

TRANSFORMATIONS

Section 2.3 (class notes)

Things that you can do to a function that will result in a reflection across the x or y-axis
OR will result in a shift to the right, left, up or down.
OR will result in a vertical stretch or shrink.

1) Replace x with $(x + c)$

(The graph of function #2
will be function #1 **shifted
left c units.**)

$$\textcircled{1} \quad y = f(x)$$

ex: $y = \sqrt{x}$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad y = f(x+c)$$

ex: $y = \sqrt{x+2}$

ex: $y = 2x^3 - 3x^2$

ex: $y = 2(x+4)^3 - 3(x+4)^2$

Replace x with $(x - c)$

(The graph of function #2
will be function #1 **shifted
right c units.**)

$$y = f(x)$$

ex: $y = \sqrt{x}$

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

ex: $y = \sqrt{x-2}$

ex: $y = 2x^3 - 3x^2$

ex: $y = 2(x-4)^3 - 3(x-4)^2$

2) Replace x with $-x$

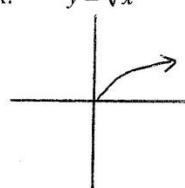
(The graph of function #2 will be function #1 reflected across the y-axis..)

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$$y = f(x)$$

ex:

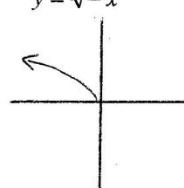
$$y = \sqrt{x}$$



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$$y = f(-x)$$

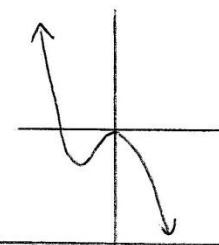
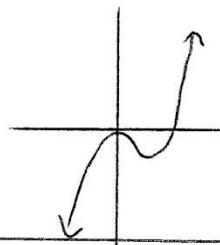
$$y = \sqrt{-x}$$



ex:

$$y = 2x^3 - 3x^2$$

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



3) Take the opposite of the whole function.

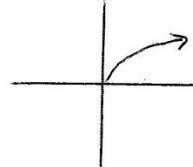
(The graph of function #2 will be function #1 reflected across the x-axis.)

①

$$y = f(x)$$

ex :

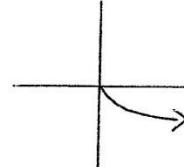
$$y = \sqrt{x}$$



②

$$y = -f(x)$$

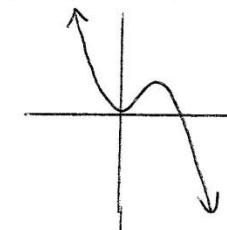
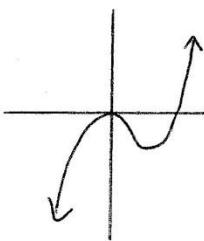
$$y = -\sqrt{x}$$



ex :

$$y = 2x^3 - 3x^2$$

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

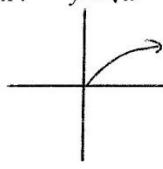


4) Add a number to the whole function.

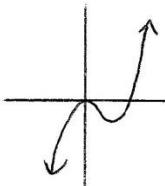
(The graph of function #2 will be function #1 shifted up c units.)

①
 $y = f(x)$

ex : $y = \sqrt{x}$

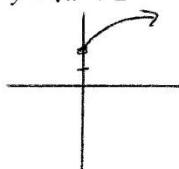


ex : $y = 2x^3 - 3x^2$

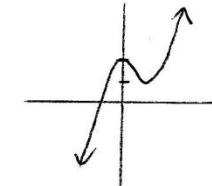


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 $y = f(x) + c$

$y = \sqrt{x} + 2$



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

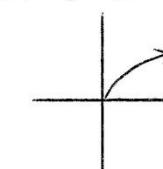


Subtract a number from the whole function.

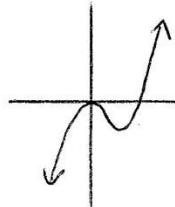
(The graph of function #2 will be function #1 shifted down c units.)

①
 $y = f(x)$

ex : $y = \sqrt{x}$

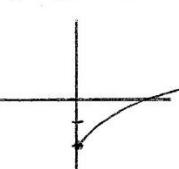


ex : $y = 2x^3 - 3x^2$

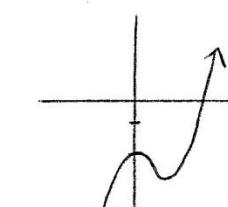


②
 $y = f(x) - c$

$y = \sqrt{x} - 2$



$y = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 2$



5) Multiply the whole function by a number: $y = a f(x)$

If $a > 1$, then vertically stretch the function by a factor of a .

$$y = f(x)$$

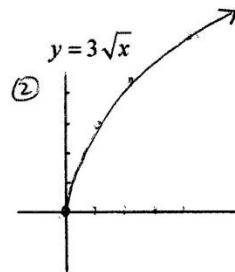
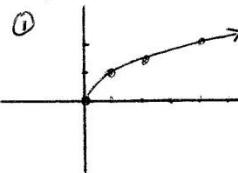
$$y = a f(x)$$

example:

$$y = \sqrt{x}$$

(The graph of function #2 will be stretched by a factor of 3.)

x	y
0	0
1	1
2	$\sqrt{2} \approx 1.41$
4	2



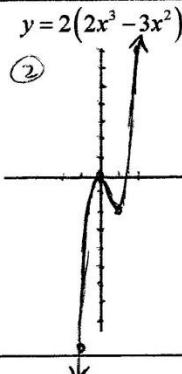
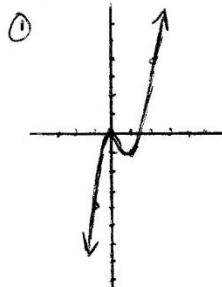
x	y
0	0
1	3
2	4.24
4	6

example:

$$y = 2x^3 - 3x^2$$

(The graph of function #2 will be stretched by a factor of 2.)

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



x	y
-1	-10
0	0
1	-2
2	8

If $-1 < a < 1$, then vertically shrink the function by a factor of a .

$$y = f(x)$$

$$y = a f(x)$$

$$\text{example: } y = \sqrt{x}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{x}$$

(The graph of function #2 will shrink by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$.)

x	y
0	0
1	1
2	$\sqrt{2} \approx 1.41$
4	2

