Class Activity Solution

Partial and Total Functions: Solutions

For each of the following function definitions, you were asked to give the graph of the function, say whether this is a partial function or a total function on the integers. If the function is partial, you were asked to say where the function is defined and undefined.

1. f(x) = if x+2>3 then x*5 else x/0
The graph of f is

 $\{\langle x, x*5\rangle \,|\, x>1\}$

This is a partial function. It is defined on all integers greater than 1 and undefined on integers less than or equal to 1.

2. f(x) = if x<0 then 1 else f(x-2)
The graph of f is</pre>

 $\{\langle x,1\rangle \mid x \text{ any integer}\}$

This is a total function.

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3. f(x) = if x=0 then 1 else f(x-2)
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The graph of f is

 $\{\langle x, 1 \rangle \mid x \ge 0 \text{ and even}\}\$

This is a partial function. It is defined on all positive even integers and undefined on all integers that are negative or odd.