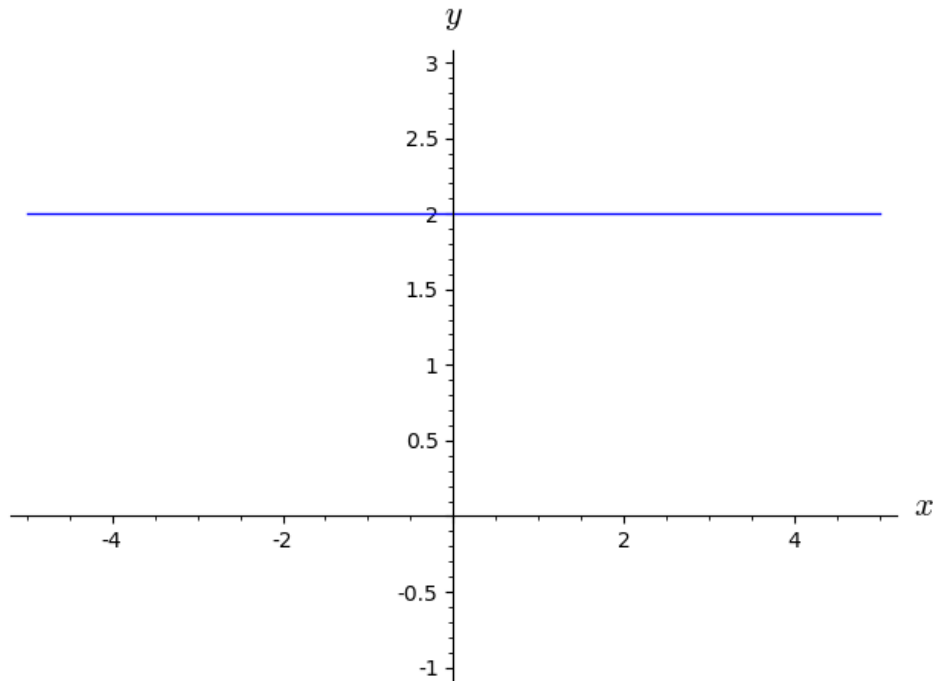


Constant Functions

The constant functions have the form $f(x) = c$, where c is some fixed, real number. The graph of $f(x) = c$ is the horizontal line $y = c$. The example shown below is the graph of $f(x) = 2$.



Properties of the constant function $f(x) = c$:

- Domain: All real numbers, $(-\infty, \infty)$
- Range: The single number c , $\{c\}$
- Symmetry: f is an even function. Its graph is symmetric about the y -axis.
- Increasing/Decreasing: f is neither increasing nor decreasing. Its values are constant.
- Extreme values: $y = c$ is the only value! It is both a maximum value and a minimum value.
- Interesting features:
 - The graph is the horizontal line with y -intercept $(0, c)$.