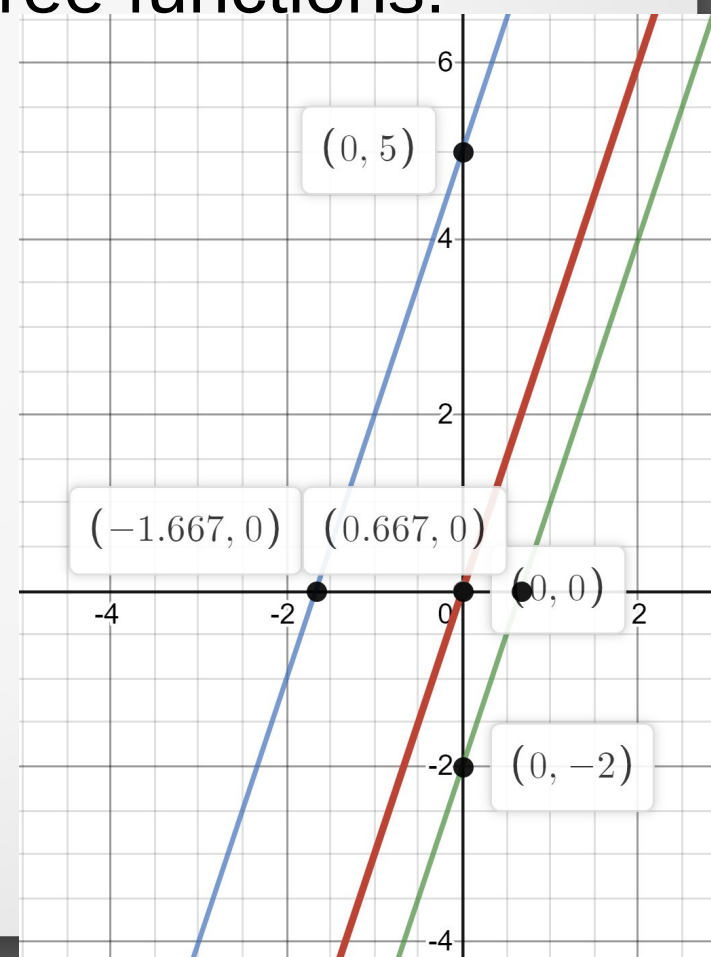
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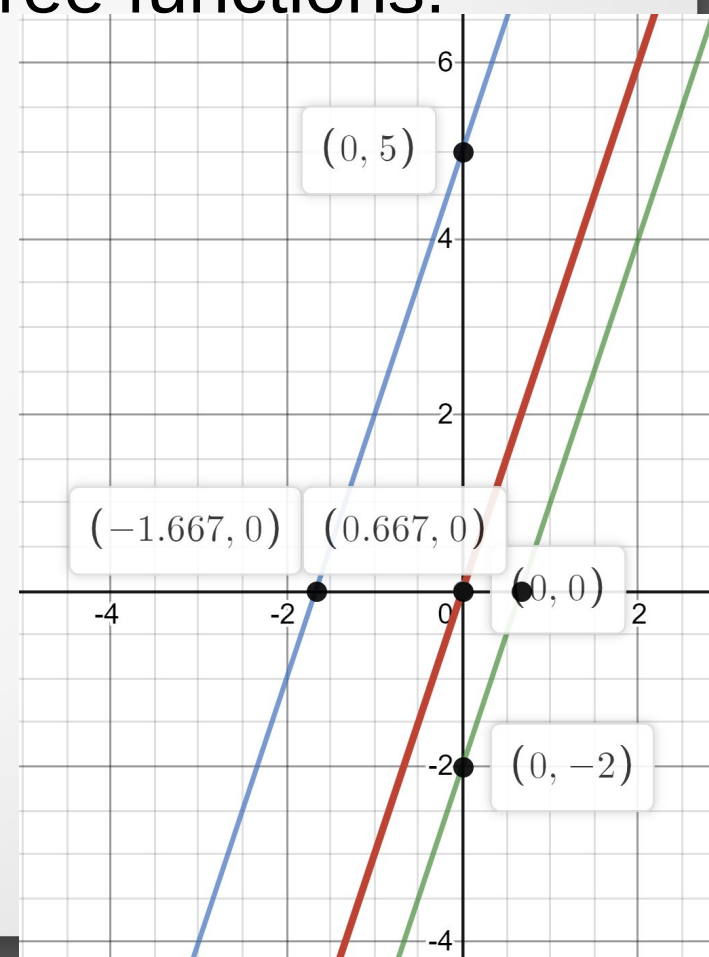
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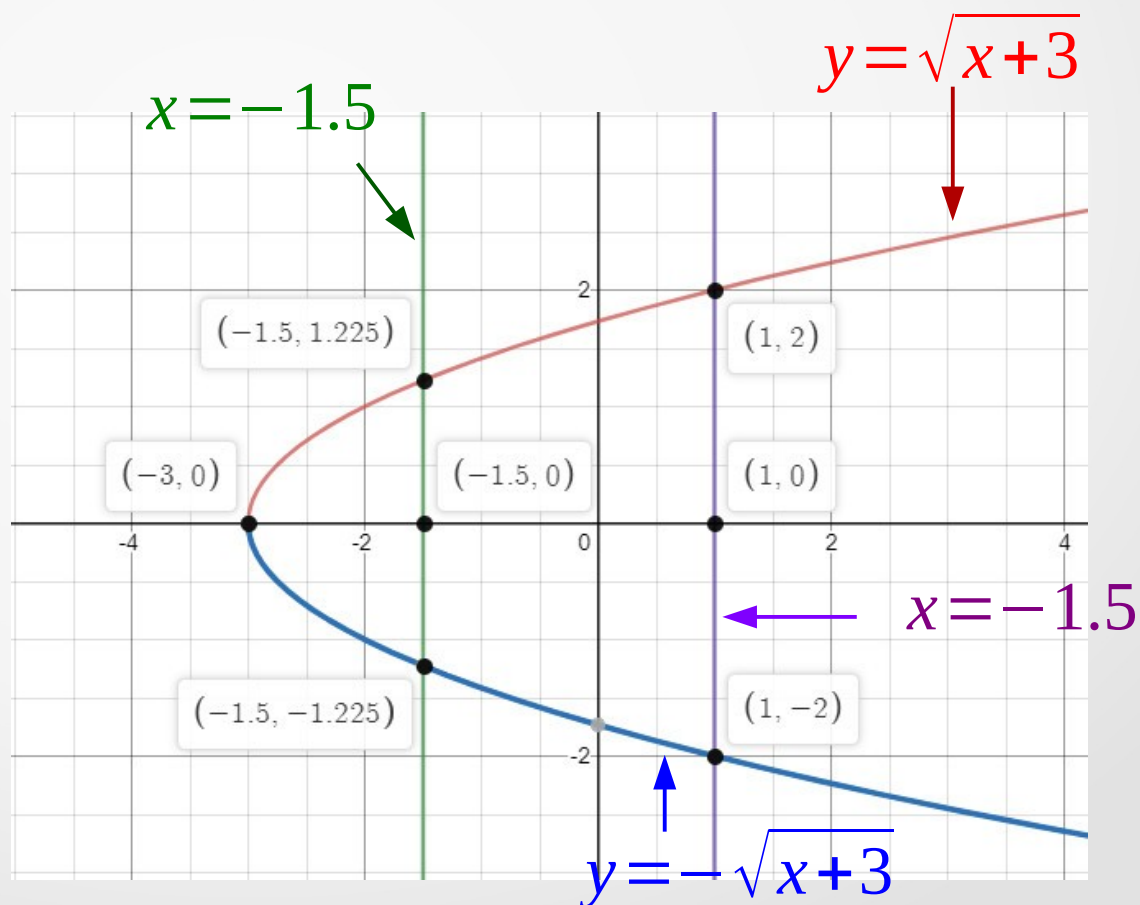
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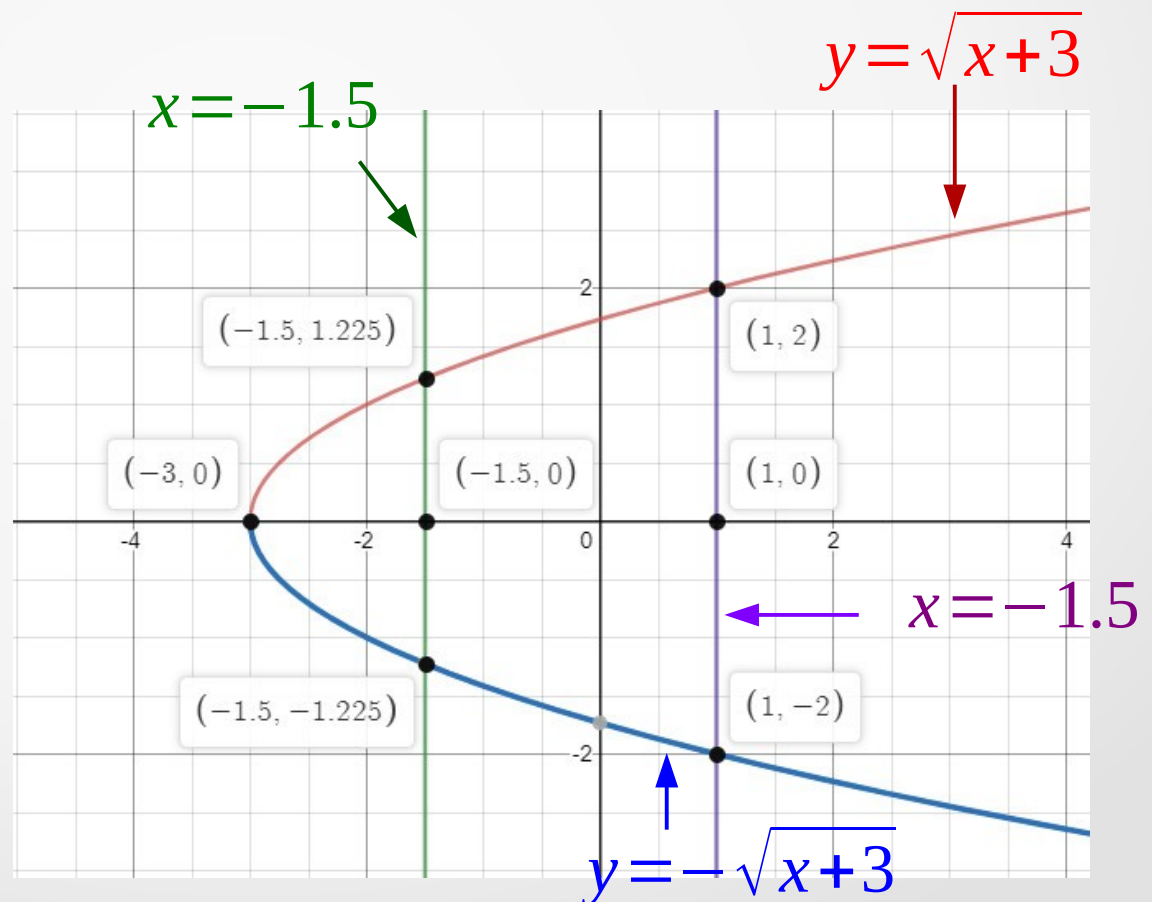
