

# Transformations

## General Form of a Transformed Function

$$y = af[b(x - h)] + k$$

## TRANSFORMATIONS

### Horizontal and Vertical Translations of Functions

A **transformation** is an operation that moves (or maps) a figure from an original position to a new position. Transformations that we will consider are **translations, reflections, stretches**.

#### Translations:

A **translation** is a transformation that slides each point of a figure the same distance in the same direction.

In general, if  $y - k = f(x - h)$  OR  $y = f(x - h) + k$

$h > 0$  there is a horizontal translations of  $h$  units right

$h < 0$  there is a horizontal translations of  $h$  units left

$k > 0$  there is a vertical translation of  $k$  units up

$k < 0$  there is a vertical translation of  $k$  units down

#### MAPPING and REPLACEMENT NOTATION

If the graph of  $y = f(x)$  is transformed to the graph of  $y - k = f(x - h)$ , then the point  $(x, y)$  is translated to the point  $(x + h, y + k)$ . This is called **mapping notation**!

If the graph of  $y = f(x)$  is transformed to the graph of  $y - k = f(x - h)$ , then we say that  $x \rightarrow x - h$  and  $y \rightarrow y - k$ . This is called **replacement notation**!

#### **Example:**

The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is transformed to the graph of  $y - 2 = f(x - 3)$

The replacements for  $x$  and  $y$  are  $x \rightarrow x - 3$  AND  $y \rightarrow y - 2$

All points will move 3 units right and 2 units up

The mapping for co-ordinates  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x + 3, y + 2)$

So if the point  $(4, 6)$  was on the graph of  $y = f(x)$  then the point would become  $(7, 8)$

**Ex. 1** Describe how the graphs of the following functions relate to the graph of  $y = f(x)$ .

a)  $y = f(x-3)$

b)  $y = f(x)+4$

c)  $y = f(x)-8$

d)  $y = f(x+7)+4$

**Ex. 2** What happens to the graph of the function  $y = f(x)$  if the following changes are made to its equation?

a) Replace  $x$  with  $x + 2$

b) replace  $y$  with  $y - 8$

**Ex. 3** The point  $(2, -3)$  lies on the graph of  $y = f(x)$ . State the coordinates of the image of this point under the following transformations

a)  $y+8 = f(x)$

b)  $y = f(x-7)+5$

**Ex. 4** Write the equation of the image of  $y = f(x)$  after each transformation.

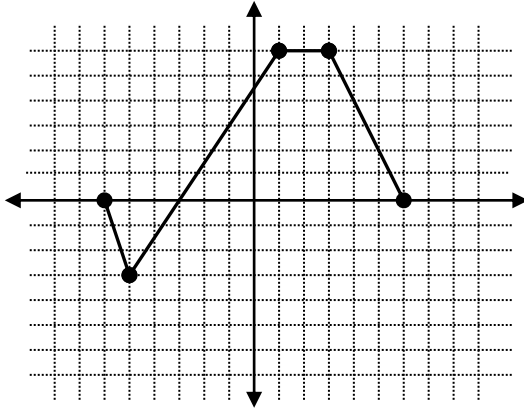
a) A horizontal translation of 5 units left

b) A vertical translation of 3 units up

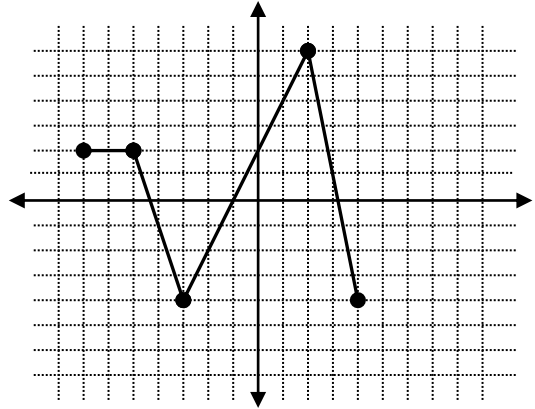
c) A horizontal translation of  $m$  units right and a vertical translation of  $p$  units down.

**Ex. 5** In each case the graph of  $y = f(x)$  is shown. Sketch the following transformations for each.

a)  $y = f(x-2)$



b)  $y + 2 = f(x+3)$



**Ex. 6** State the coordinates of the image of the point  $(-3, 5)$  under the transformation described by

a)  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x-7, y+4)$

b)  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x-6, y+1)$

**Ex. 7** Describe how the graph of the second function compares to the graph of the first function.

a)  $y = x^4$   
 $y = x^4 + 3$

b)  $y = 6x - 3$   
 $y = 6(x-1) - 3$

c)  $y = |x|$   
 $y = |x-6| + 2$

d)  $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$   
 $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+1}} + 3$

