

Relations and Functions A **relation** can be represented as a **set of ordered pairs** or as an equation; the relation is then the set of all **ordered pairs (x, y)** that make the equation true. A **function** is a relation in which each element of the **domain is paired with exactly one element of the range.**

One-to-One Function	Each element of the domain pairs to exactly one unique element of the range .	
Onto Function	Each element of the range also corresponds to an element of the domain .	
Both One-to-One and Onto	Each element of the domain is paired to exactly one element of the range and each element of the range.	



Example

State the domain and range of the relation.

Does the relation represent a function?

The domain and range are both all real numbers. Each element of the domain corresponds with exactly one element of the range, so it is a function.

x	y
-1	→ 5
0	→ 3
1	→ -1
2	→ 1
3	→ 3

$D = \{-1, 0, 1, 2, 3\}$ $R = \{-5, -3, -1, 1, 3\}$

it is a function
Both

Exercises

State the domain and range of each relation. Then determine whether each relation is a function. If it is a function, determine if it is one-to-one, onto, both, or neither.

1. $\{(0.5, 3), (0.4, 2), (3.1, 1), (0.4, 0)\}$

$D = \{0.5, 0.4, 3.1\}$

$R = \{3, 2, 1, 0\}$

Not a function

2. $\{(-5, 2), (4, -2), (3, -11), (-7, 2)\}$

$D = \{-5, 4, 3, -7\}$

$R = \{2, -2, -11\}$

is a function
onto

3. $\{(0.5, -3), (0.1, 12), (6, 8)\}$

4. $\{(-15, 12), (-14, 11), (-13, 10), (-12, 12)\}$

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