Let *X* and *Y* be two nonempty sets of real numbers. A **function** from *X* into *Y* is a rule or a correspondence that associates with each element of *X* a unique element of *Y*.

The set *X* is called the domain of the function.

For each element x in X, the corresponding element y in Y is called the **image** of x. The set of all **images** of the elements of the domain is called the **range** of the function.



Which of the following relations are functions?

 $\{(1, 1), (2, 4), (3, 9), (-3, 9)\}$ 

## A function

 $\{(1, 1), (1, -1), (2, 4), (4, 9)\}$ 

Not a function



A set of points in the *xy*-plane is the graph of a function if and only if any vertical line intersects the graph in at most one point.





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

f(x) is the number that results when the number x is applied to the rule for f.

$$f(3) = 2(3)^{2} + 5 = 23$$
  
$$f(x+h) = 2(x+h)^{2} + 5$$
  
$$= 2(x^{2} + 2xh + h^{2}) + 5$$
  
$$= 2x^{2} + 4xh + 2h^{2} + 5$$

The **domain** of a function *f* is the set of real numbers such that the rule makes sense.

Find the domain of the following functions:

$$g(x) = 3x^3 - 5x + 1$$

Domain of g is all real numbers.



