

b. Define $G: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by the rule $G(x) = 3x - 2$ for all real numbers x . Is G onto?

If $G: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the function defined by the rule $G(x) = 3x - 2$ for all real numbers x , then G is onto.

Proof:

Let $y \in \mathbb{R}$ [we must show that $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $G(x) = y$.] Let $x = (y+2)/3$. Then x is a real number since sums and quotients (other than by 0) of real numbers are real numbers. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} G(x) &= G\left(\frac{y+2}{3}\right) \text{ by substitution} \\ &= 3\left(\frac{y+2}{3}\right) - 2 \text{ by def. of } G \\ &= (y+2) - 2 = y \text{ by basic algebra} \end{aligned}$$

This was what was to be shown.

14. $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x}$, for all real numbers $x \neq 0$.

one to one?

If the function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by the rule $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x}$, for all real numbers x , except 0, then f is one to one.

Suppose x_1 and x_2 are real numbers such that $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$. (We must show that $x_1 = x_2$)