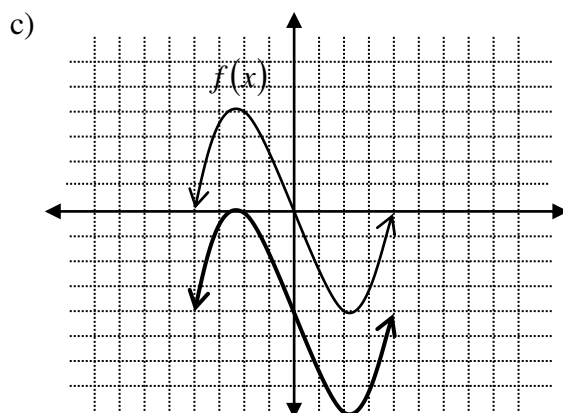
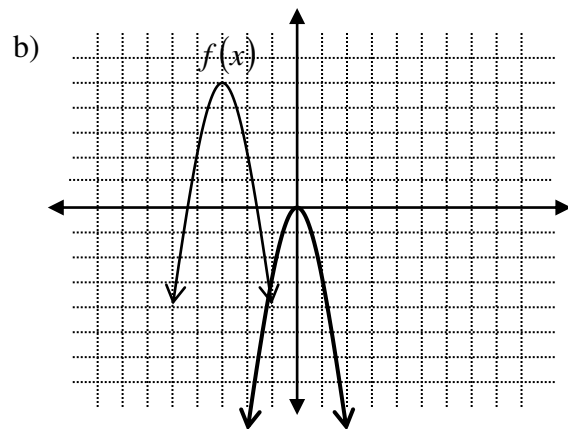
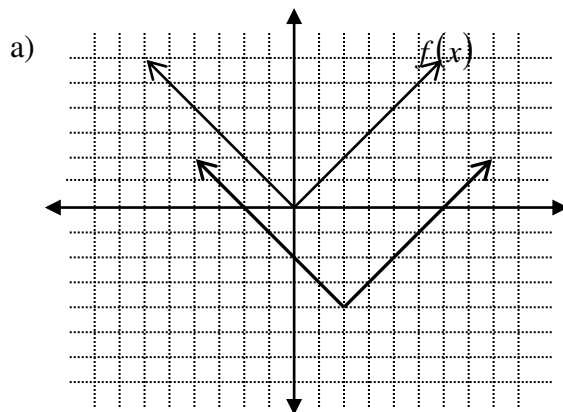
**Ex. 8** Write the equation of the image of:

a)  $y = x^2$  after a horizontal translation of 3 units to the right.

b)  $y = 10^x$  after a vertical translation of 2 units up.

c)  $y = \sqrt{x}$  after a horizontal translation of 4 units to the left and a vertical translation of 3 units down.

**Ex. 9** The function represented by the thick line is a transformation of the function represented by the thin line. Write an equation for each function represented by the thick line.



**Ex. 10**  $y = \sqrt{x}$  is a radical function.

- a) What vertical translation would be applied to  $y = \sqrt{x}$  so that the translation image passes through  $(16, 7)$ ?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b) What horizontal translation would be applied to  $y = \sqrt{x}$  so that the translation image passes through  $(17, 8)$ ?

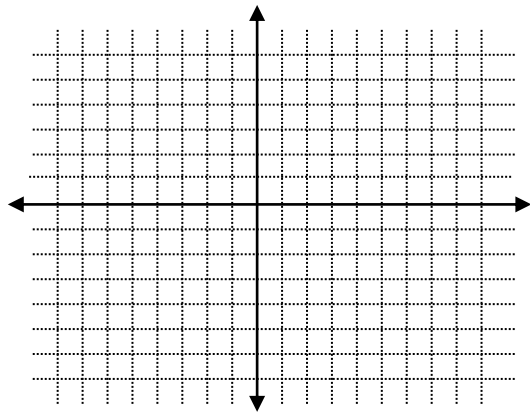
### Reflections

A **Reflection** is a mirror image about a line or axis. **Invariant Points** are points that do not move after a transformation.

### Reflections in the $x$ -axis Comparing $y = f(x)$ and $y = -f(x)$

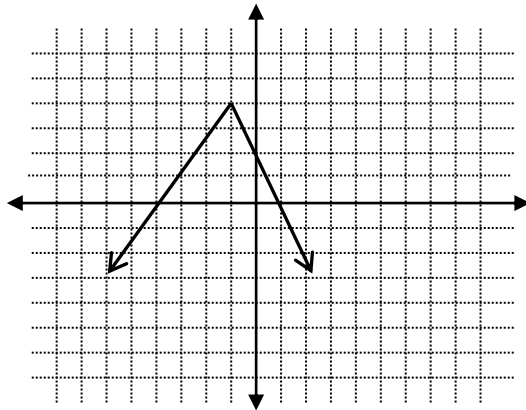
**Ex. 1** The graph of  $y = f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 4$  is shown.

- Write the equation that represents  $y = -f(x)$ .
- Use the graphing calculator to sketch  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = -f(x)$  and show the graphs on the grid.



- State the coordinates of the invariant point(s).
- How does the graph of  $y = -f(x)$  compare with the graph of  $y = f(x)$ .

**Ex. 2** The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is shown. Sketch the graph of  $y = -f(x)$ .

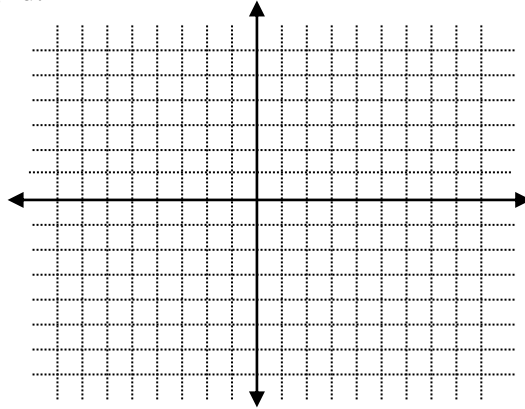


### Reflections in the y-axis

**Comparing**  $y = f(x)$  **and**  $y = f(-x)$

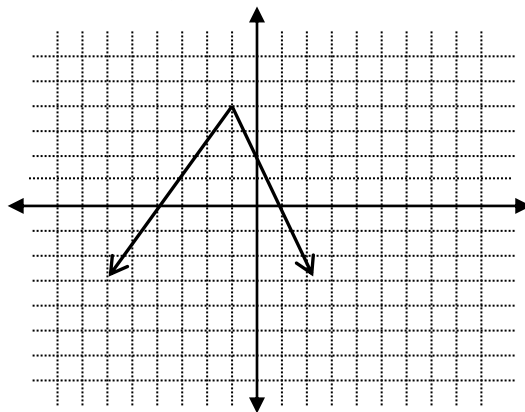
**Ex. 3** The graph of  $y = f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 4$  is shown.

