

Notes --- Transformations

A RIGID TRANSFORMATION – is a transformation that will leave the size and shape of a graph unchanged. This includes horizontal translations, vertical translations, reflections, or any combination of these.

A NON-RIGID TRANSFORMATION – is a transformation which will generally distort the shape of a graph. This includes horizontal or vertical stretches and shrinks.

Given a function $y = f(x)$ (and assuming that $a > 0$)

$f(x) + k$	vertical translation up	- <u>shift</u>	the graph k units upwards
$f(x) - k$	vertical translation down	- <u>shift</u>	the graph k units downwards
$f(x - h)$	horizontal translation right	- <u>shift</u>	the graph h units to the right
$f(x + h)$	horizontal translation left	- <u>shift</u>	the graph h units to the left
$a \cdot f(x)$	vertical stretch/shrink	- if $ a > 1$, it is a <u>vertical stretch</u> by a factor of $\frac{ a }{1}$	
		& if $ a < 1$, it is <u>vertical shrink</u> by a factor of $\frac{1}{ a }$	
		<small>or compression</small>	
$f(bx)$	horizontal stretch/shrink	- if $ b > 1$, it is a <u>horiz. shrink</u> by a factor of $\frac{1}{ b }$	
		& if $ b < 1$, it is <u>horiz. stretch</u> by a factor of $\frac{1}{ b }$	
		<small>or compression</small>	
$-f(x)$	reflection	- flips the graph across the <u>X</u> -axis	
$f(-x)$	reflection	- flips the graph across the <u>y</u> -axis	
$ f(x) $	reflection (partial)	-Anything below the x -axis is reflected across the <u>X</u> -axis.	



ie: $y = |x^2 - 3|$

NOTE: If there is a coefficient to x & a horizontal translation (a " b " and an " h " the) then the coefficient should be factored out in order to truly see what the horizontal shift is.

You will be expected to understand ALL of the following notations....

$$f(x) = af(b(x-h)) + k \quad \text{(Generic function } f(x))$$

Transformations of the 12 basic functions

$f(x) = a(b(x-h)) + k$	$f(x) = a(b(x-h))^2 + k$	$f(x) = a\sqrt{b(x-h)} + k$	$f(x) = a(b(x-h))^3 + k$
$f(x) = a b(x-h) + k$	$f(x) = a \ln(b(x-h)) + k$	$f(x) = a \cdot \sin(b(x-h)) + k$	$f(x) = \frac{a}{b(x-h)} + k$
$f(x) = a \cdot e^{(b(x-h))} + k$	$f(x) = a \cdot \ln(b(x-h)) + k$	$f(x) = a \cdot \cos(b(x-h)) + k$	$f(x) = \frac{a}{1 + e^{-b(x-h)}} + k$

EXAMPLE 1 Identifying Transformations Absolute Value

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

- (a) $y = |x| - 4$ (b) $y = |x + 2|$ (c) $y = -|x - 6|$ (d) $y = |-x + 2|$ (e) $y = -|x + 3| - 7$

$K = -4$
• shift down 4

$y = |x - -2|$
 $h = -2$
• shift left 2

$a = -1$
 $h = 6$
• reflect over x-axis
• shift right 6

$y = \frac{1}{-1}(x-2)$
factor out b!
 $b = -1$
• reflect over y-axis
 $h = 2$
shift right 2

Shift last!!

$a = -1$ $h = -3$
 $K = -7$
• reflect over x-axis
• shift left 3
• down 7

EXAMPLE 2 Finding Equations of Transformations

Find an equation for the following transformations of the function $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

Parent function

(a) $f(x)$ is reflected over the y-axis and translated up 3 units

$$f(-x) + 3$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{-x} + 3$$

(b) $f(x)$ is vertically stretched by a factor of 3 and translated 4 units left.

$$3f(x+4)$$

$$f(x) = 3\sqrt{x+4}$$

(c) $f(x)$ is horizontally shrunk by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$ & reflected over the x-axis

$$-f(2x)$$

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

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(3) Describe the following transformations that have been applied to one of the 12 basic functions:

Factor out b
 (a) $f(x) = 0.5\sin(2x-6) + 7$
 $f(x) = 0.5\sin[2(x-3)] + 7$
 $a = \frac{1}{2}$ • vertical shrink by $\frac{1}{2}$
 $b = 2$ • horizontal shrink by $\frac{1}{2}$
 $h = 3$ • shift right 3, up 7
 $k = 7$

Factor out b
 (b) $f(x) = -\ln(-x+4) - 2$
 $f(x) = -\ln[-(x-4)] - 2$
 $a = -1$ • reflect over x-axis
 $b = -1$ • reflect over y-axis
 $h = 4$ • shift right 4, down 2
 $k = -2$

Logistic
 parent function
 (c) $f(x) = \frac{2}{1+e^x}$ $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$
 $2 \cdot \frac{1}{1+e^{-(-x)}} = \frac{2}{1+e^x}$
 $a = 2$ vertical stretch by 2
 $b = -1$ re

(4) Find an equation for the following transformations of the function $f(x) = e^x$.