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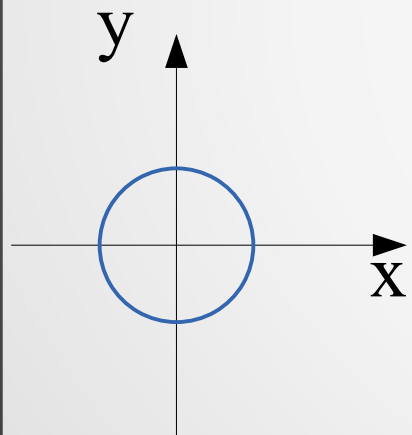
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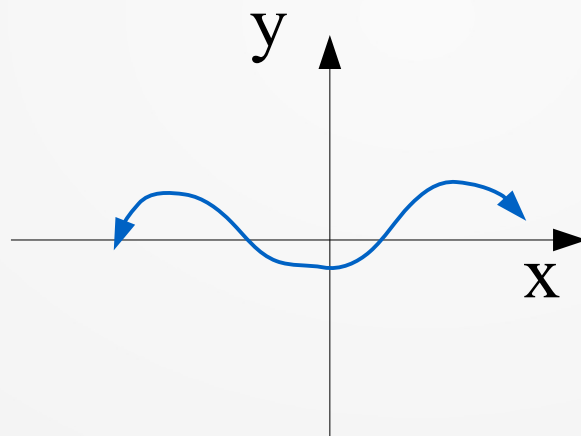
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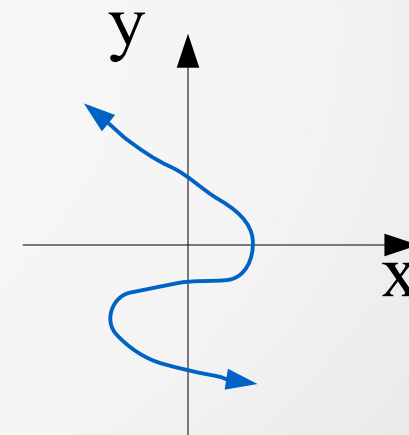
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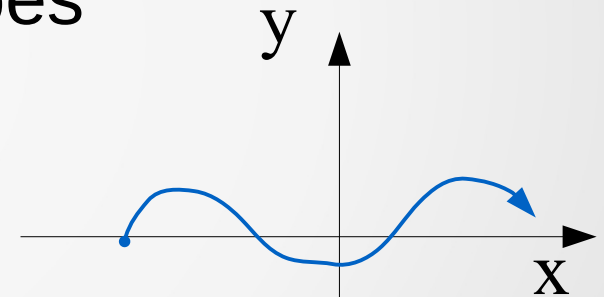
