PreCalculus Notes – Sections 1.2, 1.5, 1.8, 1.6, and 1.7

Linear Functions

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If you are given f(-3)=5, then

a) what is the input? -3

b) what is the output?

c) what POINT do you know is on the graph of f(x)?

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(-3,5)

If f(-3)=5 & f(1)=-11 answer the following questions:

1) What is the linear function that contains the two values?

$$(-3,5) \quad m = -\frac{1}{1-3} = -\frac{1}{4} = -4$$

(1)
$$(1) \quad y = -4x + b$$

$$-11 = -4(1) + b \quad \therefore equation is$$

$$-1 = -4(1) + b \quad \therefore equation is$$

2) What is the distance between the two points?

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

= $\sqrt{(1 - -3)^2 + (-11 - 5)^2}$
= $\sqrt{-16 + 256} = \sqrt{272} = (-1)^{-1}$

Using graphs to explore operations with functions

Use the graphs of f(x) and g(x) below to answer the questions:

