

1.2 Reflections and Stretches

Example 1: Complete the table of values and graph the two functions on the same set of axes.

x	$f(x) = 2^x$	$-f(x) = -2^x$
-3	$\frac{1}{8}$	$-\frac{1}{8}$
-2	$\frac{1}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{4}$
-1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$
0	1	-1
1	2	-2
2	4	-4
3	8	-8

$$y = 2^{-3} = \frac{1}{2^3} = \frac{1}{8}$$

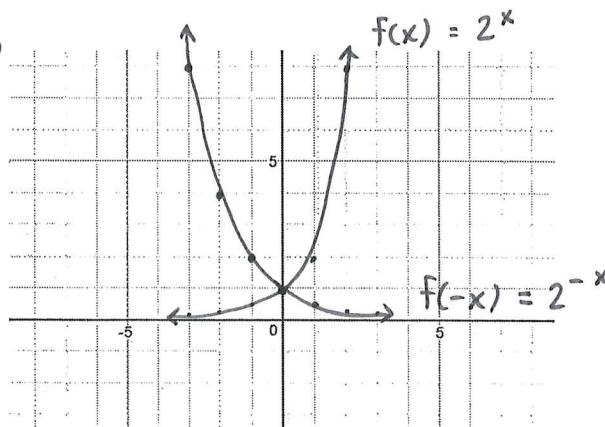
Describe how the two graphs are related: $-f(x)$ is a reflection over the x -axis of $f(x)$.

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

Mapping Notation: $(x, y) \rightarrow (\underline{x}, \underline{-y})$

Example 2: Complete the table of values and graph the two functions on the same set of axes.

x	$f(x) = 2^x$	$f(-x) = 2^{-x}$
-3	$\frac{1}{8}$	8
-2	$\frac{1}{4}$	4
-1	$\frac{1}{2}$	2
0	1	1
1	2	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	4	$\frac{1}{4}$
3	8	$\frac{1}{8}$



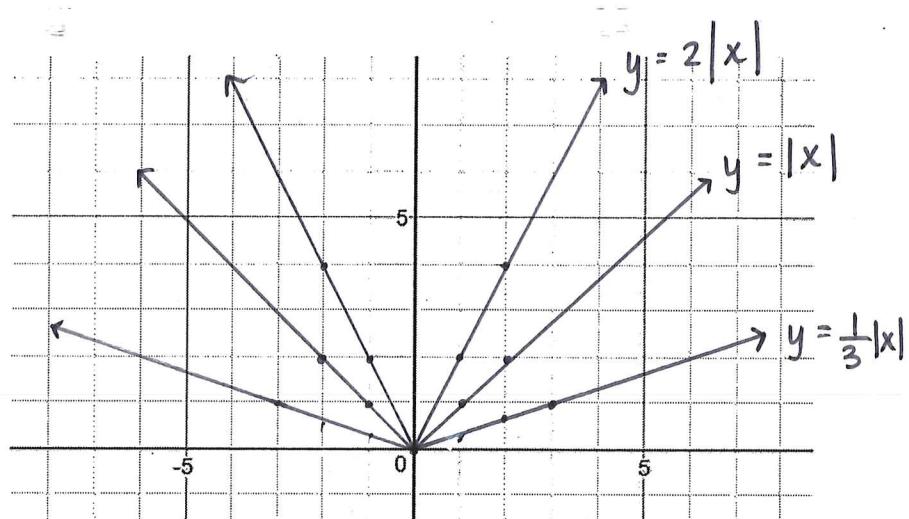
Describe how the two graphs are related: $f(-x)$ is a reflection over the y -axis of $f(x)$.

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

Mapping Notation: $(x, y) \rightarrow (\underline{-x}, \underline{y})$

Example 3: Sketch the graph of $y = |x|$, $y = 2|x|$, and $y = \frac{1}{3}|x|$ on the axes below.

x	$y = x $	$y = 2 x $	$y = \frac{1}{3} x $
-2	2	4	$\frac{2}{3}$
-1	1	2	$\frac{1}{3}$
0	0	0	0
1	1	2	$\frac{1}{3}$
2	2	4	$\frac{2}{3}$



In general, for any function $y = f(x)$, the graph of $y = af(x)$, where a is any real number results in a vertical stretch by a factor of "a"

Mapping Notation: $(x, y) \rightarrow (\underline{x}, \underline{ay})$

Example 4: Graph the following functions on the axes below.