- Write the equation that represents  $y = f(-x)$ .
- Use the graphing calculator to sketch  $y = f(x)$  **and**  $y = f(-x)$  and show the graphs on the grid.



- State the coordinates of the invariant point(s).
- How does the graph of  $y = f(-x)$  compare with the graph of  $y = f(x)$ .

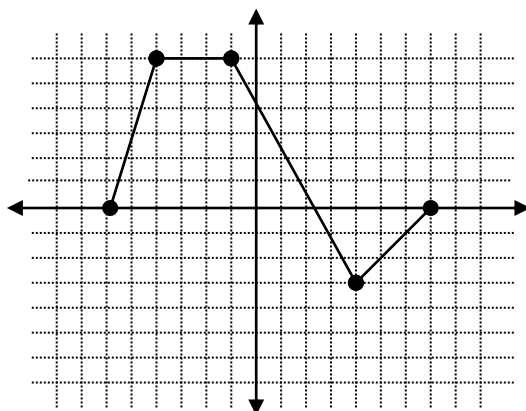
**Ex. 4** The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is shown. Sketch the graph of  $y = f(-x)$ .





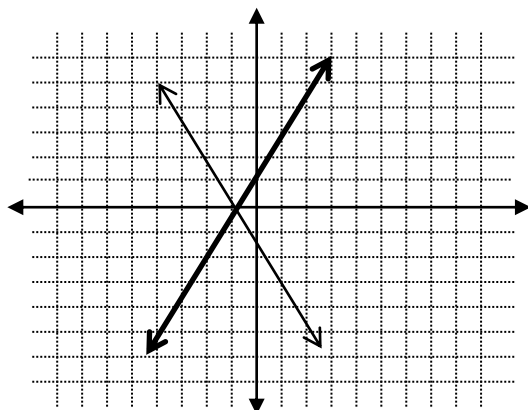
**Ex.5** The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is shown. Sketch the following reflections on the same grid.

- a)  $y = -f(x)$       b)  $y = f(-x)$

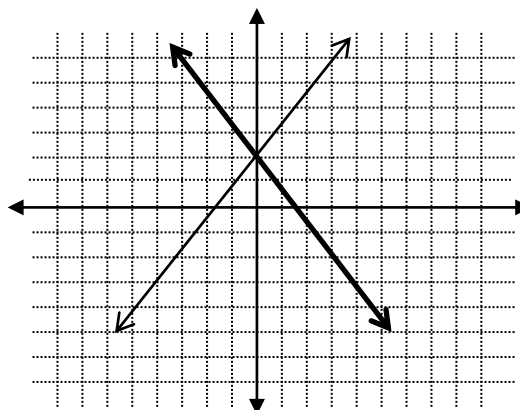


**Ex.6** The graph drawn in the thick line is a reflection of the graph drawn in the thin line. Write the equation for each graph drawn in the thick line.

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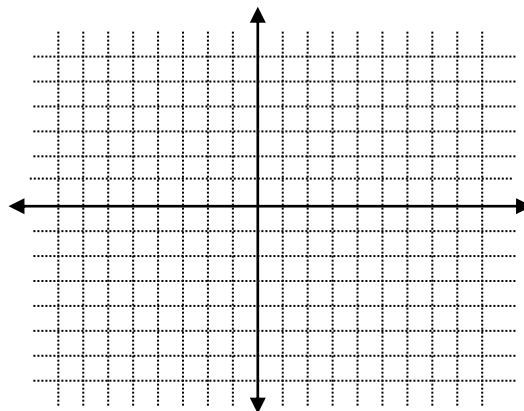
b)



**Ex. 7** Write the equation of the image of :

- a)  $y = 10^x$  after a reflection in the y-axis

- b)  $y = \sqrt{x}$  after a reflection in the x-axis



**Ex. 8**

- a) Sketch the graph of  $y = \frac{6}{x^2 + 3}$
- b) Write the equation and sketch the graph for
- i)  $y = -f(x)$                       ii)  $y = f(-x)$
- c) State whether the following are functions

**Ex. 9** Given  $y = \sqrt{x - 2}$ , find:

- a)  $y = -f(x)$                       b)  $y = f(-x)$

**Ex. 10** Given  $y = x^2 + 1$ , find:

- a) The equation of a reflection in the y-axis.
- b) The equation of a reflection in the x-axis.

## Stretches

### Stretches of Functions

A stretch is a transformation that changes the size and shape of the graph; the original and the new graph are not congruent.

There are two types of stretches:

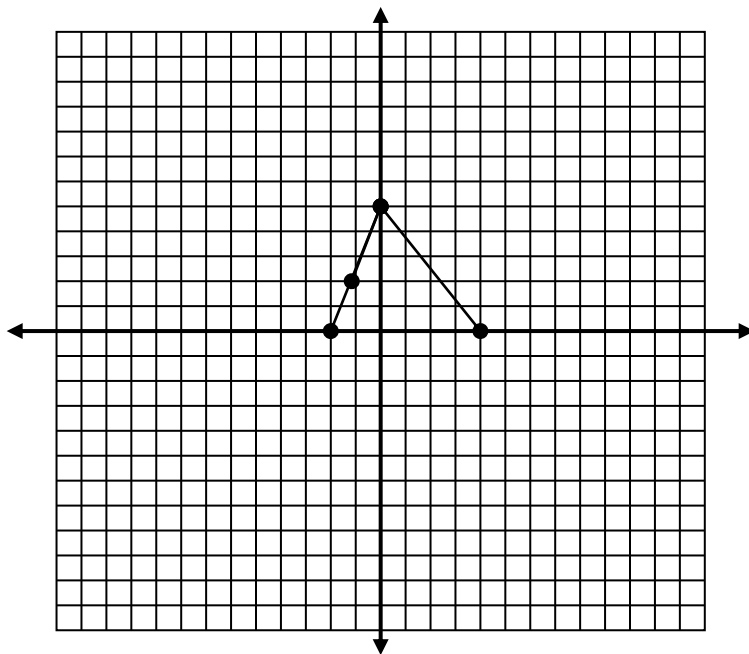
1. Vertical
2. Horizontal

### Vertical Stretches

- **Vertical stretches are in the form  $y = af(x)$ , where  $a$  stretches the graph vertically by a factor of  $a$ .**
- The point  $(x, y)$  becomes the point  $(x, ay)$ .
- The points on the  $x$ -axis are invariant.
- If the  $a$  has a negative sign in front of it, the graph is reflected in the  $x$ -axis.

**Ex. 1** Describe the transformations that occurred if the original graph of  $y = -4f(x)$  was  $y = f(x)$ .

**Ex. 2** Given the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , use a table of values to sketch  $y = 2f(x)$ .



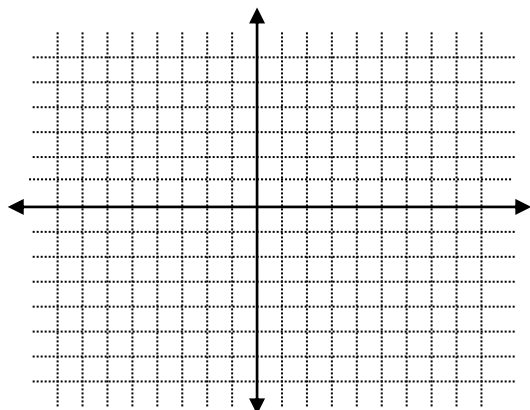
$$y = f(x)$$

x	y
-2	0
-1	2
0	5
4	0

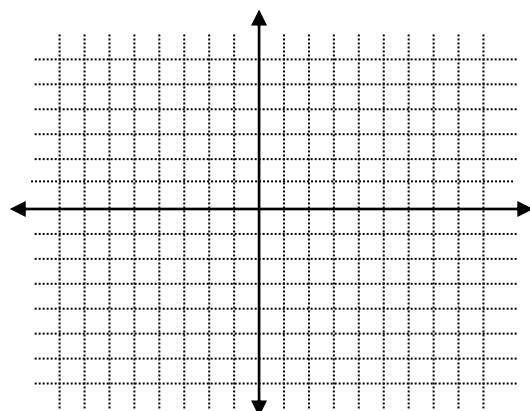
$$y = 2f(x)$$

x	y

**Ex. 3** Graph  $y = x^2$ , then replace  $y$  with  $3y$  and graph it on the same axes and describe the transformations.



**Ex. 4** Graph  $y = \sqrt{x}$ , then replace  $y$  with  $\frac{1}{2}y$  and graph it on the same axes and describe the transformations.

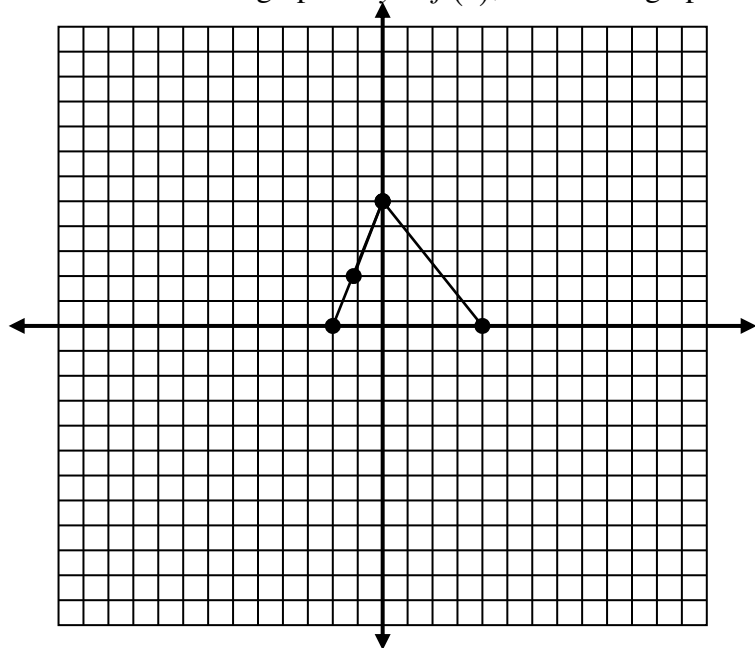


### Horizontal Stretches

- Horizontal stretches are in the form  $y = f(bx)$ , where  $b$  stretches the graph by a factor of  $\frac{1}{b}$ .
- The point  $(x, y)$  becomes the point  $\left(\frac{x}{b}, y\right)$
- Points on the  $y$ -axis are invariant.
- If  $b$  has a negative sign in front of it, the graph is reflected in the  $y$ -axis.

