

Mathematics 11U

1.2 –Function Notation

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The key word in “function notation” is notation.
Today we are looking at a different way of doing
what we have already done in the past, but with
different notation.

$$y = 3x - 2$$

$$f(x) = 3x - 2$$

“f of x”

“f at x”

old way

$$y = 3x - 2$$

$$y = 3(5) - 2$$

$$y = 13$$

$$f(x) = 3x - 2$$

$$f(5) = 3(5) - 2$$

$$f(5) = 13$$

$(5, 13)$

$$h(t) = t^2 + 2t; \text{ Find } h(-8)$$

$$h(-8) = (-8)^2 + 2(-8)$$

$$h(-8) = 64 - 16$$

$$h(-8) = 48$$

$$(-8, 48)$$

$$w(t) = 3t^3 + 3; \text{ Find } w(2)$$

$$w(2) = 3(2)^3 + 3$$

$$w(2) = 24 + 3$$

$$\boxed{w(2) = 27}$$

$$\cancel{w = \frac{27}{2}}$$

$$g(x) = x^2 + 2x$$

$$h(x) = 3x$$

Find $g(-3) - h(-3)$

$$\begin{aligned} g(-3) - h(-3) &= (-3)^2 + 2(-3) - (3(-3)) \\ &= 9 - 6 - (-9) \\ &= 9 - 6 + 9 \\ &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

$$g(-3) = (-3)^2 + 2(-3)$$

$$g(-3) = 3$$

$$h(-3) = 3(-3)$$

$$h(-3) = -9$$

$$3 - (-9)$$

$$= 12$$

$$g(t) = -t - 3$$

$$f(t) = 2t + 4$$

Find $(g + f)(7) = g(7) + f(7)$

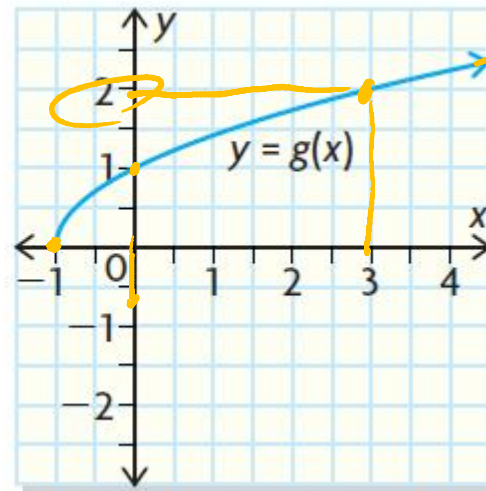
$$(g + f)(7) = -7 - 3 + 2(7) + 4$$

$$(g + f)(7) = -10 + 14 + 4$$

$$(g + f)(7) = 8$$

For the function shown in the graph, determine each value.

- a) $g(3)$ $x=3, y=?$
b) $g(-1)$
c) x if $g(x) = 1$, $y=1, x=?$
d) the domain and range of $g(x)$



a) $g(3) = 2$

b) $g(-1) = 0$

c) $x = 0, g(0) = 1$

d) Domain:
- all x 's greater than -1
- $x \geq -1$

Range:
 $y \geq 0$
 $g(x) \geq 0$

$$f(x) = 2x - 3. \quad \text{If } f(x) = 19, \text{ find } x.$$

"what x -value give 19"

$$19 = 2x - 3$$

$$22 = 2x$$

$$11 = x$$

$$\therefore f(11) = 19$$