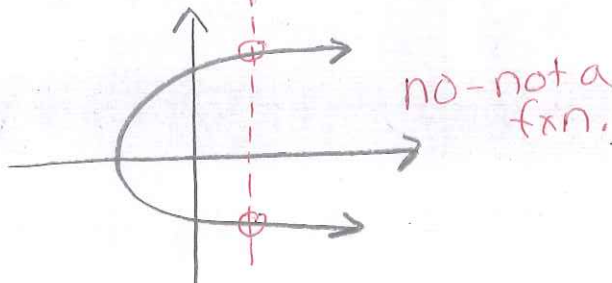
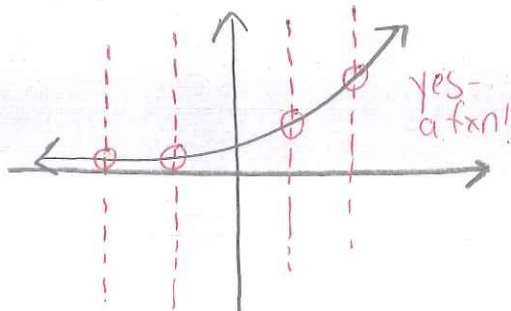


## 1.2 The Graph of a Function

From a graph, we can determine if the graph is a function by using the vertical line test.



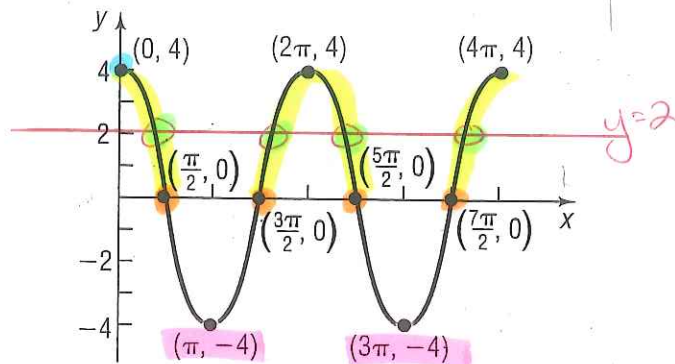
Information can be extracted from a given graph, such as intercepts, domain, range, "y" for any "x" in the domain, "x" for any "y" in the range, etc.

**Example 1.** Refer to the graph.

a) What are  $f(0)$ ,  $f(\frac{3\pi}{2})$ , and  $f(3\pi)$ ?

$$f(0) = 4 \quad f(3\pi) = -4$$

$$f(\frac{3\pi}{2}) = 0$$



b) What is the domain of  $f$ ? What is the range of  $f$ ?

$$D: [0, 4\pi]$$

$$R: -4 \leq y \leq 4 \text{ OR } [-4, 4]$$

c) List the intercepts.

$$x\text{-int: } (\frac{\pi}{2}, 0), (\frac{3\pi}{2}, 0), (\frac{5\pi}{2}, 0), (\frac{7\pi}{2}, 0)$$

$$y\text{-int: } (0, 4)$$

d) How many times does the line  $y = 2$  intersect the graph?

4 times

e) For what values of  $x$  does  $f(x) = -4$ ?

When  $y = -4$ , what values of  $x$  are there?

$$\pi, 3\pi$$

f) For what values of  $x$  is  $f(x) > 0$ ?

When  $y$  is positive

3 intervals:

$$[0, \frac{\pi}{2}], [\frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}], [\frac{7\pi}{2}, 4\pi]$$

Information can be extracted from a given function.

**Example 2.** Consider the function:  $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x+2}$

a) Find the domain of  $f$ .

$$\begin{array}{l} x+2 \neq 0 \\ \underline{-2} \quad \underline{-2} \\ x \neq -2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} D: x \neq -2 \\ \text{OR} \\ \{x \mid x \neq -2\} \\ \text{OR} \\ (-\infty, -2), (-2, \infty) \end{array}$$

b) Is the point  $(1, \frac{1}{2})$  on the graph of  $f$ ?

$x=1, y=\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow$  substitute into  $f(x)$

$$\frac{1}{2} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1+1}{1+2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \neq \frac{2}{3}$$

FALSE

No,  $(1, \frac{1}{2})$  is not on the graph.

c) If  $x=2$ , what is  $f(x)$ ? What point is on the graph of  $f$ ?

$$f(2) = \frac{2+1}{2+2}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4}$$

$$f(2) = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow (2, \frac{3}{4}) \text{ is on the graph}$$

d) If  $f(x) = 2$ , what is  $x$ ? What point is on the graph of  $f$ ?

$\hookrightarrow y=2$ , solve for "x"

$$\frac{2}{1} = \frac{x+1}{x+2}$$

$$2(x+2) = x+1$$

$$2x+4 = x+1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x+4 = x+1 \\ \underline{-x} \quad \underline{-x} \end{array}$$

$$x+4 = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{-4} \quad \underline{-4} \\ x = -3 \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow (-3, 2)$  is a point on  $f$ .

e) What are the  $x$ -intercepts of the graph of  $f$  (if any)? What point(s) are on the graph of  $f$ ?

$x$ -int: Set  $y=0$   
 $y$ -int: Set  $x=0$

$$f(0) = \frac{0+1}{0+2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(0, \frac{1}{2})$$

$$0 = \frac{x+1}{x+2}$$

$$\frac{0}{1} = \frac{x+1}{x+2}$$

$$x+1=0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x+1=0 \\ \underline{-1} \quad \underline{-1} \\ x = -1 \end{array}$$

$$(-1, 0)$$