$$y = \sqrt{x}$$

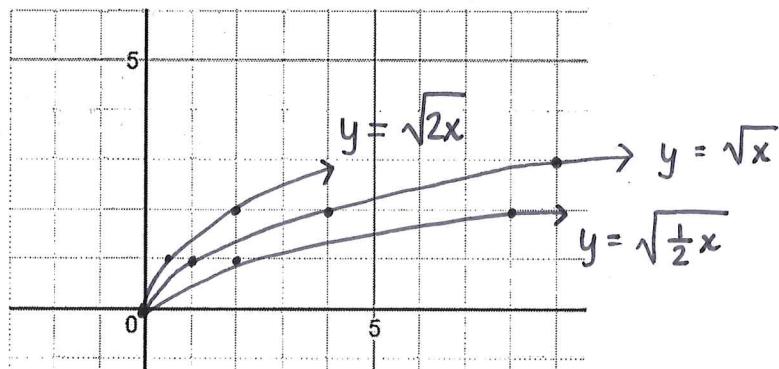
$$y = \sqrt{2x}$$

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

x	y
0	0
1	1
4	2
9	3

x	y
0	0
$\frac{1}{2}$	1
2	2

x	y
0	0
2	1
8	2



In general, for any function $y = f(x)$, the graph of $y = f(bx)$, where b is any real number results in a horizontal stretch by a factor of "1/b"

Mapping Notation: $(x, y) \rightarrow (\underline{\frac{x}{b}}, \underline{y})$

Example 5: Given the graph of $y = f(x)$,

- Sketch the graph of $g(x) = f(3x)$
- Describe the transformation
- State any invariant points (points that do not change even when a transformation occurs)
- State the domain and range of the new function

a) Graphing

$\frac{1}{3}$	x	y
-1	-3	0
0	0	2
2	6	1

new values
for $f(3x)$

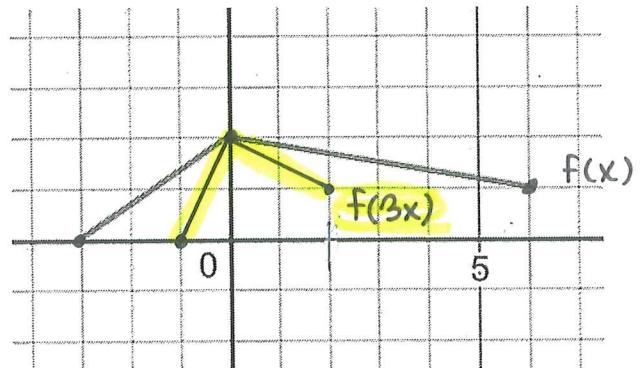
b) transformation

horizontal stretch
by a factor of $\frac{1}{3}$

c) invariant point $(0, 2)$

d) Domain : $\{x \mid -1 \leq x \leq 2, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Range : $\{y \mid 0 \leq y \leq 2, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$



Example 6: Given the graph of $y = f(x)$,

- Sketch the graph of $g(x) = f(-x)$
- Describe the transformation
- State any invariant points
- State the domain and range of the new function

a) Graphing

-1	x	y
3	-3	0
0	0	2
-6	6	1

new values
for $f(-x)$

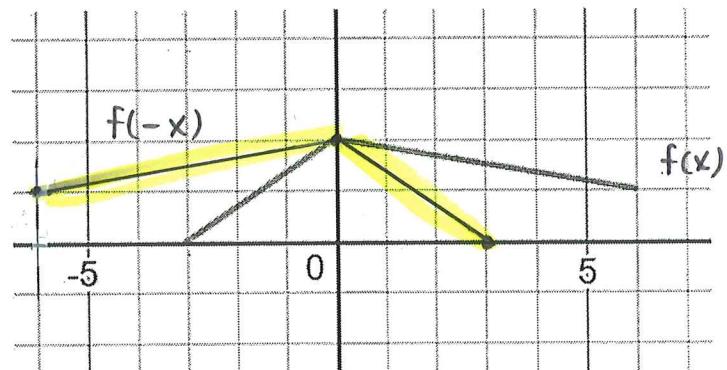
b) Transformation

Reflection in the
y-axis

c) Invariant point
 $(0, 2)$

d) Domain : $\{x \mid -6 \leq x \leq 3, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Range : $\{y \mid 0 \leq y \leq 2, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$



Example 7: Given $f(x) = (x - 2)(x + 3)$, use transformations to determine the zeroes of each of the following functions.

zeroes/roots \rightarrow values of x when $f(x) = 0$ roots

$$0 = (x - 2)(x + 3)$$

$$\begin{matrix} \downarrow & \downarrow \\ x = 2 & x = -3 \end{matrix}$$

(2, 0) and (-3, 0)

a) $g(x) = f(2x)$

horizontal stretch by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$
(mult. x-values by $\frac{1}{2}$)

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (\frac{1}{2}x, y)$$

$$(2, 0) \rightarrow (1, 0)$$

$$(-3, 0) \rightarrow (-\frac{3}{2}, 0)$$

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

reflection in the y-axis
(mult. x-values by -1)

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (-x, y)$$

$$(2, 0) \rightarrow (-2, 0)$$

$$(-3, 0) \rightarrow (3, 0)$$

c) $g(x) = 3f(x)$

vertical stretch by a factor of 3
(mult. y-values by 3)

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (x, 3y)$$

$$(2, 0) \rightarrow (2, 0)$$

$$(-3, 0) \rightarrow (-3, 0)$$

No change since values were zero.

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

reflection in the x-axis
(mult. y-values by -1)

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (x, -y)$$

$$(2, 0) \rightarrow (2, 0)$$

$$(-3, 0) \rightarrow (-3, 0)$$

No change