

I. Function Characteristics

Domain: *Interval of possible x values* for a given function. (Left,Right)

Range: *Interval of possible y values* for a given function. (down, up)

End Behavior: What is happening at the far ends of the graph?

For each side	Left side $x \rightarrow -\infty$	Right side $x \rightarrow \infty$
Pick one of these	Points Down $y \rightarrow -\infty$	Points Up $y \rightarrow \infty$

Increasing Intervals: *Interval of x values* for which the corresponding *y* values are increasing.

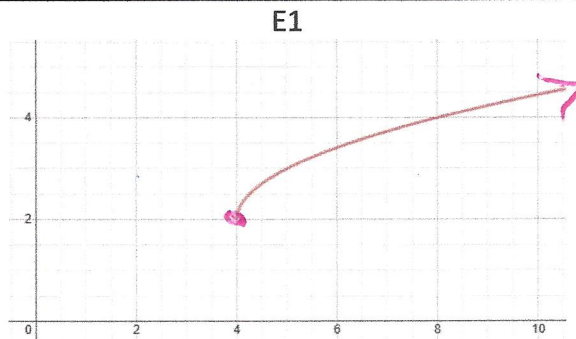
Decreasing Intervals: *Interval of x values* for which the corresponding *y* values are decreasing.

x-Intercepts: *points* where the graph crosses the *x* axis. (*x*, 0)

y-Intercepts: *points* where the graph crosses the *y* axis. (0, *y*)

Maximums: *points* where the graph changes from increasing to decreasing. Peaks in the graph.

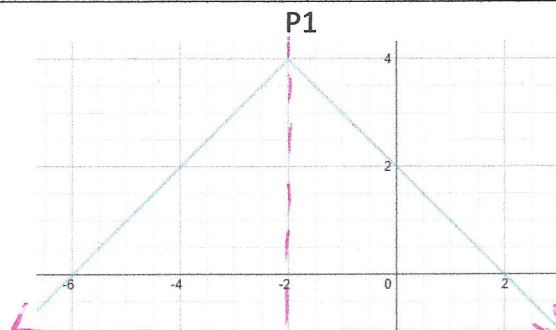
Minimums: *points* where the graph changes from decreasing to increasing. Valleys in the graph.



Domain: $[4, \infty)$
Range: $[2, \infty)$

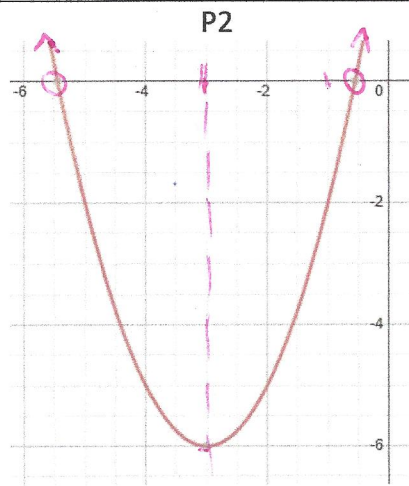
Increasing Intervals: $[4, \infty)$
Decreasing Intervals: None

End Behavior:
As $x \rightarrow -\infty, y \rightarrow 2$
As $x \rightarrow \infty, y \rightarrow \infty$
x-Intercepts: None
y-Intercepts: None
Maximums: None
Minimums: None



Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$
Range: $(-\infty, 4]$
Increasing Intervals: $(-\infty, -2)$
Decreasing Intervals: $(-2, \infty)$

End Behavior:
As $x \rightarrow -\infty, y \rightarrow -\infty$
As $x \rightarrow \infty, y \rightarrow -\infty$
x-Intercepts: $(-6, 0), (2, 0)$
y-Intercepts: $(0, 2)$
Maximums: $(-2, 4)$
Minimums: none



Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$
Range: $[-6, \infty)$
Increasing Intervals: $(-3, \infty)$
Decreasing Intervals: $(-\infty, -3)$
End Behavior:
As $x \rightarrow -\infty, y \rightarrow \infty$
As $x \rightarrow \infty, y \rightarrow \infty$
x-Intercepts: $(-5.5, 0), (-0.5, 0)$
y-Intercepts: not shown
Maximums: none
Minimums: $(-3, -6)$

