

Answer on Question #62974 – Math – Algebra

Question

$$y = \sqrt{x^2 - 2x + 1}$$

Solution

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 = (x-1)^2 \Rightarrow x^2 - 2x + 1 \geq 0 \text{ for every } x \in R;$$

$$y = \sqrt{x^2 - 2x + 1} = \sqrt{(x-1)^2} = |x-1|.$$

$$y = |x-1| \Leftrightarrow y = \begin{cases} x-1, & \text{if } x \geq 1, \\ 1-x, & \text{if } x < 1. \end{cases}$$