**Ex. 1** Describe the transformations that occurred if the original graph of  $y = f(5x)$  was  $y = f(x)$ .

**Ex. 2** Given the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , sketch the graph of  $y = f(2x)$ .



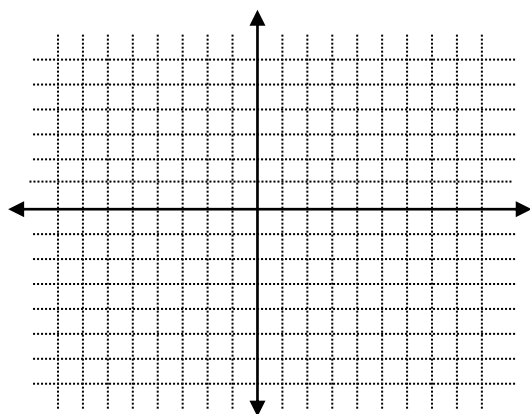
$y = f(x)$

x	y
-2	0
-1	2
0	5
4	0

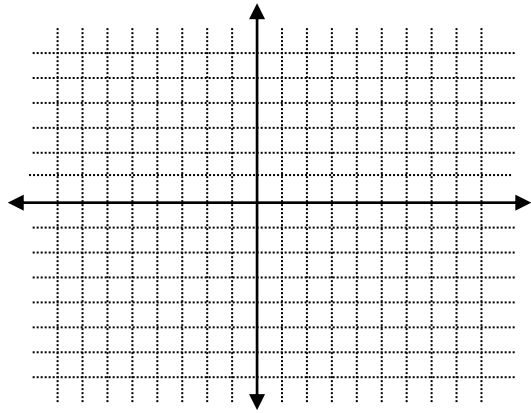
$y = f(2x)$

x	y

**Ex. 3** Graph  $y = x^2$  then replace  $x$  with  $2x$  and graph it on the same axes and describe the transformations.



**Ex. 4 Graph**  $y = \sqrt{x}$  then replace  $x$  with  $\frac{1}{3}x$  and graph it on the same axes and describe the transformations.



**Ex. 5** Describe the transformations that occurred to each if the original function is  $y = 4 - x^3$

a)  $y = 3(4 - x^3)$

b)  $y = 4 - (2x)^3$

**Ex. 6** Describe the transformations that occurred if the original function was  $y = x^2$  and the new function is;

a)  $y = -2x^2 + 3$

b)  $y = (-2x + 4)^2$

c)  $y = (x - 2)^2 + 1$

**Ex. 7** Describe the transformations on the function  $y = f(x)$ .

a)  $y = 2f(x + 1)$

b)  $y = -f(x) - b$

c)  $y = f(-x + 3)$

**Ex. 8** The polynomial  $P(x) = (x+1)(x-2)(x+4)$  has three zeros at -1, 2, and -4. Use transformations to determine the zeros of each of the following:

a)  $y = -2P(x)$

b)  $y = P\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right)$

**Ex.9**

Write the replacement for  $x$  or  $y$  and write the equation of the image of  $y = f(x)$  after each transformation.

a) A horizontal stretch by a factor of 6 about the  $y$ -axis.

b) A vertical stretch by a factor of  $\frac{1}{5}$  about the  $x$ -axis.

c) A reflection in the  $x$ -axis and a vertical stretch about the  $x$ -axis by a factor of 3.

d) A horizontal stretch about the  $y$ -axis by a factor of  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  
a vertical stretch about the  $x$ -axis by a factor of  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

**Ex.10**

How does the graph of  $3y = f(x)$  compare with the graph of  $y = f(x)$ ?

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What happens to the graph of the function  $y = f(x)$  if you make these changes?

a) Replace  $x$  with  $4x$ .

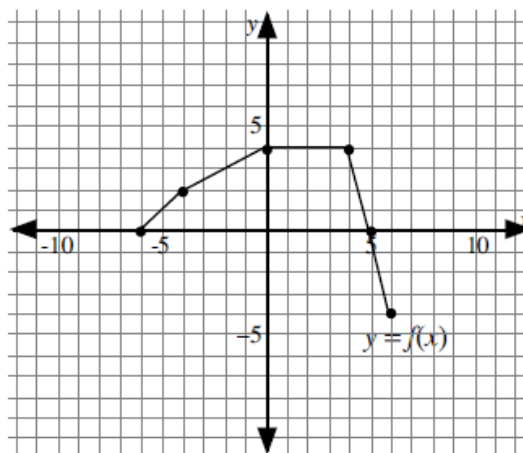
b) Replace  $y$  with  $\frac{1}{3}y$ .

c) Replace  $y$  with  $6y$  and  $x$  with  $\frac{1}{3}x$ .

**Ex.11**

The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is shown.

Sketch  $y = f(-2x)$ .

**Ex.12**

Write the equation of the image of:

a)  $y = x^2$  after a horizontal stretch about the  $y$ -axis by a factor of  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

b)  $y = \sqrt{x} - 3$  after a horizontal stretch by a factor of 4 about the  $y$ -axis and a vertical stretch by a factor of 2 about the  $x$ -axis.

c)  $y = 3x + 7$  after a vertical stretch about the  $x$ -axis by a factor of  $\frac{1}{3}$  and a reflection in the  $x$ -axis.

**Ex.13**

Describe how the graph of the second function compares to the graph of the first function.

a)  $y = f(x)$   
 $y = f\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)$