Graphing a function from an equation

1. Identify the parent function to determine a general shape.

absolute value

2. Think about where the vertex or critical points are usually found for the parent function.

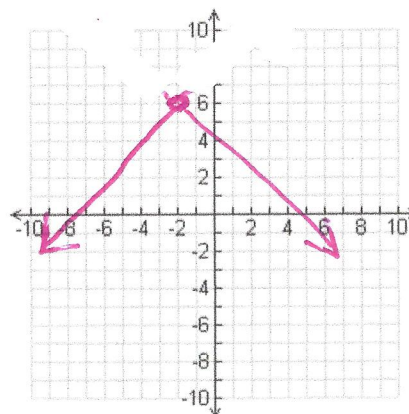
vertex at (0,0)

3. Where are the critical points of the new function given the transformations in the equation?

*L2, U6
(-2, 6) flip*

4. Plot your critical points and sketch in the graph.

P6. Graph $f(x) = -|x + 2| + 6$



Writing Function Equation from a description of the transformations

How do translations effect the function equation?

$$f(x) = -a(x - h) + k$$

“-“ flip over x axis

a compression or stretch

h horizontal shift in the opposite direction of the sign

k vertical shift in the same direction of the sign

E6

Write the equation for a quadratic function with a vertical shift down 3, left 7 and a vertical stretch by a factor of 4.

Quadratic : x^2

Down 3: subtract 3 on the “outside”

Left 7: add 7 to x (inside)

V. stretch by 4: multiply the “x part” by 4
 $y = 4(x + 7)^2 - 3$

P7. Write the equation for an absolute value function that has been shifted down three units and left 17 units.

$$f(x) = |x + 17| - 3$$

P8. Write the equation for a Quadratic function that has been flipped vertically, shifted up 5 units, and shifted right 2 units.

$$f(x) = -(x - 2) + 5$$

P9. Write the equation for a square root function that has been shifted down 11 units, shifted left 5 units, and stretched by a factor of 2.

$$f(x) = 2\sqrt{x + 5} - 11$$

P10. Write the equation for an absolute value function that has been compressed by a factor of 1/2 and shifted down three units.

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

Steps for Determining Equation from Graph

What's the parent function?

Has the same shape as a cubic function

Where's the vertex or critical point of the parent function?

(0,0)

Where's the vertex or critical point of this function?

(2,1)

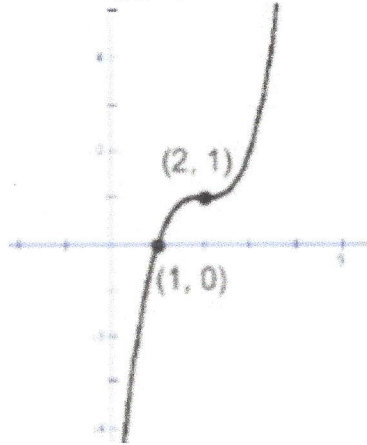
How did we get from the parent function critical point to the critical point of this function?

Right 2 and up 1

How do I translate those changes into an equation?

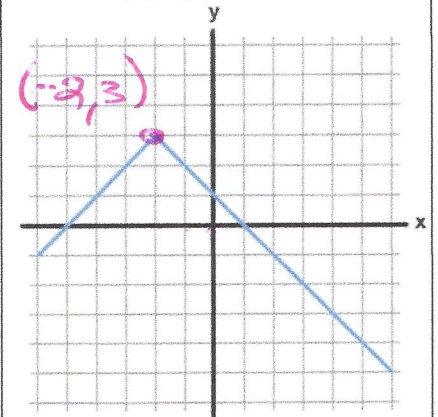
*Horizontal changes go with the x
Vertical changes go outside the x*

E7. Write the equation for the following graph.



$y = (x - 1)^3 + 2$

P9. Write the equation for the following graph



*parent: absolute value
vertex went from (0,0) to (-2,3) => L 2 U 3
is also flipped
 $y = -|x + 2| + 3$*

Shifts of Shifts

In these types of problems, you start with a function that has already been shifted around and now you're going to apply some more shifts.

E8. $f(x) = (x + 1)^2 - 1$,

If this function is shifted left 3 units, up 2 units, flipped vertically and stretched by a factor of 4 what is the resulting function equation?

Transformation what to do

Left 3	add 3 to the number "with x"	$1 + 3 = 4$
Up 2	add 2 to the number "outside" of x	$-1 + 2 = 1$
Flipped vertically	flip the sign in front of the equation	change to -
Stretched by 4	Multiply the number in front by 4	$1(4) = 4$

Resulting function: $g(x) = -4(x + 4)^2 + 1$

for compressions, divide

P10. $f(x) = 2(x)^3 + 4$

If this function is shifted up 2, right 1 and stretched by a factor of 6 what is the resulting equation?

