

Precalculus 115, section 2.1 Function Basics

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Examples A: Given the function $f(x) = 2x - 3$, specify the domain then evaluate at the indicated values.

1. $f(0) =$

On the graph, we'd have the point

2. $f(-1) =$

On the graph, we'd have the point

3. $f(t) =$

Written in coordinate form, we'd have the point

4. $f(t+2) =$

Written in coordinate form, we'd have the point

Examples B: Given the function $g(x) = x^2 - x$, specify the domain then evaluate at the indicated values.

1. $g(0) =$

On the graph, we'd have the point

2. $g(2) =$

On the graph, we'd have the point

3. $g(-2) =$

On the graph, we'd have the point

4. $g(t) =$

Written in coordinate form, we'd have the point

$$5. g\left(\frac{3}{t+2}\right) =$$

Written in coordinate form, we'd have the point

$$6. g(-x) =$$

Written in coordinate form, we'd have the point

Examples C: Given the function $h(t) = \frac{1}{2}t - \frac{1}{2t}$, specify the domain then evaluate at the indicated values.

$$1. h(1) =$$

On the graph, we'd have the point

$$2. h(-1) =$$

On the graph, we'd have the point

$$3. h(3) =$$

On the graph, we'd have the point

$$4. h\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) =$$

On the graph, we'd have the point

$$5. h(x) =$$

Written in coordinate form, we'd have the point

$$6. h\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) =$$

Written in coordinate form, we'd have the point

Examples A revisited: Evaluate the function $f(x) = 2x - 3$ at the indicated values.

$$1. h(2x) =$$

$$2. 2h(x) =$$

Examples D: Find the domain of each of the functions below.

$$1. f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 5x - 6}$$

$$2. g(x) = \sqrt{5 - 4x}$$

$$3. g(x) = \sqrt{15 + 2x - x^2}$$

Examples E: Find the domain of each of the functions below.

$$1. y = \frac{t}{\sqrt{t+5}}$$

$$2. y = \frac{t}{\sqrt{t+5} - 1}$$

$$3. y = \frac{t}{\sqrt{t} + 5}$$

$$4. y = \frac{t}{\sqrt{t} - 5}$$