b)  $y = 2^x$   
 $y = 2^{3x}$

c)  $y = |x|$   
 $y = -2|x|$

d)  $y = |x|$   
 $y = |-2x|$

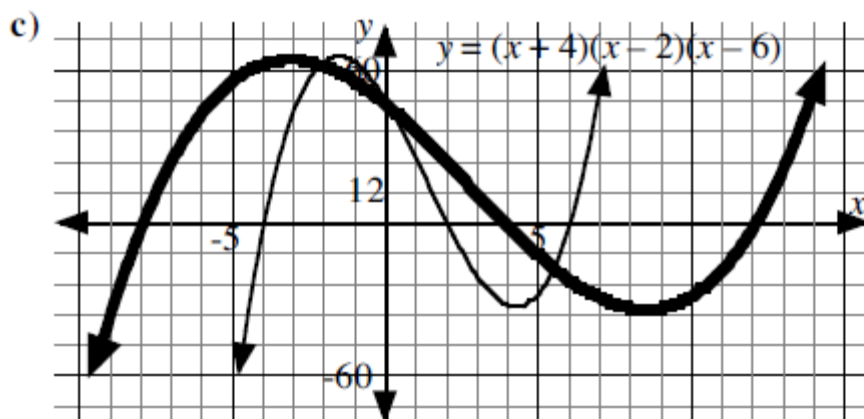
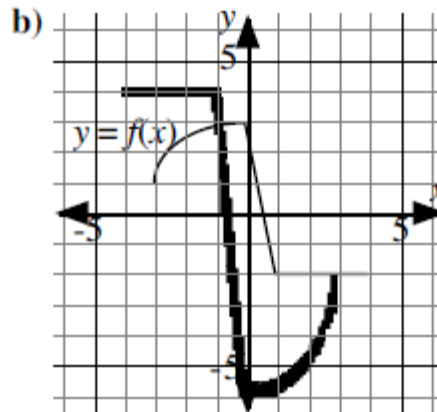
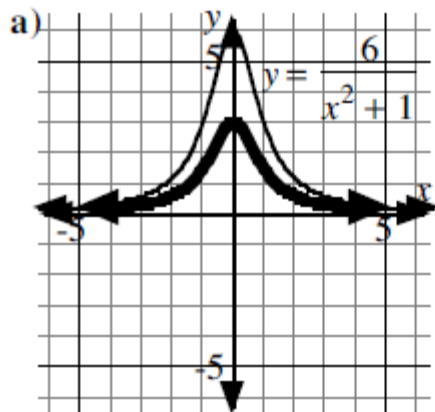
e)  $y = |x|$   
 $y = 2\left|\frac{1}{3}x\right|$

f)  $y = x^3$   
 $3y = x^3$



**Ex.14**

The function represented by the thick line is a stretch of the function represented by the line. Write an equation for each function represented by the thick line.

**Example 15**

Given the domain of the function  $y = f(x)$  is  $\{x \mid -6 \leq x \leq 3, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , determine the domain of the function  $y = f\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right)$ .

**Example 16**

Given the range of the function  $y = f(x)$  is  $[-4, 5]$ , determine the range of the function  $y = \frac{1}{4}f(x)$ .

## Combinations of Transformations   **S R T**

**When drawing transformations, use the following order:**

1. **S**tretches
2. **R**eflections
3. **T**ranslations

$$y = af[b(x-h)] + k$$

$a =$  a vertical stretch by a factor of  $a$ . If  $a$  is negative then it is also a reflection in the  $x$ -axis.  $X$ -intercepts are invariant.

$b =$  a horizontal stretch by a factor of  $\frac{1}{b}$ . If  $b$  is negative then it is also a reflection in the  $y$ -axis.  $Y$ -intercepts are invariant.

$h =$  horizontal translation

$h > 0$  horizontal translation  $h$  units right

$h < 0$  horizontal translation  $h$  units left

$k =$  vertical translation

$k > 0$  vertical translation  $k$  units up

$k < 0$  vertical translation  $k$  units down

**When graphing:**

1. Create a table of values for original function and graph.
2. Create a second table showing changes using the mapping  $(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{b} + h, ay + k\right)$

### **Note**

Many students have difficulties seeing where these parameters fit into the specific functions we deal with in this course.

Quadratic:  $y = x^2$  becomes  $y = a[b(x-h)]^2 + k$

Cubic:  $y = x^3$  becomes  $y = a[b(x-h)]^3 + k$

Absolute Value:  $y = |x|$  becomes  $y = a|b(x-h)| + k$

Square Root:  $y = \sqrt{x}$  becomes  $y = a\sqrt{b(x-h)} + k$

### **Example 1**

Suppose you have the function  $y = f(x)$ . If you were to perform a horizontal stretch by a factor of  $\frac{1}{2}$  and a vertical translation of 4 down, does the order matter? Write new equations for both scenarios.

### Example 2

Suppose you have the function  $y = f(x)$ . If you were to perform a horizontal stretch by a factor of  $\frac{3}{2}$ , and a horizontal translation of 2 units left, does the order matter? Write new equations for both scenarios.

Note:

- To sketch functions with a combination of transformations from an equation, we follow “**ORDER OF OPERATIONS**” rules (UNLESS TOLD TO DO IN A PARTICULAR ORDER)
  1. Deal with stretches and reflections FIRST (stretches and reflections both involve “multiplication”)
  2. Deal with translations LAST (which involve addition and subtraction)
- Always express your function in factored form  $y = af[b(x-h)] + k$ .

### Example 3

Describe how the graph of the function  $y = 3\sqrt{2x-6} + 5$  relates to the graph of  $y = \sqrt{x}$

### Example 4

The following transformations are applied to the function  $y = x^2 + 1$  **IN THE ORDER GIVEN**:

- A horizontal translation left 2 units
- A reflection in the x-axis
- A vertical stretch about the x-axis by a factor of  $\frac{1}{4}$
- A vertical translation of 3 units down

Write the equation which represents the final position of the graph.

### Example 5

The graph of  $y = f(x)$  where  $f(x) = x^2$  is transformed and the resulting function is represented by the equation  $g(x) = 2f\left(\frac{1}{2}(x+5)\right) - 8$ . Describe the transformations that occurred to  $y = f(x)$  to get  $g(x)$  and determine the new equation.

**Example 6**

Write the equation of the transformed functions in each of the following scenarios:

- a) The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is horizontally stretched by a factor of  $\frac{1}{4}$  about the y-axis and is vertically translated 5 units down.
- b) The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is vertically stretched by a factor of  $\frac{3}{5}$  about the x-axis, is reflected in the y-axis and is horizontally translated 2 units left.

