

Warm-Up: Let $f: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ be given by

$$f(m, n) = m - n.$$

e.g. $f(1, 3) = -2$, $f(3, 1) = 2$.

Show that $\text{Rng}(f) = \mathbb{Z}$.

Ex: Let S be any set. Define a function

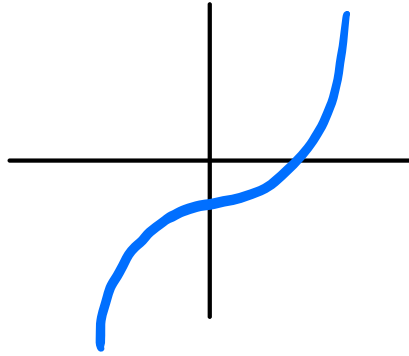
$$\text{id}_S: S \rightarrow S$$

by $\text{id}_S(x) = x$ for all $x \in S$.

This is called the identity function on S .

Graphs

Ex: For $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $f(x) = x^3 - 2$,
the graph of f is



What is this? It's

$$\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \mid y = x^3 - 2\}.$$

Def: Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a function.
The graph of f is

$$\text{Graph}(f) = \{(x, y) \in A \times B \mid y = f(x)\}.$$

Observe: For each $x \in A$, there is a unique $y \in B$
such that $(x, y) \in \text{Graph}(f)$, namely $y = f(x)$.
"vertical line test"

Def: Let A and B be sets. A function
 $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a subset

$$\text{Graph}(f) \subseteq A \times B$$

with the property that for all $x \in A$,
there exists a unique $y \in B$ such that
 $(x, y) \in \text{Graph}(f)$.

If $(x, y) \in \text{Graph}(f)$, write $f(x) = y$.

Note: • You don't have to use this definition.
But it's more concrete than defining
a function as a "rule".

• We can't always draw $\text{Graph}(f)$.

• $\text{Rng}(f) = \{y \in B \mid (x, y) \in \text{Graph}(f)\}$.