

# §2.4 Transformations.

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Section 10

## Examples:

Given  $f(x)$  as a table below

$x$	0	3	6	9
$f(x) = y$	4	8	16	24

Find tables for:

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

$x$	0	3	6	9
$y$	5	9	17	25

← add 1 to  $y$ -values.

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

$f(5-2) = f(3) =$  known value in table.  
 $f(8-2) = f(6) =$  " " " "

$x$	2	5	8	11
$f(x-2)$	4	8	16	24

← increased add by 2

(c)  $y = 2f(x)$

$x$	0	3	6	9
$2f(x)$	8	16	32	48

← double the  $y$ 's

— nothing done to  $x$ .

(d)  $y = f(3x)$

$x$	0	1	2	3
$y$	4	8	16	24

← divide  $x$  values by 3.

← nothing changes

In general, given either addition or mult by a constant  
(sub) (division)

on the inside or outside of a function,  
the corresponding inputs or outputs change  
in a predictable way.

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Arithmetic on the outside yields the same  
arithmetic on  $y$ -values.

Arithmetic on the inside yields the opposite  
arithmetic on  $x$ -values.

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Example: ~~Describe~~ Describe what each formula  
will do to the base  $y = f(x)$ .

(a)  $f(x-5)$  changes the inputs ( $y$  vals stays same)  
by adding 5 to inputs.

(b)  $3f(x) + 5$  changes the outputs ( $x$  vals stays  
the same)  
by first triple  $y$ 's then add 5.

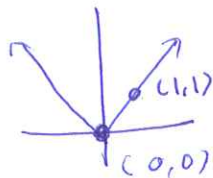
(c)  $3(f(x) + 5)$  changes the outputs by  
adding 5 then tripling.

Definition: Given a function  $f(x)$ , a transformation of  $f(x)$  is a function of the form

$$y = Af(Bx+C)+D \quad , \quad A, B, C, D \text{ are constants.}$$

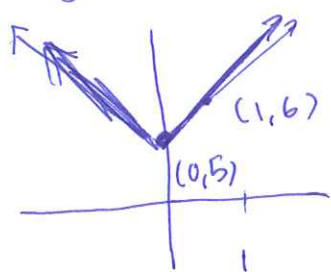
Connection to graphs:

$y = |x|$  base graph.



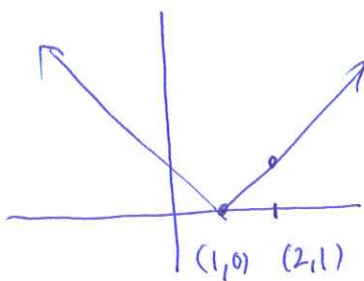
Sketch

(a)  $y = |x| + 5$



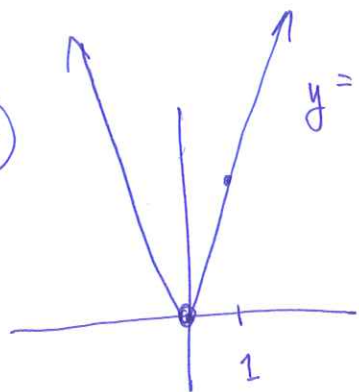
vert shift up.

(b)  $y = |x-1|$       add 1 to inputs



Horiz shift to R by one unit.

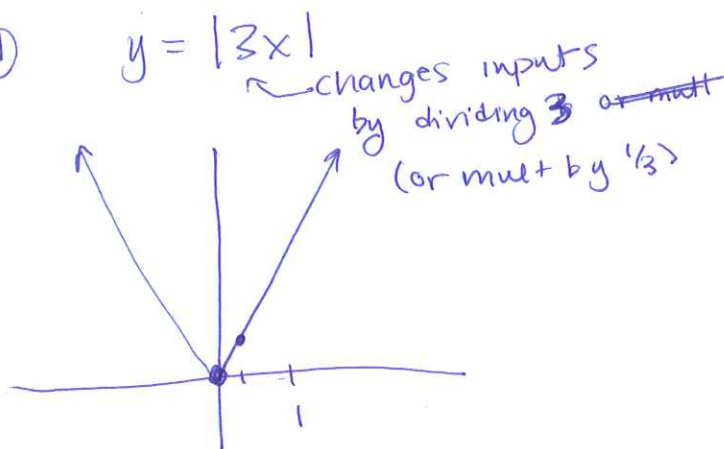
(c)



$y = 3|x|$   
↑ changes outputs

Vertical stretch/expansion by a factor of 3.

(d)



changes inputs by dividing 3 or mult by 1/3 (or mult by 1/3)  
horiz shrink/compression by a factor of 1/3.

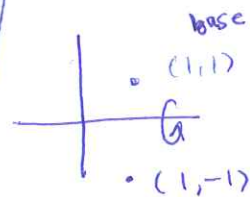
## Summary of possible basic transformations

1.)  $f(x) + C$  : changes outputs by adding  $C$ .  
vertical shift (up if  $C > 0$   
down if  $C < 0$ ).

2.)  $A f(x)$  : changes outputs by mult by  $A$   
Vertical stretch/exp:  $A > 1$   
Vertical shrink/comp:  $0 < A < 1$

3.)  $-f(x)$  : changes sign of outputs  
 $\Rightarrow$  reflection over x-axis.

outside  
transformations?



4.)  $f(x+c)$  : changes inputs by subtracting  $c$   
horizontal shift.

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5.)  $f(Bx)$  : changes inputs by dividing by  $B$  -  
horiz compression/expansion.

6.)  $f(-x)$  : changes sign on the input  
 $\Rightarrow$  reflection over y-axis.

