

Review Grade 11 – Part 1: Transformation of Functions

If $f(x)$ represents some parent function, transformations can be used to create a new function:

$$y = af[k(x-d)] + c$$

inside (horizontal), think opposite
outside (vertical, follow intuition)

The graph of this new function will have similarities to the original parent function $f(x)$, but each point will have been transformed as a result of the constants k , d , a , and c . The effect of each of these constants is the following:

k --> horizontally expands/compresses by a factor of $\frac{1}{|k|}$. If ' k ' is negative then the point is subsequently

reflected about the y-axis.

d --> horizontally shifts the point ' d ' units to the right.

a --> vertically expands/compresses by a factor of $|a|$. If ' a ' is negative, then the point is subsequently reflected about the x-axis.

c --> vertically shifts the point up ' c ' units.

A few key things to note

- Constants that are inside the function (k and d) transform the function horizontally; the effect of these constants is opposite of our intuition.
- Constants that are outside the function (a and c) transform the function vertically.
- Constants that operate as multipliers (k and a) represent expansion/compressions.
- Constants that operate as addition or subtraction (d and c) represent shifts.

k, d, a, c
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Example 1

Describe the transformations in order for the following functions.

Order
 → k before d
 → a before c

a) $y = -4f(-0.5(x - 1)) + 3$

b) Given the parent function $f(x) = \sin(\theta)$,

$$y = 3 \sin(2\theta - 120^\circ) - 1$$

$$y = 3 \sin[2(\theta - 60^\circ)] - 1$$

| Constant | Transformation |
|--------------------|--|
| $k = -\frac{1}{2}$ | → horizontal expansion by a factor of 2 → reflection about the y-axis |
| $d = 1$ | → horizontal shift right 1 unit |
| $a = -4$ | → vertical expansion by a factor of 4. → reflection about the x-axis |
| $c = 3$ | → vertical shift up 3 units |

| Constant | Transformation |
|----------------|---|
| $k = 2$ | → horizontal compression by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| $d = 60^\circ$ | → phase shift right 60° |
| $a = 3$ | → vertically expand by a factor of 3. |
| $c = -1$ | → shift down 1 unit. |

Example 2

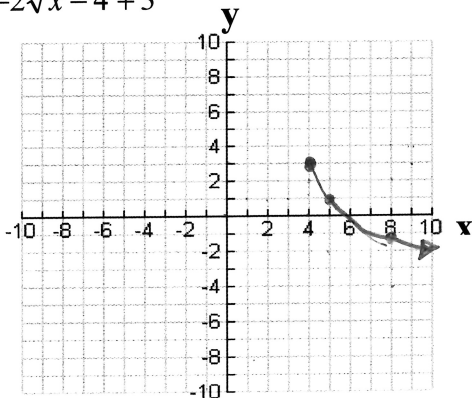
Give the following table of values for parent functions create a graph of the transformed function and state the domain and range.

| x | $y = \sqrt{x}$ |
|---|----------------|
| 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 |
| 4 | 2 |
| 9 | 3 |

| x | $y = x $ |
|----|-----------|
| -2 | 2 |
| -1 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 |

a) $y = -2\sqrt{x-4} + 3$

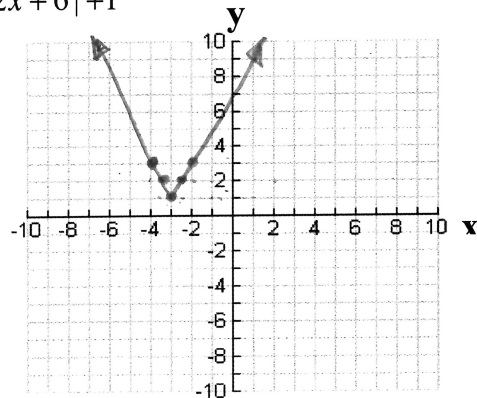
$k = 1$
 $d = 4$
 $a = -2$
 $c = 3$



Domain: $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 4\}$ Range: $\{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \leq 3\}$

