### 4.1 Relations Vs. Functions

## Warm up:

Make a table of values, then graph the relation



## Function vs Relation

Definition:

A relation is a rule which takes an input and may/or may not produce multiple outputs.

A function is a special relation where every input has at most one output.

## Notation:

Relation: $\quad y=2 x+1$

Read it " $f$ of $x$ ": the brackets here DO NOT MEAN MULTIPLY!!

Function: $\quad f(x)=2 x+1$

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\begin{aligned}
\text { Ex 1: find } f(7) & =2(7)+1 \\
& =15 \\
\text { find } f(-5) & =2(-5)+1 \\
& =-9
\end{aligned}
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Consider 2 machines. Machine A:
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Buttons } & \text { Drink } \\ \text { Push IN to order } & \text { Comes OUT }\end{array}$


A FUNCTIONING
MACHINE

Vertical line test (VLT)


## Machine B:

Buttons Drink
Push IN to order Comes OUT

(1) Mapping Diagram


Each source value has only ONE target value


A source value has MORE THAN ONE target value ${ }^{\text {s }}$
(2) Table of Values

Function YES

| $\mathbf{x}$ | $\mathbf{y}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 3 |
| 1 | 4 |
| 3 | 6 |
| 5 | 8 |

Function $\qquad$

Each x value has only ONE y value.


An $x$ value has MORE THAN ONE y value
(3) Graph - Vertical Line Test (VLT)

Function YES


A vertical line touches the curve at ONLY 1 spot at a time

Function NO


A vertical line touches MORE THAN 1 spot at a time.

Ex 2: Evaluate the following functions
a) $f(x)=3 x+5 \quad$ find $f(3)$
b) $g(x)=x^{2}+1 \quad$ find $g(6)$
c) $h(x)=(x-2)(x-5) \quad$ find $h(6)$