**Example 7**

Given that the point  $P(6, -8)$  is on the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , state the **coordinates** of the corresponding image point on the graph of

a)  $y = 2f(x+3)$  \_\_\_\_\_

b)  $y + 4 = f(x - 2)$  \_\_\_\_\_

c)  $y = -f(3x)$  \_\_\_\_\_

d)  $3y + 6 = f(-x)$  \_\_\_\_\_

e)  $y = 4f(-2x + 10)$  \_\_\_\_\_

**Example 8**

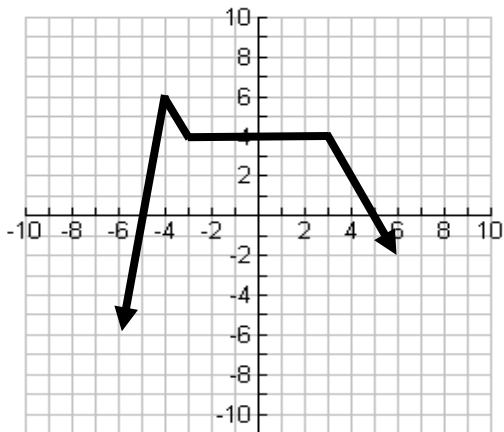
A function  $g(x) = x^3$  is transformed into a new function  $P(x)$ . To form the new function

$P(x)$ ,  $g(x)$  is stretched vertically about the x-axis by a factor of  $\frac{1}{4}$ , reflected in the y-axis and translated 3 units to the right. Write the equation of the new function  $P(x)$ .

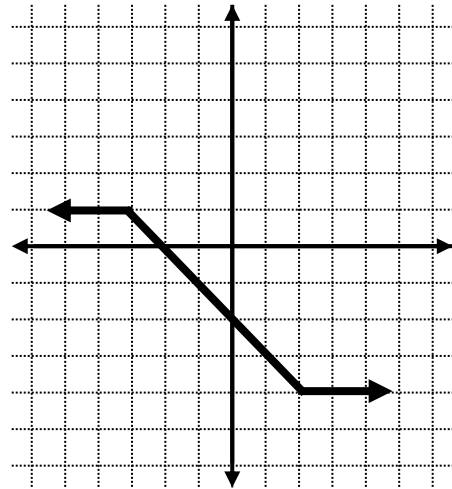
### Example 9

The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is shown. Sketch the graph of

a)  $y = -2f(2x) - 3$



b)  $2y = f\left(\frac{1}{2}x + 1\right) + 1$

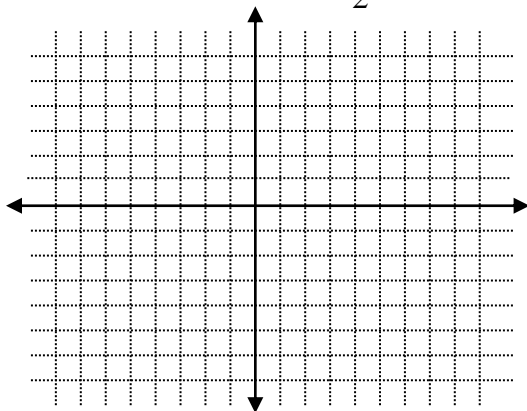


**Example 10** The point  $(m, 3n)$  is on the curve  $y = f(x)$ . Describe how the transformations affect this ordered pair if  $y = 2f(-x + 3) - 1$ .

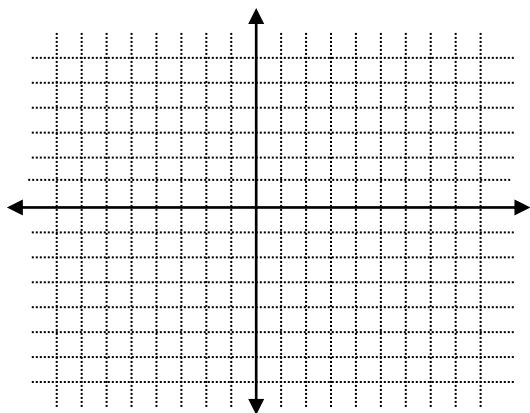
**Example 11** The graph of  $y = x^3$  is stretched vertically by a factor of 3, reflected in y-axis, and translated 2 units left and 4 units up. Write the equation of the transformed graph  $g(x)$ .

**Example 12** Sketch each set of functions on the same set of axes.

a) Sketch  $y = x^2$  and  $y = \frac{1}{2}(x + 4)^2 - 5$



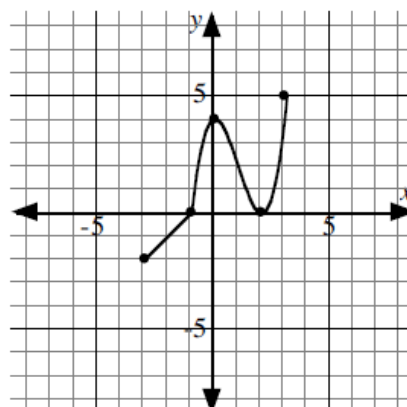
b) Given  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  and  $y = 2\sqrt{(-x-3)} + 4$



### Example 13

The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is shown.

Sketch the graph of  $y = -2f(x-3) + 1$ .



### Example 14

Consider the function  $y = f(x)$ . In each case determine:

- the replacements for  $x$  and  $y$  which would result in the following combinations of transformations
  - the equation of the transformed function in the form  $y = af[b(x-h)] + k$
- a) a horizontal stretch by a factor of  $\frac{1}{4}$  about the  $y$ -axis and a vertical translation of 5 units down.
- b) a vertical stretch by a factor of  $\frac{3}{5}$  about the  $x$ -axis, a reflection in the  $y$ -axis, and a horizontal translation 2 units left.

### Example 15

The function  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  has been transformed into the function  $g(x) = -2\sqrt{3x - 12} + 5$ . Complete the following statement.

“ The function  $f(x)$  has been transformed to the function  $g(x)$  by stretching horizontally about the  $y$ -axis by a factor of \_\_\_\_\_, stretching vertically about the  $x$ -axis by a factor of \_\_\_\_\_, reflecting in the \_\_\_\_\_, translating \_\_\_\_\_ units up and \_\_\_\_\_ units horizontally to the \_\_\_\_\_ .”

