

Relations, Functions and Their Graphs

Relation - a set of ordered pairs (resulting from a rule) (x, y)

ex) G is a relation defined by $G = \{(2, 1), (3, 2), (5, 6)\}$

Ordered pairs of the relation are:

$(2, 1)$ $(3, 2)$ $(5, 6)$

Domain - the set of all x -values of the ordered pair

Range - the set of all y -values of the ordered pair

ex) Given $H = \{(6, 1), (3, 1), (2, 4), (6, 4)\}$.

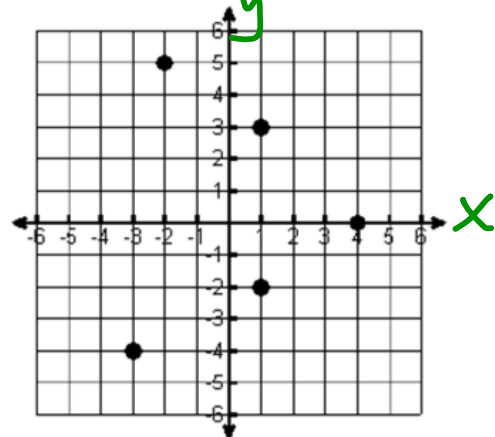
State domain and range.

$D: \{6, 3, 2\}$ $R: \{1, 4\}$

ex) Given the function,
state domain and range.

$D: \{-3, -2, 1, 4\}$

$R: \{5, 3, 0, -2, -4\}$



Notation

Domain and range can be represented using two notations.
The first type is set notation.

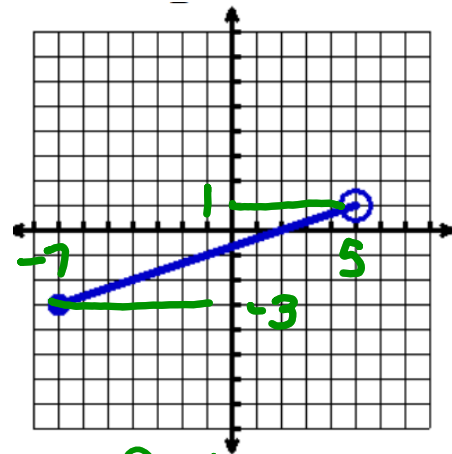
Set Notation

$$D: \{x | \quad \quad \}$$

$$R: \{y | \quad \quad \}$$

- point is included use \leq or \geq
- point is not included use $<$ or $>$

If all values use $x \in \mathbb{R}$ or $y \in \mathbb{R}$
(means, x or y belongs to
all real numbers)

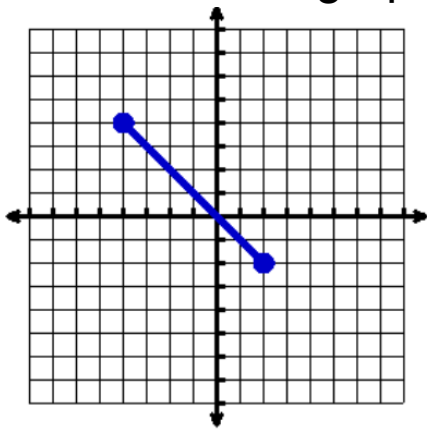


$$D: \{x | -7 \leq x < 5\}$$

$$R: \{y | -3 \leq y < 1\}$$

Types of graphs:

A continuous graph with two endpoints:

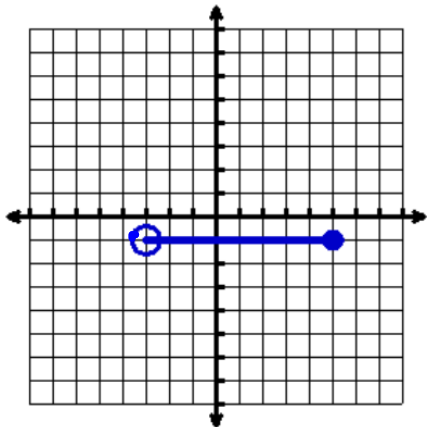


$$D: \{x \mid -4 \leq x \leq 2\}$$

$$R: \{y \mid -2 \leq y \leq 4\}$$

Important Note:

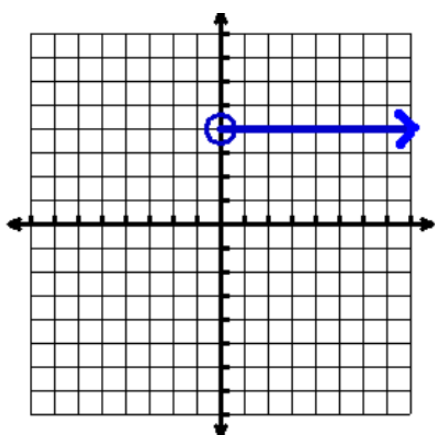
- To find the domain for a graph with two endpoints, always identify the x-values of the point farthest to the left and the point farthest to the right.
- For the range, you want the y-values of the lowest point and the highest point.



$$D: \{x \mid -3 < x \leq 5\}$$

$$R: \{y \mid y = -1\}$$

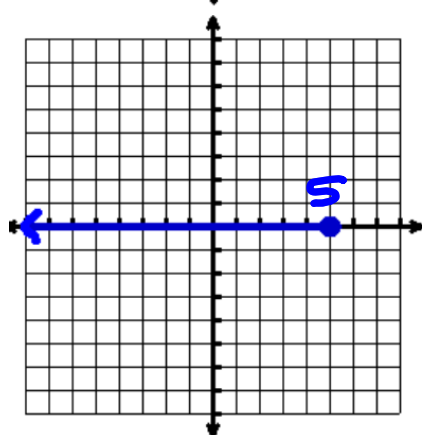
A continuous graph with only one endpoint (continues forever in the other direction):



$$D: \{x \mid x > 0\}$$

$$R: \{y \mid y = 4\}$$

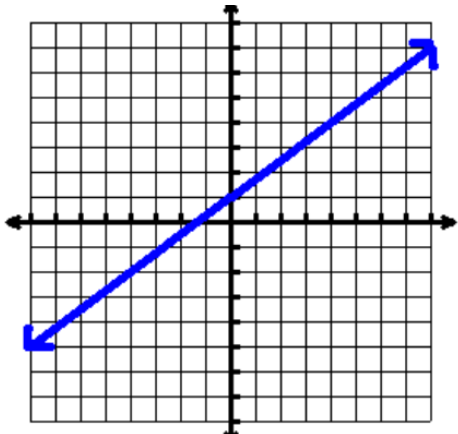
Note: If the arrow were pointing to the left, the domain would be \leq the x-value. If the arrow were pointing down, the range would \leq the y-value.



$$D: \{x \mid x \leq 5\}$$

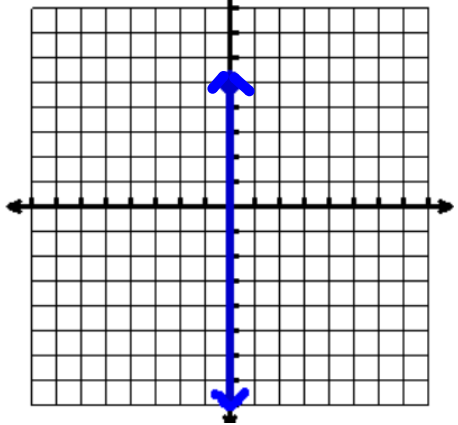
$$R: \{y \mid y = 0\}$$

A continuous graph that has two arrows:



$$D: \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$
$$R: \{y \mid y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Note: If one of the arrows were pointing up and one of the arrows were pointing down, then the range would be all real numbers.



$$D: \{x \mid x = 0\}$$
$$R: \{y \mid y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$