

1. A function is a relationship between input and output. In a function, the output depends on the input. There is exactly one output for each input.
2. A function is a relation in which each element of the domain is paired with exactly one element of the range.
3. A function is a set of ordered pairs (or number pairs) that satisfies this condition: There are no two ordered pairs with the same input and different outputs.
4. A real-valued function is defined on a set  $D$  of real numbers is a rule that assigns to each number  $x$  in  $D$  exactly one real number, denoted by  $f(x)$ .
5. A function is a rule that assigns to element of a set  $A$  a unique element of a set  $B$  (where  $B$  may or may not equal  $A$ ).
6. A function is a mapping or correspondence between one set called the domain and a second set called the range such that for every member of the domain there corresponds exactly one member in the range.
7. One quantity,  $H$ , is a function of another,  $t$ , if each value of  $t$  has a unique value of  $H$  associated with it. We say  $H$  is the value of the function or the dependent variable, and  $t$  is the argument or independent variable. Alternatively, think of  $t$  as the input and  $H$  as the output.