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## Inverses

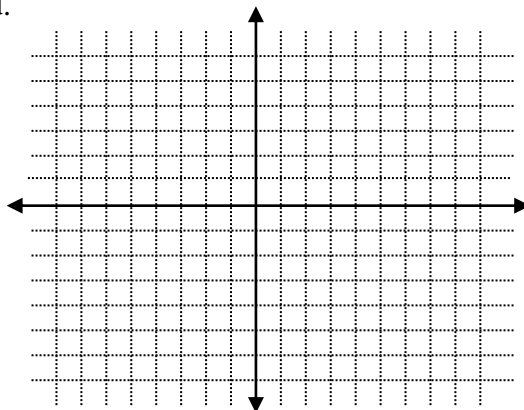
Reflections in the line  $y = x$

**Comparing**  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = f^{-1}(x)$  **OR**  $x = f(y)$

**Ex. 1** The graph of  $y = f(x) = (x - 5)^2$  is shown.

a) Write an equation that represents  $y = f^{-1}(x)$ .

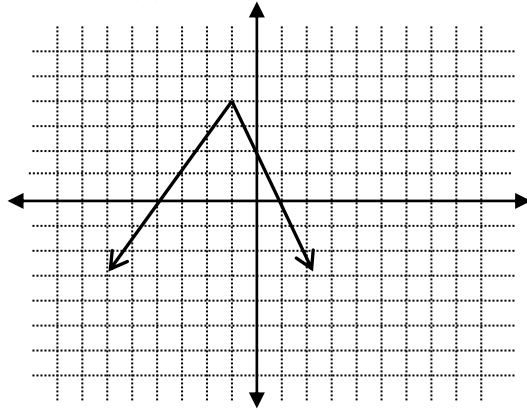
b) Use the graphing calculator to sketch  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = f^{-1}(x)$  and show the graphs on the grid.



c) Mark the invariant point(s) on the grid.

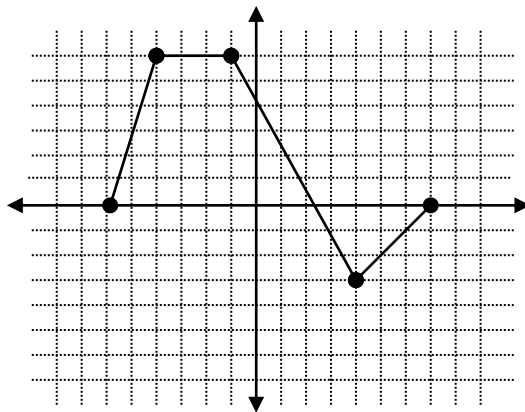
d) How does the graph of  $y = f^{-1}(x)$  compare to the graph of  $y = f(x)$ .

**Ex. 2** The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is shown. Sketch the graph of  $y = f^{-1}(x)$ .



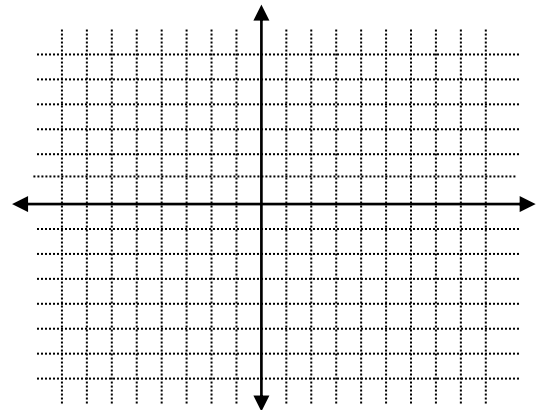
**Ex. 3** The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is shown. Sketch the following reflections on the same grid.

a)  $y = f^{-1}(x)$



**Ex. 4** Given  $y = \sqrt{x-2}$ , find:

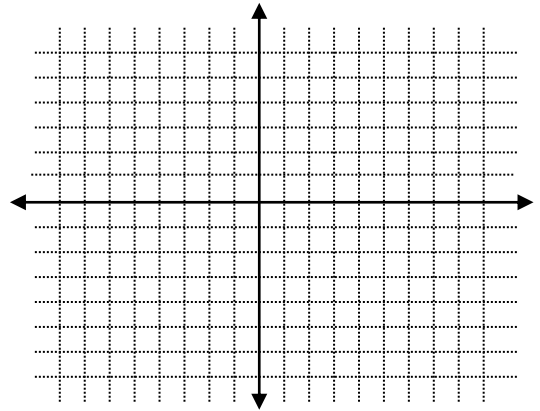
a)  $y = f^{-1}(x)$  OR  $x = f(y)$  and sketch each





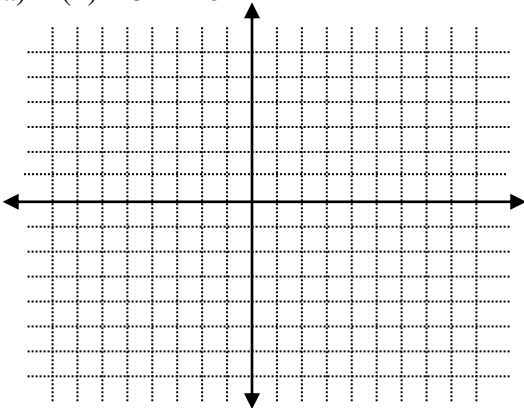
**Ex.5** Given  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ , find:

- a) The equation of a reflection in the line  $y = x$
- b) Graph and state the domain and range
- c) Describe how the domain of  $f(x)$  could be restricted so that the inverse of  $f(x)$  is a function



**Ex. 6** Determine the inverse and verify graphically

a)  $f(x) = 3x + 6$



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Major Quiz