Exercise 11

For the following exercises, determine whether the relation represents y as a function of x.

$$3x^2 + y = 14$$

Solution

Try to solve the equation for y, the output.

$$y = 14 - 3x^2$$

The relation $3x^2 + y = 14$ is a function because for every input x, there's exactly one output given by $y = 14 - 3x^2$. This is reflected in the graph by the fact that any vertical line passes through the curve exactly once.

