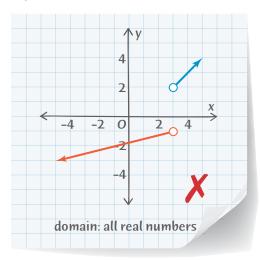
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UNDERSTAND

- **10. Make Sense and Persevere** What do closed circles and open circles on the graph of a step function indicate?
- **11. Error Analysis** What error did Damian make when defining the domain of the graph? Explain.



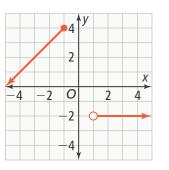
- **12. Communicate Precisely** For what values of x is the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} -3x + 4, & -2 < x \le 3 \\ 2x + 1, & 4 \le x < 9 \\ defined? \end{cases}$
- **13. Mathematical Connections** For the piecewisedefined function $f(x) = \begin{cases} 7, & x > 3 \\ 5x - 3, & x \le 3 \end{cases}$ find two *x*-values that have the same *y*-value and the sum of the *x*-values is 10.
- **14.** Higher Order Thinking The function $f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$ is the called the greatest integer function because the output returned is the greatest integer less than or equal to x. For example, $f(3.2) = \lfloor 3.2 \rfloor = 3$ and $f(0.975) = \lfloor 0.975 \rfloor = 0$. Graph the function $f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$. What type of graph does this look like?

PRACTICE

- **15.** A phone company offers a monthly cellular phone plan for \$25. The plan includes 250 anytime minutes, and charges \$0.20 per minute above 250 min. Write a piecewise-defined function for C(x), the cost for using x minutes in a month. SEE EXAMPLE 1
- **16.** Graph the piecewise-defined function. State the domain and range. Identify whether the function is increasing, constant, or decreasing on each interval of the domain. SEE EXAMPLE 2

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}x + 3, & -2 < x \le 0\\ 2, & 0 < x \le 4\\ 3 - x, & 4 < x \le 7 \end{cases}$$

17. Write the rule that defines the function in the following graph. SEE EXAMPLE 3



Write each absolute value function as a piecewise-defined function. SEE EXAMPLE 4

18. f(x) = |3x + 1| **19.** g(x) = |-2x - 6|

Graph the step function. SEE EXAMPLE 5

20.
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2, & -3 \le x < 1 \\ 5, & 1 \le x < 4 \\ 8, & 4 \le x < 6 \\ 9, & 6 \le x < 10 \end{cases}$$

21. The parking rates for a parking garage are shown. Graph the function for the cost of parking rates at the garage. SEE EXAMPLE 5



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APPLY

- 22. Model With Mathematics If Kyle works more than 40 h per week, his hourly wage for the extra hour(s) is 1.5 times the normal hourly wage of \$10 per hour. Write a piecewisedefined function that gives Kyle's weekly pay P in terms of the number h of hours he works. Determine how much Kyle will get paid if he works 45 h.
- 23. Look for Relationships Text message plans offered at a phone company, along with overage charges, are shown.



- **a.** Write a function for each plan where x is the number of texts and f(x) is the total monthly cost.
- b. Sarah uses approximately 1,500 texts per month. What is the monthly cost under each text message plan?
- **c.** Write an interval for the number of text messages that would make each plan the best one to purchase.
- 24. Reason The cost C (in dollars) of sending next-day mail depends on the weight x (in ounces) of a package. The cost of packages, up to 5 lb, is given by the function below. What are the domain and range of the function?

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 12.25, & 0 < x \le 8\\ 16.75, & 8 < x \le 32\\ 19.50, & 32 < x \le 48\\ 23.50, & 48 < x \le 64\\ 25.25, & 64 < x \le 80 \end{cases}$$

ASSESSMENT PRACTICE

25. Is 3 in the range of the function? Select yes or no.

	Yes	No
$f(x) = \begin{cases} x - 3, & x < -2\\ 5 - x, & x > 1 \end{cases}$	0	0
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26. SAT/ACT What is the vertex of the absolute value function f(x) = -|x - a| + b where a and b are real numbers?

(a, b) (a, b)	© (a, −b)	
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27. Performance Task Yama works a varying number of hours per month for a construction company. The following scatter plot shows how much money he earns for each number of hours he works. Write the piecewise-defined function that represents Yama's earnings as a function of his hours worked.

