



This is a function.

$x = \# \text{ of tickets}$; $y = \text{cost of buying } x \text{ tickets}$.

The equation $y = 5x + 2$ gives us the cost of buying x tickets

This equation $\boxed{y} = 5\boxed{x} + 2$ defines a function.

↓
 independent variable
 ↓
 dependent variable

Note: Not all equations define a function.

$$\underline{\text{E.g.}} \quad x^2 + y^2 = 4$$

$$\rightarrow y^2 = 4 - x^2$$

$$\rightarrow y = \pm \sqrt{4 - x^2}$$

This equation does NOT define y as a function of x . (Reason: if $x = 0$, then $y = \pm \sqrt{4} = \pm 2$.)

So, one value of x corresponds to 2 values of y .



Note: If an equation is solved for y and more than one value of y can be obtained from a given value of x , then that equation does not define y as a function of x .

E.g. Solve each equation for y and determine whether the equation defines y as a function of x .

$$(a) 2x + y = 6 \quad (b) x^2 + y^2 = 1.$$

(a) $y = 6 - 2x$. This defines y as a function of x because for every value of x , we obtain exactly one value of y

$$(b) y^2 = 1 - x^2 \rightarrow y = \pm\sqrt{1-x^2}$$

This does not define y as a function of x

Because for example, $x=0$ corresponds to

$$y = \pm 1.$$

Obj 3: Function Notation and Evaluate Functions.

When an equation defines y as a function of x , for example, $y = 5x + 2$

We use function notation to describe it.

We name the function by the letter f (or $g, h, F, H, G, u, v, \dots$)

We rewrite y as $f(x)$ (read as f of x)

$$y = 5 \cdot x + 2$$

is rewritten as:

$$f(x) = 5x + 2$$

\parallel x : input
 $f(x)$: output

Equation that tells us how to get
the output from the input

Evaluate the function at 5 :

$$\underbrace{f(5)}_{\text{f of } 5} = 5 \cdot (5) + 2 = 27$$

f of 5

Evaluate the function at 100

$$\underbrace{f(100)}_{\text{f of } 100} = 5 \cdot (100) + 2 = 502$$

E.g. Evaluate a function.

$$f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 7$$

(b) $f(0)$ (c) $f(-1)$

Evaluate each of the following: (d) $f(2)$. (e) $f(-2)$

$$f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 7$$

$$f(2) = (2)^2 - 2(2) + 7 = 4 - 4 + 7 = 7$$

($f \circ f$ 2 is equal to 7)

$$f(0) = (0)^2 - 2(0) + 7 = 7$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-1) &= (-1)^2 - 2(-1) + 7 \\ &= 1 + 2 + 7 = 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-2) &= (-2)^2 - 2(-2) + 7 \\ &= 4 + 4 + 7 = 15 \end{aligned}$$

Note: The input does not always have to be numbers.

$$f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 7 = \boxed{}^2 - 2\boxed{} + 7$$

Evaluate $f(\boxed{a})$

$$f(a) = a^2 - 2a + 7$$

Evaluate $f(a+1)$

$$f(a+1) = (a+1)^2 - 2(a+1) + 7$$

$$= (a+1)(a+1) - 2a - 2 + 7$$

$$= a^2 + a + a + 1 - 2a - 2 + 7$$

$$= a^2 + 6$$

$$f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 7 = \boxed{}^z - 2\boxed{} + 7$$

$$f(\boxed{x+2}) = ?$$

$$= (x+2)^2 - 2(x+2) + 7$$

$$= (x+2)(x+2) - 2x - 4 + 7$$

$$= x^2 + 2x + 2x + 4 - 2x - 4 + 7$$

$$= \boxed{x^2 + 2x + 7}$$