

Today you will:

- Write functions representing translations and reflections
- Write functions representing combinations of transformations
- Practice using English to describe math processes and equations

Core vocabulary:

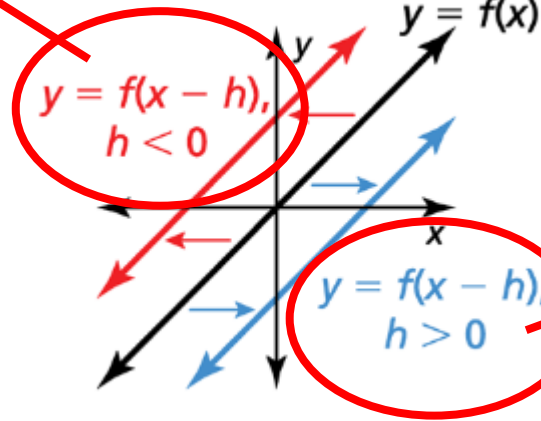
- Parent function – most basic function for a given family of functions
- Transformation (of a graph of a function) – change a function's position, size, shape, orientation
- Translation (of a graph of a function) – shift a function horizontally and/or vertically
- Reflection (of a graph of a function) – flip a function around a given line (line of reflection)

Horizontal translation

- The graph of $y = f(x - h)$ is a horizontal translation of the parent function $y = f(x)$ where $h \neq 0$.

Example of horizontal translation left 3

$$f(x) = (x + 3)^2$$



Example of horizontal translation right 3:

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

Horizontal translation is ***INSIDE*** the parenthesis with the x

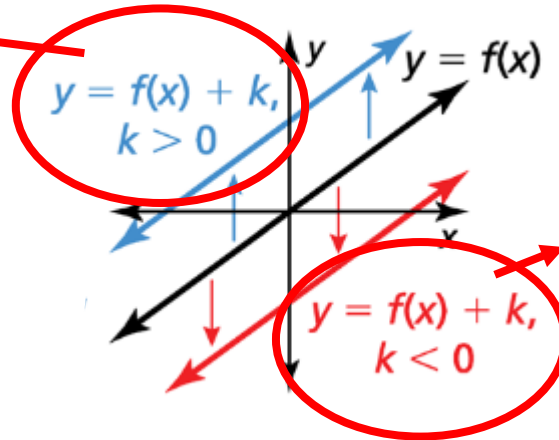
Seems backwards but
subtracting moves right
adding moves left.

Vertical translation

- The graph of $y = f(x) + k$ is a vertical translation of the parent function where $k \neq 0$.

Example of vertical translation up 3:

$$f(x) = x + 3$$



Example of vertical translation down 3:

$$f(x) = x - 3$$

Vertical translation is ***OUTSIDE*** the parenthesis, apart from the x

Adding moves up

Subtracting moves down

Some translation examples:

- $f(x) = (x - 4)^2 + 2$
 - Translation 4 units right, 2 units up
- $f(x) = (x + 5)^2 - 3$
 - Translation 5 units left, 3 units down
- $f(x) = (x - 1)^2$
 - Translation 1 unit right (no vertical translation)
- $f(x) = x^2 + 1$
 - Translation 1 unit up (no horizontal translation)

EXAMPLE 1: Let $f(x) = 2x + 1$.

- Write a function g whose graph is a translation 3 units down of the graph of f .
- Write a function h whose graph is a translation 2 units to the left of the graph of f .

SOLUTION

- A translation 3 units down is a vertical translation that adds -3 to each output value.

$$\begin{aligned}g(x) &= f(x) + (-3) && \text{Add } -3 \text{ to the output.} \\ &= 2x + 1 + (-3) && \text{Substitute } 2x + 1 \text{ for } f(x). \\ &= 2x - 2 && \text{Simplify.}\end{aligned}$$

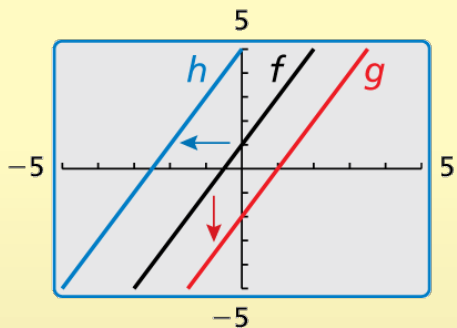
► The translated function is $g(x) = 2x - 2$.

