

# Properties of Functions

## Terminology:

In mathematical relations, the domain and range are usually represented by variables, (often  $x$  and  $y$ ).

When using  $x$  and  $y$ :

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To illustrate:

$x$	$y$
-2	-7
-1	-4
0	-1
1	2
2	5

Tables of values:

Number of Tickets, $n$	Cost, $C$ (\$)
1	1.75
2	3.50
3	5.25
4	7.00
5	8.75

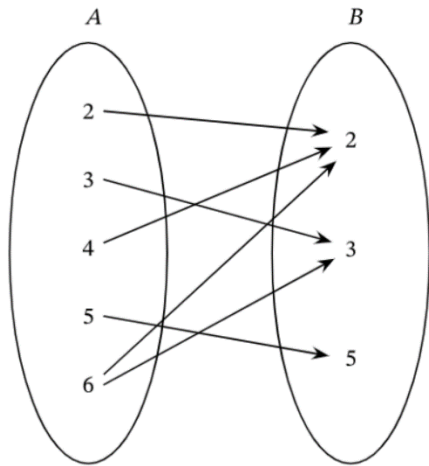
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Arrow diagrams:



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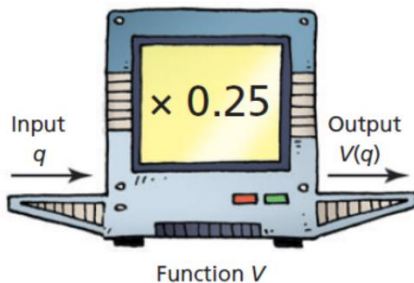
## Function Notation:

We can think of a function as an input/output machine. The input can be any number in the domain, and the output depends on the input number.

So, the input is the \_\_\_\_\_ variable and the output is the \_\_\_\_\_ variable.

Consider a machine that accepts quarters and then calculates the value of the quarters:

■ Machine A



Since every quarter has a value of \$0.25, this function can be described with an equation that involves an independent variable “q” (input) that represents the number of quarters, and a dependent variable “V” (output) that represents the value of the number of quarters that was input:

$$V = 0.25q$$

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Using “**function notation**” we can write this equation in a slightly different way:

$$V(q) = 0.25q$$

we say “**V of q**”

This notation shows that **V is the dependent variable**  
and that **V depends on q**

The expression **V(5)** represents the value of the function when **q = 5**.

(What this means is we need to “calculate the value of the output when the input is 5”.)

**V(5) =** *substitute and evaluate*

### Example:

Write the following equations of functions using **function notation**.

Identify the independent and dependent variables.

(1)  $C = 25n + 1000$

(2)  $y = -4x + 10$

**Example:**  $f(x) = 3x + 5$

Evaluate the following:

(1)  $f(-2)$

(2)  $f(0)$

(3)  $f(12)$

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**Example:**  $f(x) = 2x - 9$

Determine the value of  $x$ :

(1)  $f(x) = -1$

(2)  $f(x) = 11$

**Example:**

The function  $F(C) = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$  will convert a temperature in degrees Celsius into a temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

What does  $F(40)$  calculate?

What does  $F(-3)$  calculate?

Calculate  $F(40)$

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