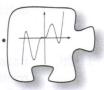
11.1.3 Can I predict the output?

Functions



You have studied relations and have learned that each relation defines a relationship between the input and output values. But what happens when your relation gives you unpredictable results? That is, what happens when you cannot predict the output for a given input? Today you will study this situation and will be introduced to a special type of relation called a *function*.

11-27. THE COLA MACHINE

The cola machine at your school offers several types of soda. There are two buttons for your favorite drink, *Blast*, while the other drinks (*Slurp*, *Lemon Twister*, and *Diet Slurp*) each have one button.

- a. Explain how the cola machine is a relation.
- b. Describe the input and output of this soda machine.
- c. While buying a soda, Ms. Whitney pushed the button for *Lemon Twister* and got a can of *Lemon Twister*. Later she went back to the same machine, but this time pushing the *Lemon Twister* button got her a can of *Blast*. Is the machine functioning consistently? Why or why not?
- d. When Brandi pushed the top button for *Blast* she received a can of *Blast*. Her friend, Miguel, decided to be different and pushed the second button for *Blast*. He, too, received a can of *Blast*. Is the machine functioning consistently? Why or why not?
- e. When Loutfi pushed a button for *Slurp*, he received a can of *Lemon Twister*! Later, Tayeisha also pushed the *Slurp* button and received a can of *Lemon Twister*. Still later, Tayeisha noticed that everyone else who pushed the *Slurp* button received a *Lemon Twister*. Is the machine functioning consistently? Explain why or why not.
- f. When a relation is functioning consistently and predictably, we call that relation a **function**. What is the main difference between a relation that is a function and a relation that is not a function?

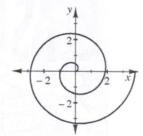
- 11-28. Using your own words, write a definition of a function. Be prepared to share your definition with the class.
- 11-29. Examine each of the relations below. Compare the inputs and outputs of each relation and decide if the relation is a function. Explain your reasoning. Use your definition of a function (from problem 11-28) to help you **justify** your conclusion.

| a. | Button Number | ino I am | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
|----|----------------------|----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | Type of Candy | Stix | Stix | M&Ns | M&Ns | Duds | Duds |

- x
 3
 -1
 2
 0
 1
 2
 9

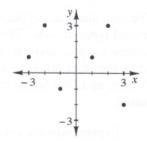
 g(x)
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 -5
 9
 7
 4
 -8
 2

d.



e.

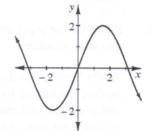
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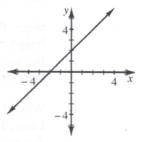
f.

| x | h(x) |
|----|------|
| -8 | 11 |
| 4 | 3 |
| 11 | -8 |
| 6 | - 3 |
| -8 | 11 |
| | |

g.



Jade noticed that the line graphed at right is a function. "Hey – I think *all* lines are functions!" she exclaimed. Is she correct? Support your claim with a diagram.



11-31. In your Learning Log, describe what it means for a relationship to be a **function**. Think of another type of machine that you use on a regular basis and describe how it also operates as a function. Title this entry "Functions" and include today's date.





- 11-32. If $g(x) = \sqrt{x-7}$, find g(8), g(32), and g(80).
- Solve the system of equations below using any method. Be sure to check your 11-33. solution.

$$5u + 6v = 2$$
$$u - 2v = 10$$

Solve each equation below. Check each solution. 11-34.

a.
$$6 - (3 + x) = 10$$

b.
$$100(x+3) = 200$$

c.
$$\frac{1}{3}x + 4 = x - 2$$

d.
$$\frac{4}{5} = \frac{x+2}{45}$$

Solve for x. Use any method. Check your solutions by testing them in the original 11-35. equation.

a.
$$|x-3| = 5$$

b.
$$5|x| = 35$$

c.
$$|x+1|=2$$

d.
$$|x+3|-6=-4$$

11-36. Rewrite each of the expressions below with no parentheses and no fractions. Negative exponents are acceptable in your answer.

a.
$$(5a^{-2}b^3)^8 \cdot (5ab^{-2})^{-6}$$
 b. $\frac{15x^{-5}y^2}{(3x^2)^2 \cdot y^{-3}}$

b.
$$\frac{15x^{-5}y^2}{(3x^2)^2 \cdot y^{-3}}$$

Multiple Choice: Which line below is parallel to $y = -\frac{2}{3}x + 5$? 11-37.

a.
$$2x - 3y = 6$$

b.
$$2x + 3y = 6$$

c.
$$3x - 2y = 6$$

d.
$$3x + 2y = 6$$