$y = |2(x+3)| + 1$
 b) $y = |2x + 6| + 1$

$k = 2$
 $d = -3$
 $a = 1$
 $c = 1$



Domain: $\{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ Range: $\{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \geq 1\}$

Mapping Function

Another way to transform a function is to use a mapping statement as follows:

Parent function

(x, y)

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Transformed Function

$\left(\frac{x}{k} + d, ay + c\right)$

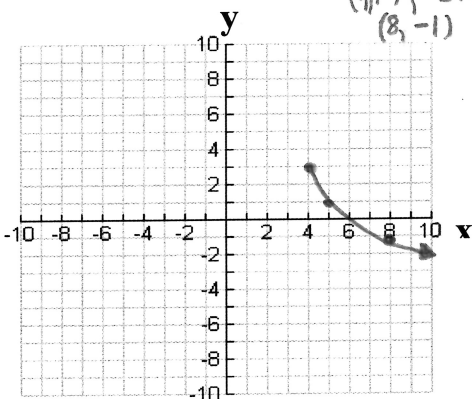
Example 3

Create a mapping function and use it to recreate the graphs above.

a) $y = -2\sqrt{x-4} + 3$

$(x, y) \rightarrow (x+4, -2y+3)$
 $(4+4, -2(2)+3)$
 $(8, -1)$

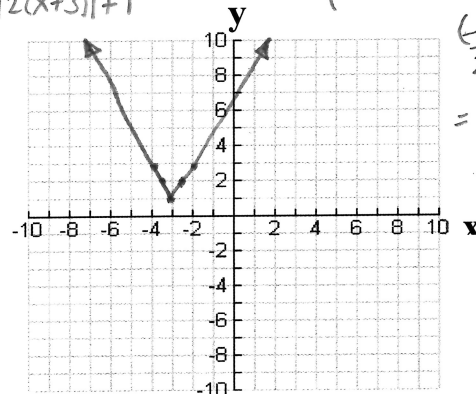
$k = 1$
 $d = 4$
 $a = -2$
 $c = 3$



b) $y = |2x + 6| + 1$

$y = |2(x+3)| + 1$

$k = 2$
 $d = -3$
 $a = 1$
 $c = 1$



$(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{2} - 3, y + 1\right)$

$\left(\frac{-2}{2} - 3, (2) + 1\right)$
 $= -4, 3$

Example $(4, 2)$

Example $(-2, 2)$

Practice

Given a table of values for the following parent functions, graph the following and state the domain and range:

$$y = \sqrt{x}$$

$$y = |x|$$

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

| x | y |
|---|---|
| 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 |
| 4 | 2 |
| 9 | 3 |

| x | y |
|----|---|
| -2 | 2 |
| -1 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 |

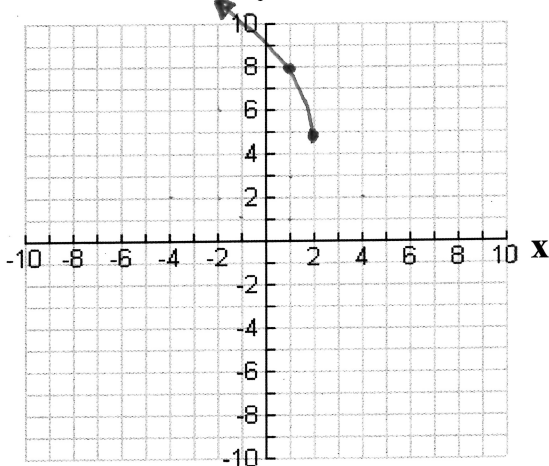
| x | y |
|----|------|
| -2 | -0.5 |
| -1 | -1 |
| 0 | DNE |
| 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 0.5 |

a) $y = 3\sqrt{-x+2} + 5$

$$y = 3\sqrt{-(x-2)} + 5$$

$$h \begin{cases} k = -1 \\ d = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$v \begin{cases} a = 3 \\ c = 5 \end{cases}$$