*$f(x) = 2(x)^3 + 4$
 $\times 6$
 $= 12(x - 1)^3 + 6$*

P11. $f(x) = -|x - 5|$

If this function is shifted up 4, left 3, stretched by a factor of 2, and flipped vertically, what is the resulting equation?

*$f(x) = -|x - 5|$
multiply
 $= 2|x - 8| + 4$*

II. Function Transformations

General form: $g(x) = a f(x - h) + k$

$f(x)$ parent function

$g(x)$ transformed function

a if negative, flip vertically

$0 < |a| < 1$ vertical compression
 $|a| > 1$ vertical stretch

h if negative, horizontal shift right
 if positive, horizontal shift left

k if negative, vertical shift down
 if positive, vertical shift up

Examples

E1. $g(x) = x^2 + 2$

Parent Function:

quadratic

Transformations:

shift up 2 units

E2. $g(x) = -(x - 4)^3 - 1$

Parent Function:

cubic

Transformations:

flip vertically

shift right 4 units

shift down 1 unit

E3. $g(x) = 3\sqrt{x + 1} - 7$

Parent Function:

Radical (square root)

Transformations:

Stretch by a factor of 3

Shift left 1 unit

Shift down 7 units

E4. $g(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 3)^2 + 1$

Parent Function:

quadratic

Transformations:

Flip vertically

Compression by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$

Shift Right 3 units

Shift up 1 unit

P3. $g(x) = 2^{x-3} + 5$

Parent Function:

exponential

Transformations:

R 3

U 5

P4. $g(x) = -(x + 7)^2$

Parent Function:

quadratic

Transformations:

flip

L 7

P5. $g(x) = 2 \log(x - 2) - 1$

Parent Function:

log

Transformations:

R 2

D 1

Stretch factor 2

III. Graphing a function from an equation -

Example

1. Identify the parent function to determine a general shape.

Quadratic

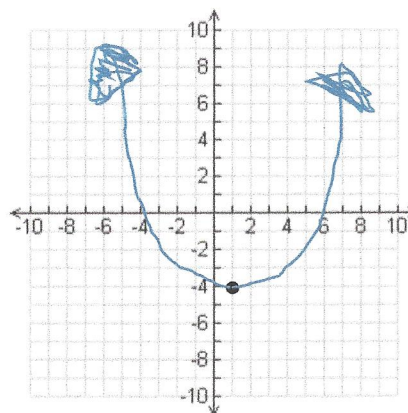
2. Think about where the vertex or critical points are usually found for the parent function.

Centered at the origin. Shaped like the letter U.

3. Where are the critical points of the new function given the transformations in the equation? Since there is a horizontal shift right 1 unit and a vertical shift down four units, the vertex is at the point (1, -4).

4. Use the location of the critical points to sketch the new graph.

E5. Graph $f(x) = (x - 1)^2 - 4$



Shifts of Shifts part 2

In this type of problem you have to identify the transformations that would change one function equation to another.

E9. What transformations would change the function equation

$$f(x) = -3\sqrt{x-4} + 1 \text{ to } g(x) = 27\sqrt{x+5} + 7$$

	Original	New	How to get there
Horizontal	-4	+5	$+5 - (-4) = 9$ Left 8
Vertical	+1	+7	$+7 - (+1) = 6$ Up 6
Flip	-	+	Signs Changed Vertical Flip
Compression or Stretch	3	27	$27 \div 3 = 9$ Stretch factor of 9

P12. What transformations would change the function equation $f(x) = -3(x-1)^2 - 3$ to $g(x) = -(x+4)^2 - 5$

	Original	New	How to get there
H	-1	+4	$4 - (-1) = 5$
V	-3	-5	$-5 - (-3) = -2$
F	-	-	no change
C/S	3	1	$1 \div 3 = \frac{1}{3}$

L5, U2 compress by factor of $\frac{1}{3}$

P13. What transformations would change the function equation $f(x) = |x+2| - 3$ to $g(x) = -2|x+1| + 2$

	Original	New	How to get there
H	+2	+1	$1 - 2 = -1$
V	-3	+2	$2 - (-3) = 5$
F	+	-	sign change Vertical
C/S	1	2	$2 \div 1 = 2$

R1
U5
flip
stretch factor of 2