





A function is **bijective** if for every *y* in the codomain there is **exactly** one *x* in the domain. A horizontal line through any element of the range should intersect the graph of the

function exactly once. (*one to one only and all the Bs must be busy*).



Functions and different types of functions

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Question 5

A is the closed interval [0,5]. That is, $A = \{x \mid 0 \le x \le 5, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$. The function *f* is defined on *A* by:

$$f: A \to \mathbb{R}: x \mapsto x^3 - 5x^2 + 3x + 5.$$

(a) Find the maximum and minimum values of f.



(b) State whether *f* is injective. Give a reason for your answer.

f is not injective as for every *y* in the codomain there can be more than one *x* in the domain as shown by the intersection of two of the horizontal red lines below with the graph. There are for example three values of *x* for which f(x) = 5.