(a) $f(x)$ is reflected over the x-axis & translated down 2 units

$$f(x) = -e^x - 2$$

(b) $f(x)$ is vertically shrunk by a factor of $\frac{1}{4}$ & translated 6 units right.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{4}e^{x-6}$$

(c) $f(x)$ is horizontally stretched by a factor of 7 & shifted up 3 & left 4.

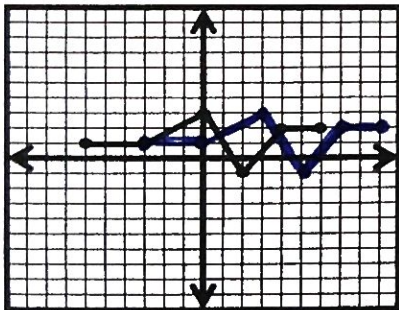
$$f(x) = e^{\frac{1}{7}(x+4)} + 3 \text{ or}$$

EXAMPLE 3 Applying Transformations to Graphs

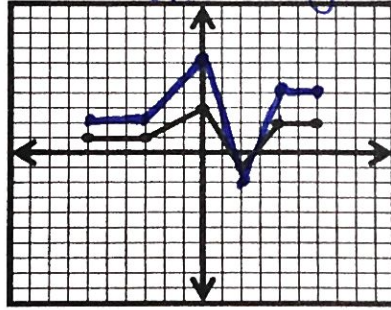
Given the graph of $f(x)$ in each coordinate plane below sketch each of the transformations indicated:

$$f(x) = e^{\frac{1}{7}x + \frac{4}{7}} + 3$$

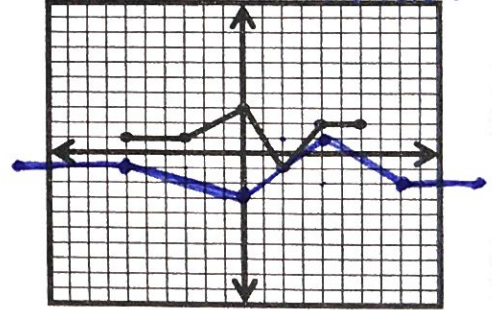
(a) $f(x-3)$ shift right 3



(b) $2f(x)$ vertical stretch by 2

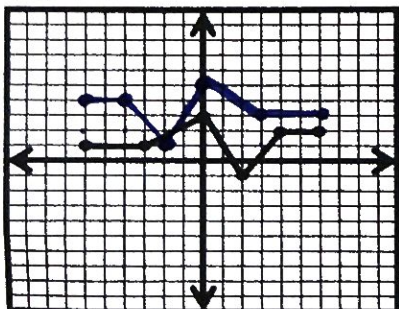


(c) $-f(\frac{1}{2}x)$ reflect over x-axis, horiz. stretch by 2



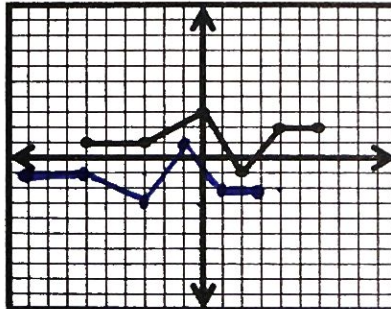
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(d) $f(-x) + 2$



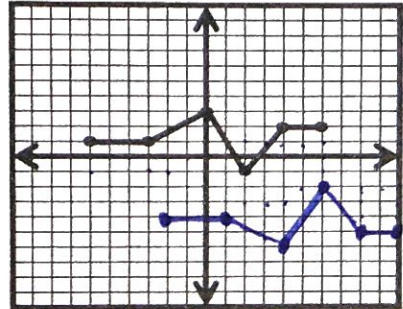
- reflect over y-axis
- shift up 2

(e) $-f(x+3)$



- reflect over x-axis
- shift left 3

(f) $-f(x-4) - 3$



- reflect over x-axis
- shift right 4, down 3