

Problem: Find the implicit domain & range of the function  $f$  given by  $f(x) = \frac{2x-3}{3x+2}$

Solution: To find the implicit domain, we need to find the values of  $x$  for which the function  $f$  will yield an image.

In other words, we need to find the values of  $x$  for which  $f(x)$  is defined.

$$f(x) = \frac{2x-3}{3x+2} \quad \text{is of the form } \frac{p}{q}$$

which is defined when  $q \neq 0$ .

$\therefore f(x)$  is defined when  $3x+2 \neq 0$   
i.e., when  $x \neq -\frac{2}{3}$

$\therefore x$  can take on any real value except  $-\frac{2}{3}$

$\therefore$  Domain of  $f = \mathbb{R} - \left\{ -\frac{2}{3} \right\}$

Range of  $f$  is the set of all elements having a pre-image in the domain under the function  $f$ .

To find the range,

let us consider an arbitrary element  $y$  belonging to the range of  $f$ .

Then, there exists an  $x$  (at least one)  $\in$  domain of  $f$  such that

$$f(x) = y$$

$$\text{Since } f(x) = \frac{2x-3}{3x+2}$$

$$\frac{2x-3}{3x+2} = y$$

To find out what this  $f$  looks like, we will need to express  $x$  in terms of  $y$ .  
Let us try to do that.

$$2x-3 = (3x+2)y$$

$$\therefore 2x-3 = 3xy + 2y$$

$$\therefore 2x - 3xy = 2y + 3$$

$$\therefore x(2-3y) = 2y+3$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{2y+3}{2-3y}$$

For  $x$  to exist,  $\frac{3+2y}{2-3y}$  should be defined

which means  $2-3y \neq 0$   $\therefore y \neq \frac{2}{3}$

$\therefore$  There exists no pre-image under  $f$  for  $y = \frac{2}{3}$   $\&$  for all other  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists a pre-image under  $f$ .

$\therefore$  Range of  $f$  is  $\mathbb{R} - \left\{ \frac{2}{3} \right\}$

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