- A translation 2 units to the left is a horizontal translation that subtracts -2 from each input value.

$$\begin{aligned}h(x) &= f(x - (-2)) && \text{Subtract } -2 \text{ from the input.} \\ &= f(x + 2) && \text{Add the opposite.} \\ &= 2(x + 2) + 1 && \text{Replace } x \text{ with } x + 2 \text{ in } f(x). \\ &= 2x + 5 && \text{Simplify.}\end{aligned}$$

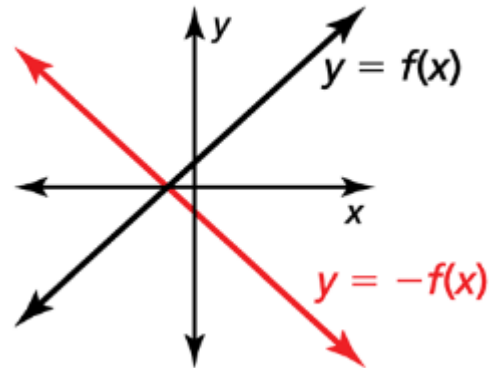
► The translated function is $h(x) = 2x + 5$.

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Reflections in the x-axis

- The graph of $y = -f(x)$ is a reflection in the x-axis of the graph of $y = f(x)$.



Example of a reflection around the x-axis:
 $f(x) = -2x$

is a reflection of $f(x) = 2x$ around the x-axis

*Multiplying the **outputs** by -1 changes their signs and flips the graph around the x-axis*

Reflections in the y-axis

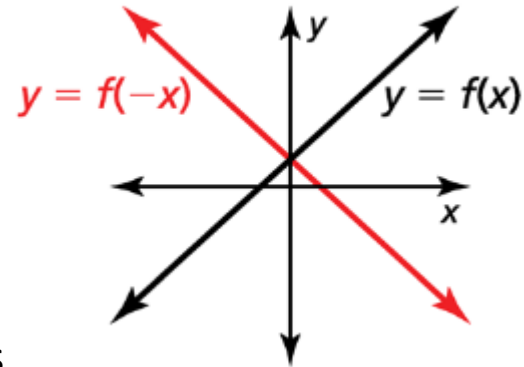
- The graph of $y = f(-x)$ is a reflection in the y-axis of the graph of $y = f(x)$.



Example of a reflection around the y-axis:

$$f(x) = -2x + 3$$

is a reflection of $f(x) = 2x + 3$ around the y-axis



*Multiplying the **inputs** by -1 changes their signs and flips the graph around the y-axis*

EXAMPLE 2: Let $f(x) = |x + 3| + 1$.

a. Write a function g whose graph is a reflection in the x -axis of the graph of f .

b. Write a function h whose graph is a reflection in the y -axis of the graph of f .

SOLUTION

a. A reflection in the x -axis changes the sign of each output value.

$$g(x) = -f(x)$$

Multiply the output by -1 .

$$= -(|x + 3| + 1)$$

Substitute $|x + 3| + 1$ for $f(x)$.

$$= -|x + 3| - 1$$

Distributive Property

► The reflected function is $g(x) = -|x + 3| - 1$.

b. A reflection in the y -axis changes the sign of each input value.

$$h(x) = f(-x)$$

Multiply the input by -1 .

$$= |-x + 3| + 1$$

Replace x with $-x$ in $f(x)$.

$$= |-(x - 3)| + 1$$

Factor out -1 .

$$= |-1| \cdot |x - 3| + 1$$

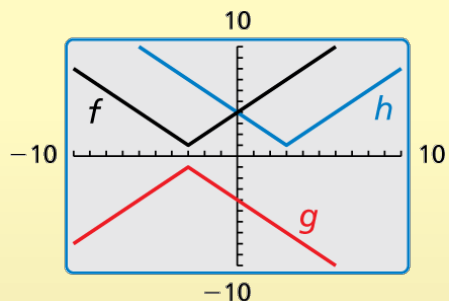
Product Property of Absolute Value

$$= |x - 3| + 1$$

Simplify.

► The reflected function is $h(x) = |x - 3| + 1$.

Check



Homework: pg 16 #3-16, 33, 37-40

And remember:

- Horizontal translation (need to adjust every x): $y = f(x - h)$
- Vertical translation (need to adjust every y): $y = f(x) + k$
- Reflection in x-axis (need to negate every y): $y = -f(x)$
- Reflection in y-axis (need to negate every x): $y = f(-x)$