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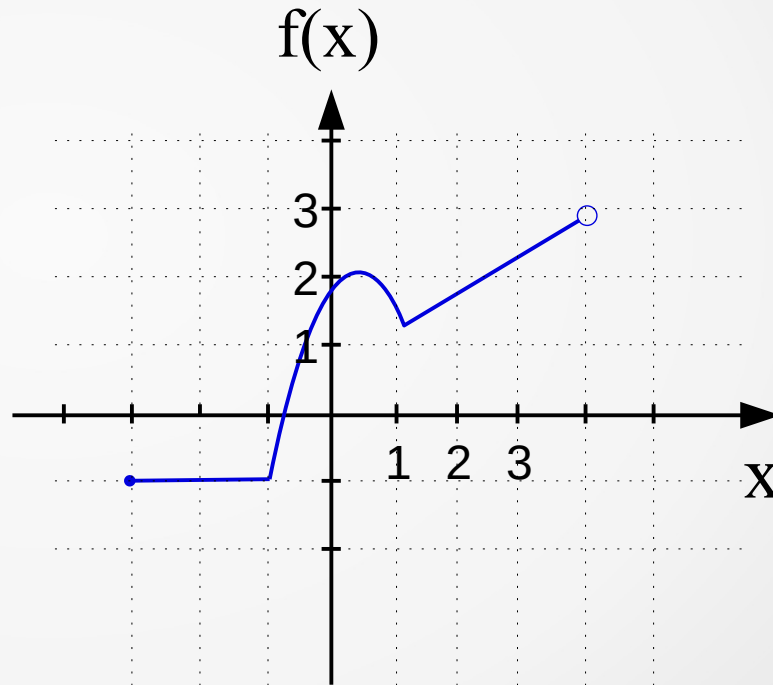
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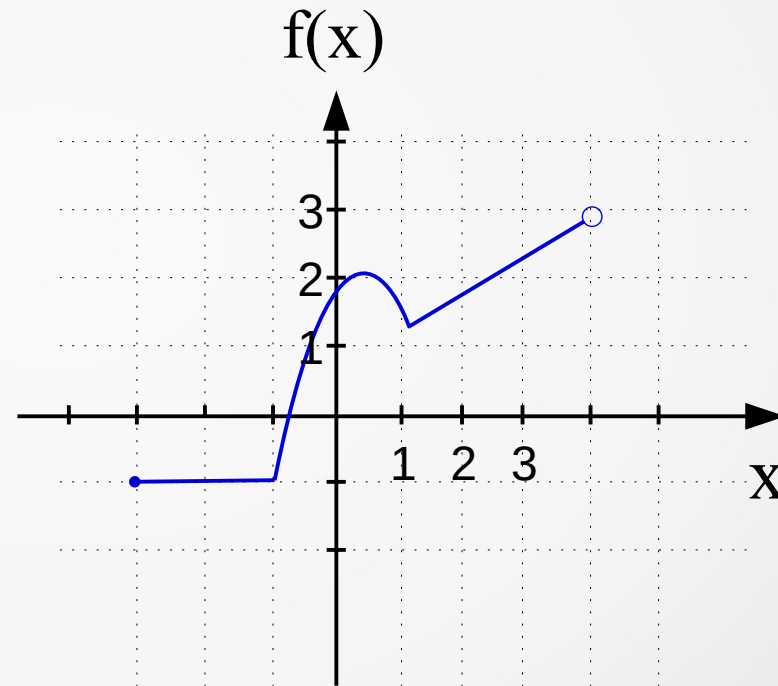
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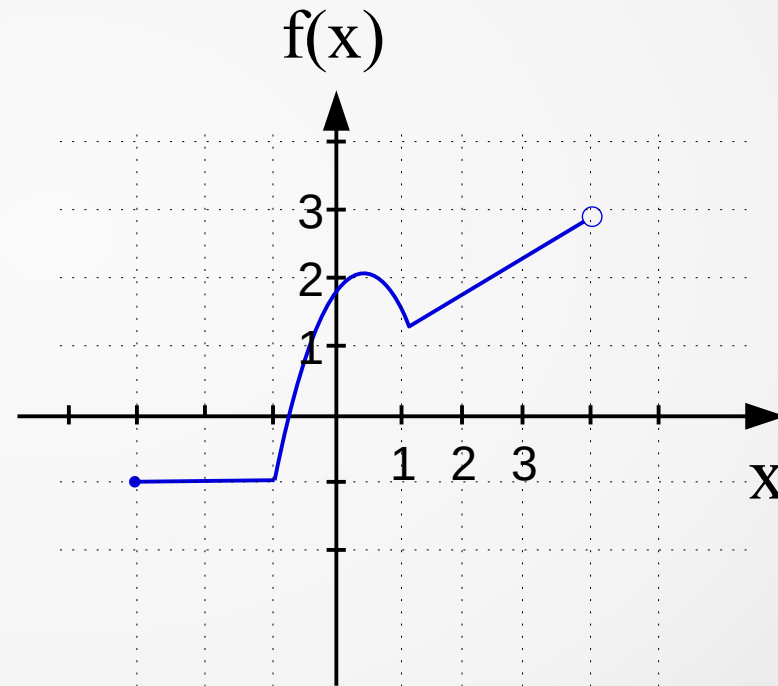
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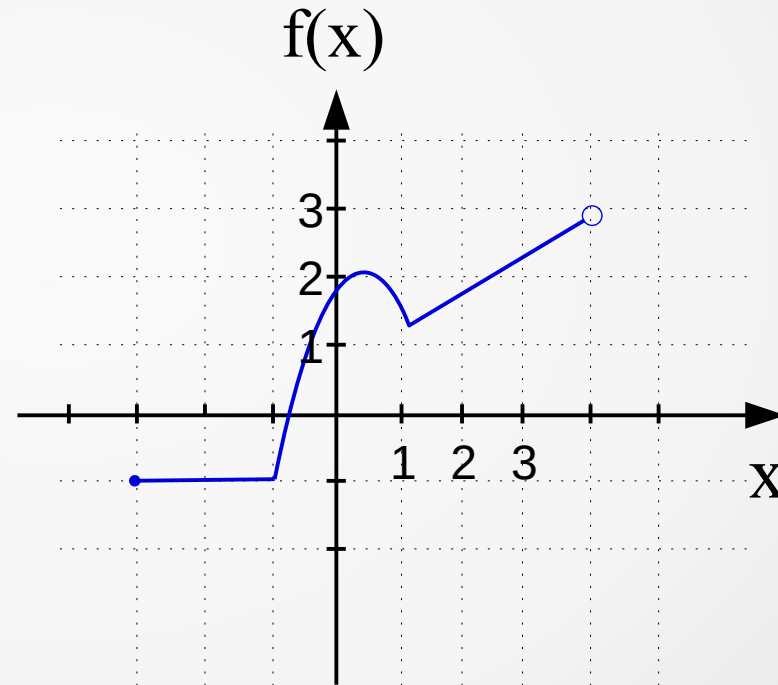
