

HW 1.1.2: Function Identification

- 1. The amount of paper, *R*, recycled by a city with population *p* is given by R = f(p). *R* is measured in tons per week, and *p* is measured in thousands of people.
 - a. The city of Galveston has a population of 50,000 and recycles 7 tons of garbage each week. Express this information in terms of the function *f*.
 - b. Explain the meaning of the statement f(20)=3.
- 2. The amount of cubic yards of concrete, *C*, needed to construct a parking lot with area *a* square feet is given by C = f(a).
 - a. A garden with area 3000 ft² requires 20 cubic yards of concrete. Express this information in terms of the function f.
 - b. Explain the meaning of the statement f(600) = 4.
- 3. Let f(t) be the number of wolves in Yellowstone National Park *t* years after 1995. Explain the meaning of each statement:
 - a. f(0) = 21 b. f(8) = 174
- 4. Let h(t) be the height above ground, in feet, of an apple *t* seconds after falling from a tree. Explain the meaning of each statement:

a. h(0.5) = 12 b. h(1) = 4

5. Select all of the following graphs which represent y as a function of x.





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7. Select all of the following tables which represent y as a function of x.

a.	x	2	4	16	b.	x	2	4	6	c.	x	6	4	6
	y	10	16	22		y	0	-4	0		y	10	16	22

8. Select all of the following tables which represent y as a function of x.

a.	x	9	16	36	b.	x	9	16	16	c.	x	9	16	36
	y	3	4	3		y	1	2	4		y	3	4	6

9. Select all of the following tables which represent y as a function of x.

x	у	
0	6	
1	9	
2	13	
1	17	
0	21	

a.

a.

b.	x	y
	0	11
	1	7
	2	2
	3	-3
	4	2

 $x \mid y$

3 18

0 25

3 9

6 17 9 22

b.

c.	x	y
	0	19
	1	15
	2	10
	3	4
	1	0

y

11

30

27

22

21

d.	x	у
	-1	8
	0	14
	1	22
	2	30
	3	40

10. Select all of the following tables which represent y as a function of x.

x	y	
-3	9	
0	14	
3	28	
6	11	
9	16	

c. x-4-1258

x	у
-4	24
0	7
4	27
8	23
12	12
	x -4 0 4 8 12



Given each function f(x) graphed, evaluate f(-2) and f(0)









14. Given the function f(x) graphed here.

a. Evaluate f(0)



15. Based on the table below,

a. Evalu	ate	f(2)			b.	Solv	e f(x) = 7	
x	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	
f(x)	7	13	27	42	36	31	45	

16. Based on the table below,

a. Evaluate $f(14)$ b. Solve $f(x)$											
x	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	
f(x)	3	12	19	11	0	13	21	27	25	23	

For each of the following functions, evaluate: f(-4), f(-2), f(0), f(2), and f(4)17. f(x)=3x-718. f(x)=13-4x

19.
$$f(x) = -2x^2 + 5x + 1$$
 20. $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 9$



- 21. $f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2$ 22. $f(x) = x^4 - x$ 23. $f(x) = 2 - \sqrt{x+5}$ 24. $f(x) = 1 + \sqrt[3]{x+4}$
- 25. f(x) = (x+1)(x-1) 26. $f(x) = (x-2)(x+6)^2$
- 27. $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x-5}$ 28. $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x+7}$

29.
$$f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x$$
 30. $f(x) = (-1)^x$

- 31. Suppose $f(x) = 2x^2 3x + 2$. Compute the following: a. f(2) + f(4) b. f(2) - f(4)
- 32. Suppose $f(x) = -x^2 + 6x 1$. Compute the following: a. f(1) + f(3) b. f(1) - f(3)
- 33. Let f(s)=6s-7a. Evaluate f(-1) b. Solve f(t)=-1
- 34. Let g(t) = 4t 3a. Evaluate g(9)

b. Solve g(p) = 9



Selected Answers:

- 1. (a) f(50) = 7, because the input 50 (in thousands of people) gives the output 7 (in tons of paper)
 - (b) f(20) = 3, means that 20,000 people recycle 3 tons of paper per week.
- 3. (a) In 1995 (0 years after 1995) there were 21 wolves in the park.
 - (b) In 2003 (8 years after 1995) there were 174 wolves in the park.

5. Graphs (a) (b) (d) and (e) represent y as a function of x because for every value of x there is only one value for y. Graphs (c) and (f) are not functions because they contain points that have more than one output for a given input, or values for x that have 2 or more values for y.

7. Tables (a) and (b) represent y as a function of x because for every value of x there is only one value for y. Table (c) is not a function because for the input x=6, there are two different outputs for y.

9. Tables (b) and (d) represent y as a function of x because for every value of x there is only one value for y. Table (a) is not a function because for the input x=0 and x=1, there are two different outputs for each y. Table (c) is also not a function because for the input x=1, there are two different outputs for y.

- 11. (a) f(-2) = 1 (b) f(0) = -2
- 13. (a) g(-3) = 2 (b) g(0) = 3
- 15. (a) f(2) = 31 (b) f(-3) = 7
- 17. f(-4) = 3(-4) 7 = -12 7 = -19, f(-2) = -13, f(0) = -7, f(2) = -1, f(4) = 5

 $19. f(-4) = -2(-4)^2 + 5(-4) + 1 = -2(16) - 20 + 1 = -32 - 19 = -51, f(-2) = -17, f(0) = 1, f(2) = 3 f(4) = -11$

 $21. f(-4) = 2(-4)^3 + (-4)^2 = 2(-64) + 16 = -128 + 16 = -112, f(-2) = -12, f(0) = 0, f(2) = 20, f(4) = 144$

23.
$$f(-4) = 2 - \sqrt{(-4) + 5} = 2 - \sqrt{1} = 2 - 1 = 1, f(-2) = 2 - \sqrt{3} \approx 0.27, f(0) = 2 - \sqrt{5} \approx -.0 = -0.24, f(2) = 2 - \sqrt{7} \approx -0.65, f(4) = 2 - \sqrt{9} = -1$$

25.
$$f(-4) = (-4+1)(-4-1) = (-3)(-5) = 15, f(-2) = 3, f(0) = -1, f(2) = 3, f(4) = 15$$

27. $f(-4) = \frac{(-4)+2}{(-4)-5} = \frac{-2}{-9} = \frac{2}{9}, f(-2) = 0, f(0) = \frac{-2}{5}, f(2) = \frac{-4}{3}, f(4) = -6$
29. $f(-4) = (\frac{1}{3})^{-4} = 3^4 = 81, f(-2) = 9, f(0) = 1, f(2) = \frac{1}{9}, f(4) = \frac{1}{81}$



31. (a) 26	(b) –	-18
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33. (a) f(-1) = -13 (b) f(1) = -1