

TYPES OF TRANSFORMATIONS:



Vertical/Horizontal Shifts

$f(x-c)$ MOVE Right c units $f(x+c)$ MOVE LEFT c units
 $f(x)-k$ MOVE DOWN k units $f(x)+k$ MOVE UP k units

Reflections

$-f(x)$ ← outside! Reflect over x-axis
 $f(-x)$ ← inside! Reflect over y-axis

Stretches/Shrinks

Horizontal: $f(\frac{x}{c})$

Vertical: $cf(x)$

Stretch by c if: $c > 1$

Shrink by c if: $c < 1$

Ex. 1. Let $f(x) = x^3 - 2$. Transform $f(x)$ into $\frac{1}{2}f(x-1)+2$

start: $f(x) = x^3 - 2$

input $(x-1)$: $f(x-1) = (x-1)^3 - 2$
 mult. $\frac{1}{2}$: $\frac{1}{2}f(x-1) = \frac{1}{2}((x-1)^3 - 2)$

$\frac{1}{2}f(x-1) = \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^3 - 1$

Add 2: $\frac{1}{2}f(x-1)+2 = \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^3 - 1 + 2$

$g(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^3 + 1$

Ex. 2. Let $f(x) = 2x + 1$. Transform $f(x)$ into $3f(-x) - 4$.

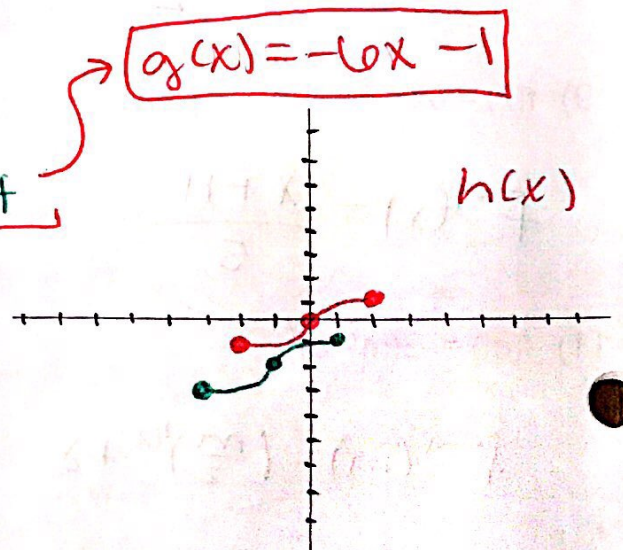
input $(-x)$: $f(-x) = 2(-x) + 1$

mult. 3: $3f(-x) = 3(-2x + 1)$
 $3f(-x) = -6x + 3$

subtr. 4: $3f(-x) - 4 = -6x + 3 - 4$
 $h(x) = -6x - 1$

Ex. 3. Graph $h(x+1) - 2$.

Left 1
 Down 2



Example 1: Describe how the graph of $y = |x|$ can be transformed to the graph of the given equation.

a) $y = |x| - 4$

b) $y = |x + 2|$

Move down 4 units

Move Left 2 units

Example 2: Find an equation for the reflection of $f(x) = \frac{5x-9}{x^2+3}$ across each axis.

y-axis
 $f(-x) = \frac{-5x-9}{x^2+3}$

x-axis
 $-f(x) = \frac{-5x+9}{x^2+3}$ or $\frac{5x-9}{-x^2-3}$

Example 3: Let C_1 be the curve defined by $y_1 = f(x) = x^3 - 16x$. Find the following equations:

a) C_2 is a vertical stretch of C_1 by a factor of 3.

$C_2 = 3x^3 - 48x$

b) C_3 is a horizontal shrink of C_1 by a factor of $1/2$.

$C_3 = \frac{1}{2}(x^3 - 16x)$

Example 4: Find the equation of the graph of $y = x^2$ if it undergoes the following transformations in order.

Does the order matter? *yes*

- ① • A horizontal shift 2 units to the right
- ② • A vertical stretch by a factor of 3
- ③ • A vertical translation 5 units up

① $y = (x-2)^2$

② $y = 3(x-2)^2$

③ $y = 3(x-2)^2 + 5$

Example 5: Sketch the graph of $y = 1 + 2f(x-1)$. *vertical stretch by 2*
right 1