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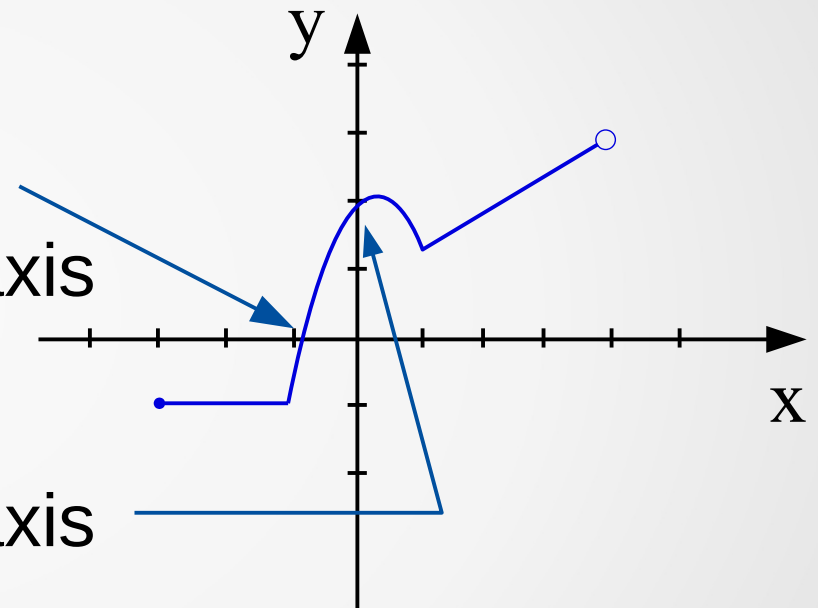
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(4) identify intercepts

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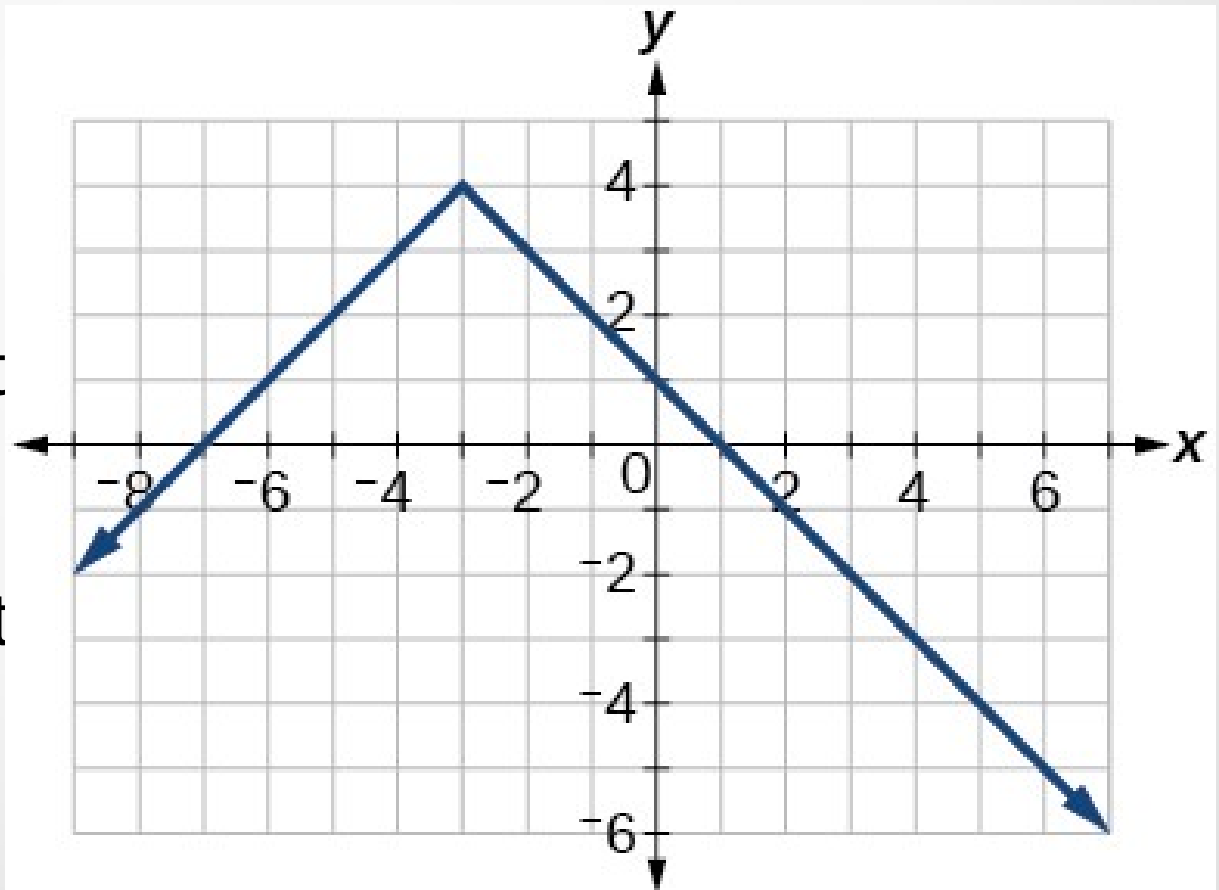
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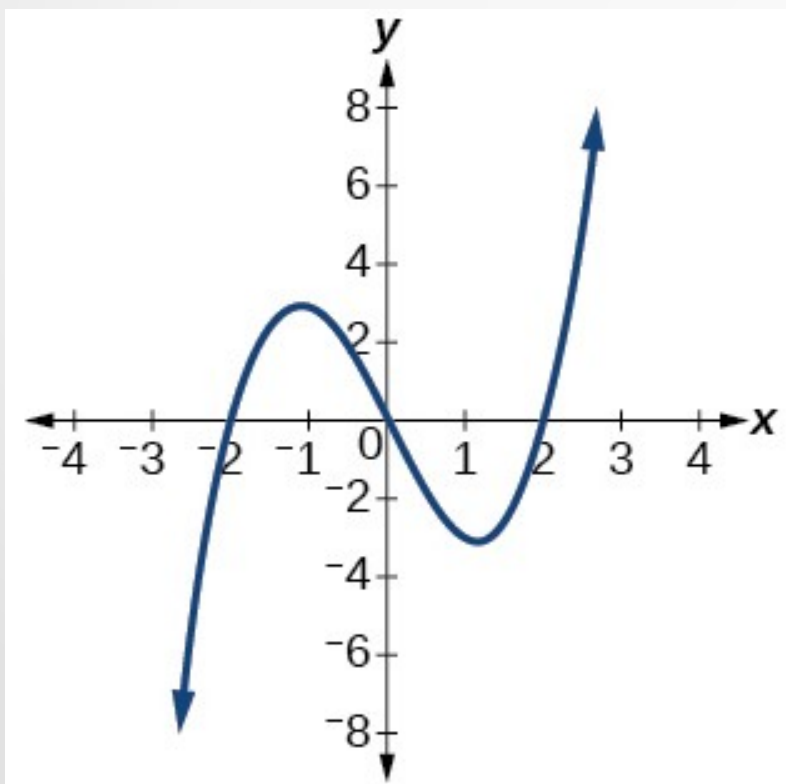