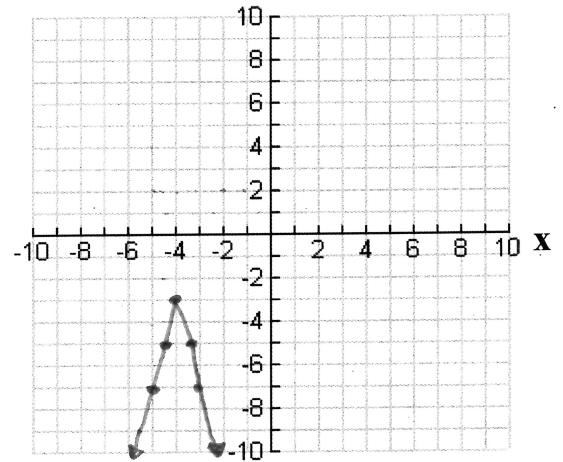
Domain: $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \leq 2\}$ Range: $\{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \geq 5\}$

b) $y = -2|2x+8| - 3$

$$y = -2|2(x+4)| - 3$$

$$h \begin{cases} k = 2 \\ d = -4 \end{cases}$$

$$v \begin{cases} a = -2 \\ c = -3 \end{cases}$$



Domain: $\{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ Range: $\{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \leq -3\}$

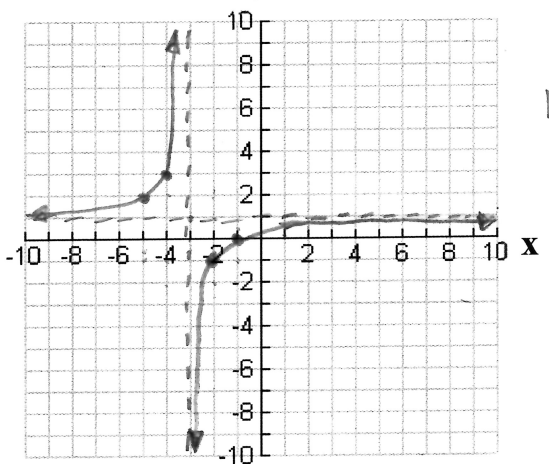
c) $y = -\frac{2}{x+3} + 1 \rightarrow y = -2\frac{1}{x+3} + 1$

$$k = 1$$

$$d = -3$$

$$a = -2$$

$$c = 1$$

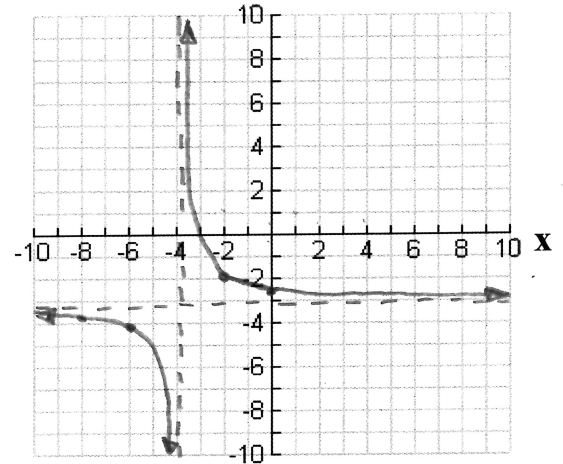


Domain: $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq -3\}$ Range: $\{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \neq 1\}$

d) $y = \frac{1}{0.5x+2} - 3 \rightarrow y = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}(x+4)} - 3$

$$h \begin{cases} k = \frac{1}{2} \\ d = -4 \end{cases}$$

$$v \begin{cases} a = 1 \\ c = -3 \end{cases}$$



Domain: $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq -4\}$ Range: $\{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \neq -3\}$