Function Machine

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1. A function machine takes something called an input, then follows certain rules and produces something new called an output. Below are some of the inputs (on the left) and outputs (on the right) of Katie’s function machine.

1. Can you figure out what rule Katie’s function machine is following?

The machine takes animals as input and outputs the number of legs it has
Every function machine takes its inputs from a bag called the Input bag. Here are some examples of this function machine's Input bag:

2. In this case, our Input bag is made up of every kind of animal (not just the ones in the picture!). Decide whether the following things could be found in our Input bag:

   a. moose  yes  no
   b. square  yes  no
   c. tomato  yes  no
   d. mouse   yes  no

3. Give three other examples of things we can put into our function machine:

   Rabbit, Lizard, Fish
Every function machine puts its outputs into a bag called the Output bag. Here are some examples of this function machine's Output bag:

4. In this case, our Output bag is made up of all numbers. Decide whether the following things could be found in our Output bag:
   a. car  yes  no
   b. 6  yes  no
   c. 100  yes  no
   d. goose  yes  no

5. Give three more examples of what we might find in our Output bag:

   7, 42, 33
When Katie’s function machine is changing things from its Input bag into things that go into the Output bag, it looks like this:

6. Decide what Katie’s function machine will do with the following things from the Input bag:

   a. kangaroo → 2
   b. bug → 6
   c. tiger → 4
   d. flamingo → 2
Travis really likes Katie’s function machine, so he got one too! Here is what Travis’ function machine does. Can you fill in the last input for the machine?

7. What rule is Travis’ function machine following?

Travis’ function machine takes shapes as inputs and returns the number of sides (or corners) as outputs.
8. Fill in some more examples of what the Output bag will look like for this function machine. Make sure to show which inputs go to which outputs.

9. What are the type of things we will find in this function machine’s Input bag?

   Shapes

10. What types of things will we find in its Output bag?

    Numbers
Finally, Bonnie has a function machine too! Here is what Bonnie's function machine does to its inputs:

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{IN} & \rightarrow & \text{OUT} \\
2 & \rightarrow & 6 \\
1 & \rightarrow & 3 \\
4 & \rightarrow & 12 \\
3 & \rightarrow & 9 \\
\end{array}
\]

11. Can you figure out the rule that Bonnie's function machine is following?

Bonnie's function machine takes in numbers as inputs and returns \( \times 3 \) times that number as the output.
12. Fill in some examples of what the Input and Output bag for this function machine will look like. Make sure to show which inputs go to which outputs.

13. What are the type of things we will find in this function machine’s Input bag?

Numbers

14. What are the type of things we will find in its Output bag?

Numbers
Challenge Function:

1. Can you figure out the rule for this function machine?

   ![Function Machine Diagram]

When this function machine takes in even numbers, it returns the same number.

When it takes in odd numbers, it returns that number minus 1. (output = input - 1)
To make a function machine easier to work with, we want to have a simple way to describe the machine’s rule. Here is one way to do it. For Bonnie’s function machine we can write:

\[ \text{Output} = 3 \times \text{Input} \]

This is telling us that our output will always be our input multiplied by 3.

2. Can you write out what our Challenge Function does in the same way that I wrote out what Bonnie’s function does? Remember, even and odd inputs follow different rules!

When input is even:  \[ \text{Output} = \text{Input} \]

When input is odd:  \[ \text{Output} = \text{Input} - 1 \]