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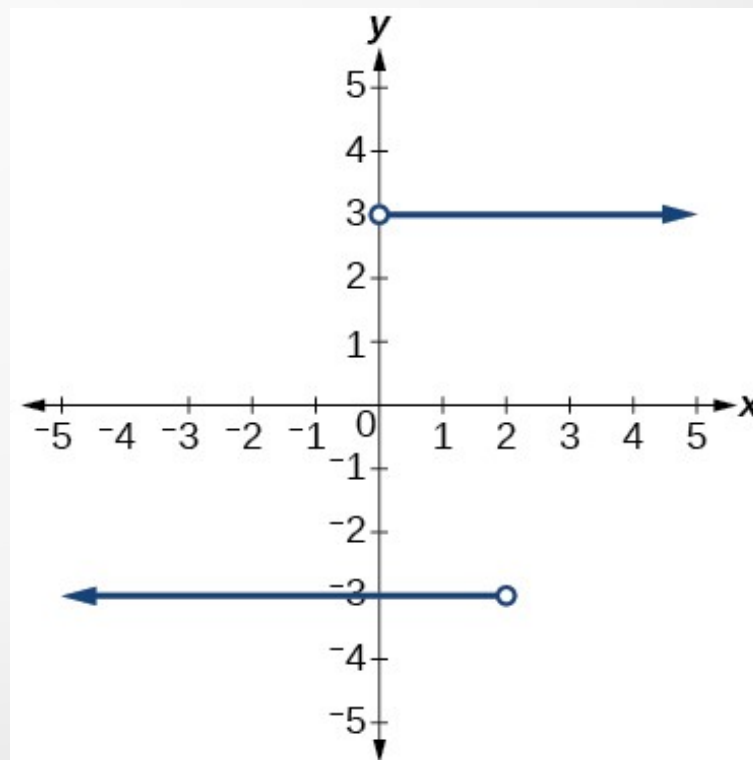
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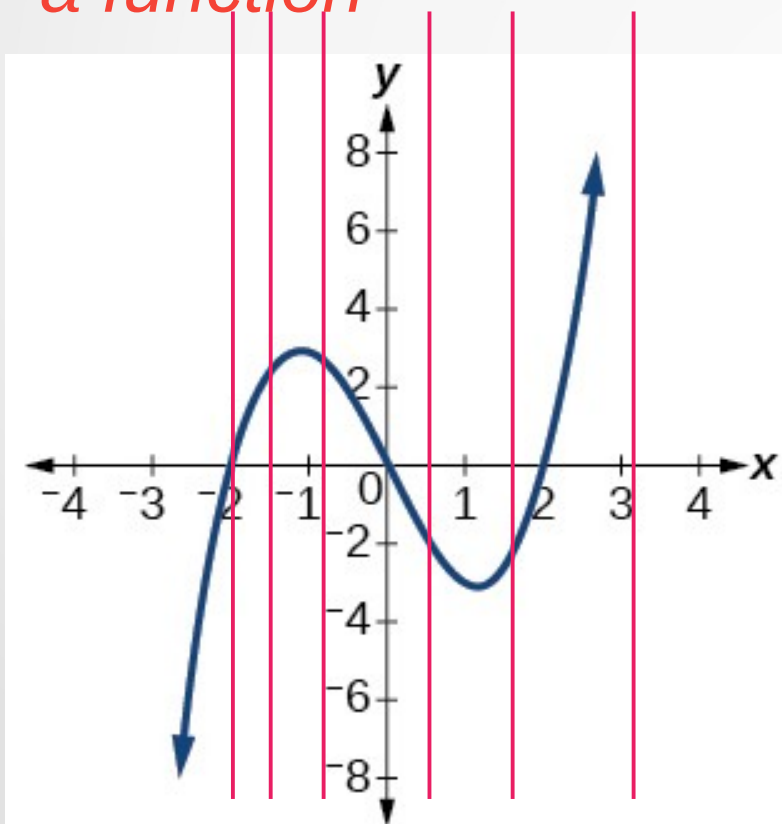




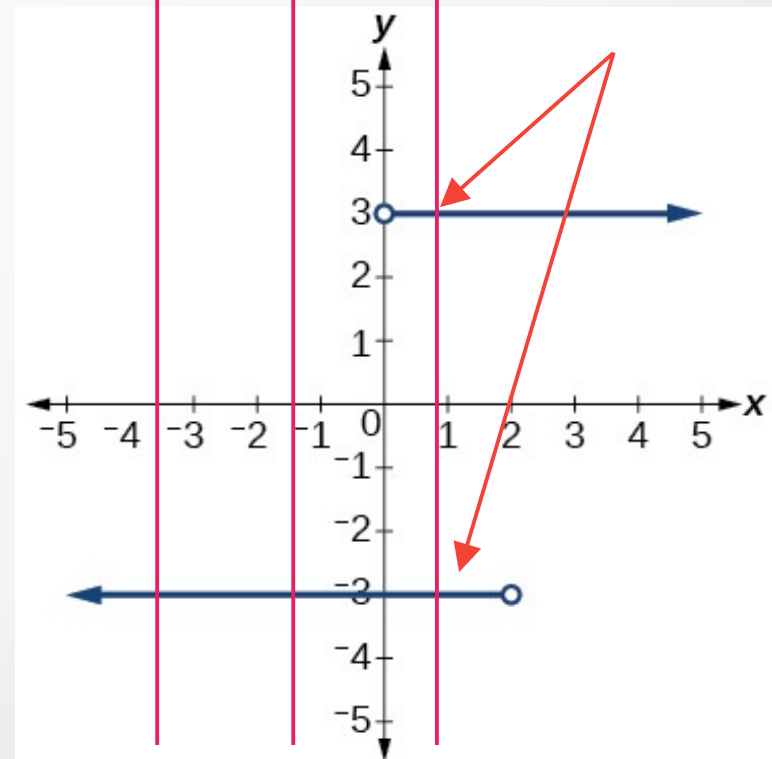
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(b) *vertical line test failed*  
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**Exercise 3:** For the given equations determine which ones define functions. Explain why.

**(a)**  $y = \sqrt{npq}$

**(b)**  $7x + y^2 = 100$

**(c)**  $10x + 7y = 20$

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**Exercise 4:** For the function  $f(x) = x^2 - x + 10$ . Find

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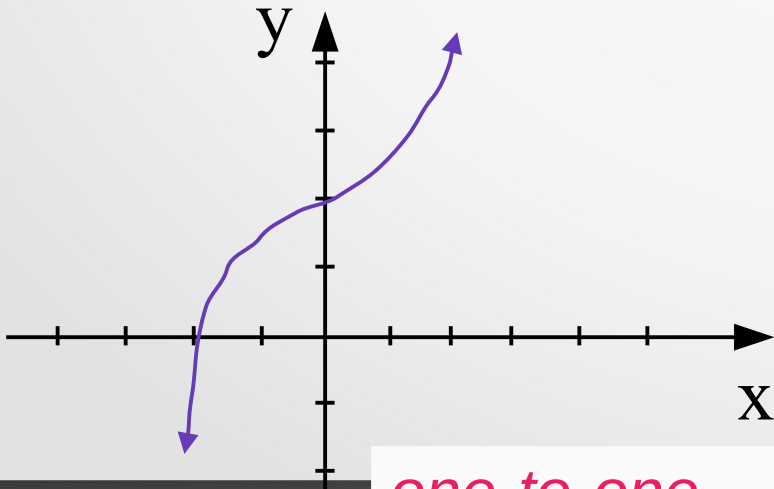
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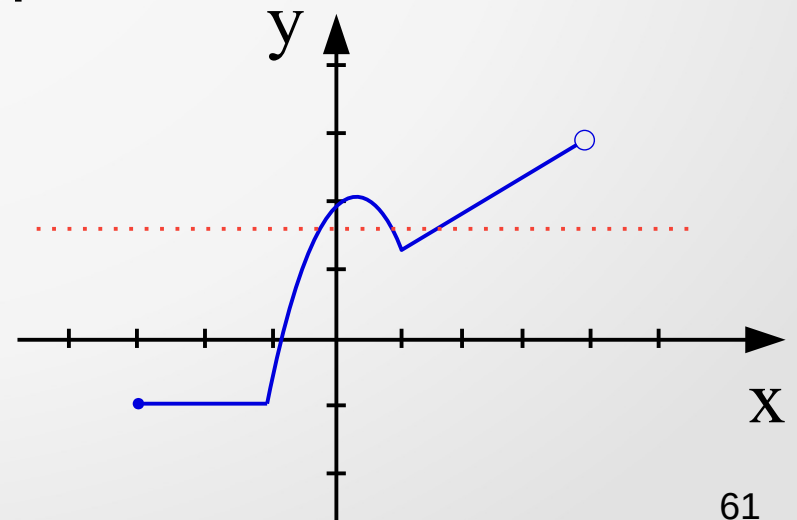
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## Basic Functions

See Section 1.1 of the book (Table 13) for the list of the basic toolkit functions.

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**2) WeBWork:**

- login into the webwork.

If you tried several times, followed all the instructions and it still doesn't let you in, send me an email to [natna20@gmail.com](mailto:natna20@gmail.com)

- start working on **HW 1** (due date is in one week)

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