## Transformation of the Graphs

## Summary of Transformations

Start with the basic graph of $y=f(x)$.

## To Graph:

## Draw the Graph of $f$ and:

Functional Change to $f(x)$
Horizontal shifts

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\begin{array}{llll}
y=f(x+c), & c>0 & \text { Shift the graph of } f \text { to the left } c \text { units. } \\
y=f(x-c), & c>0 & \text { Shift the graph of } f \text { to the right } c \text { units. }
\end{array}
$$

Replace $x$ by $x+c$.
Replace $x$ by $x-c$.

Ex) Graph the function, $y=(x+2)^{2}$
Start with the basic graph: $y=x^{2}$


Ex) Graph the function, $y=(x-5)^{3}$
Start with the basic graph: $y=x^{3}$


## Compressing or stretching

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\begin{array}{llll}
y=a f(x), & a>0 & \begin{array}{l}
\text { Multiply each } y \text {-coordinate of } y=f(x) \text { by } a . \\
\text { Stretch the graph of } f \text { vertically if } a>1 . \\
\text { Compress the graph of } f \text { vertically if } 0<a<1 .
\end{array} & \text { Multiply } f(x) \text { by } c \\
y=f(a x), \quad a>0 & \begin{array}{l}
\text { Multiply each } x \text {-coordinate of } y=f(x) \text { by } \frac{1}{a} . \\
\text { Stretch the graph of } f \text { horizontally if } 0<a<1 . \\
\text { Compress the graph of } f \text { horizontally if } a>1 .
\end{array} & \text { Replace } x \text { by } a x .
\end{array}
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Ex) Graph the functions, $y=5 x^{2}$ and $y=\frac{1}{5} x^{2}$
Start with the basic graph: $y=x^{2}$


Ex) Graph the function, $y=\sqrt{3 x}$ and $y=\sqrt{\frac{1}{3} x}$
Start with the basic graph: $y=\sqrt{x}$


## Reflection about the $x$-axis

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y=-f(x) \quad \text { Reflect the graph of } f \text { about the } x \text {-axis. } \quad \text { Multiply } f(x) \text { by }-1 .
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Ex) Graph the function, $y=-\frac{1}{x^{2}}$
Start with the basic graph: $y=\frac{1}{x^{2}}$


Reflection about the $\boldsymbol{y}$-axis
$y=f(-x) \quad$ Reflect the graph of $f$ about the $y$-axis. Replace $x$ by $-x$.
Ex) Graph the function, $y=\sqrt{-x}$
Start with the basic graph: $y=\sqrt{x}$


## Vertical shifts

$y=f(x)+k, \quad k>0 \quad$ Raise the graph of $f$ by $k$ units.

Add $k$ to $f(x)$.
Subtract $k$ from $f(x)$.

Ex) Graph the function, $y=x^{2}+3$
Start with the basic graph: $y=x^{2}$

Ex) Graph the function, $y=x^{2}-3$
Start with the basic graph: $y=x^{2}$


## Order of Transformations

A function involving more than one transformation can be graphed by performing transformations in the following order:

1. Horizontal shifting
2. Stretching or compressing
3. Reflecting
4. Vertical shifting

## Exercise

1. Use the given graph of $y=f(x)$ below to obtain the graph of $y=f(-x)$ and $y=2 f(x)$.

| From the graph | To find points on the graph, $y=f(-x)$ |  | To find points on the graph, $y=2 f(x)$ |  |  |  |
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| $(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y})$ | $x$ | $y=f(-x)$ | $(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y})$ | $x$ | $y=2 f(x)$ | $(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y})$ |
| $(-\mathbf{4},-\mathbf{2})$ | -4 | $f(-x)=f(4)=0$ | $(-\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{0})$ | -4 | $2 f(x)=2 f(-4)=2(-2)=-4$ | $(-\mathbf{4},-\mathbf{4})$ |
| $(-\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{0})$ | -2 | $f(-x)=f(2)=2$ |  | -2 |  |  |
| $(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{2})$ | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |  |
| $(\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$ | 2 |  | 2 |  |  |  |
| $(\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{0})$ | 4 |  |  | 4 |  |  |



2. Graph the functions of $f(x)=\sqrt{x-2}$ and $g(x)=\sqrt{x+4}$.

Basic graph: $y=\sqrt{x}$


To obtain the graphs, start with the basic graph $y=\sqrt{x}$.

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

Shift the basic graph horizontally 2 units to the right.
2) $g(x)=\sqrt{x+4}$

Shift the basic graph horizontally 4 units to the left.

To obtain the specific points on the graphs,

| $x$ | $f(x)=\sqrt{x-2}$ | $(x, f(x))$ | $g(x)=\sqrt{x+4}$ | $(x, g(x))$ |
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3. Graph the function of $h(x)=|x+3|-2$.

Basic graph: $y=|x|$


To obtain the graph of $h(x)$, start with the basic graph $y=|x|$.

1) Horizontal Shifting: $|x| \rightarrow|x+3|$

Shift the basic graph horizontally to the left 3 units.
2) Vertical Shifting: $|x+3| \rightarrow|x+3|-2$

Shift the basic graph vertically down 2 units.

To obtain the specific points on the graph,

| $x$ | $h(x)=\|x+3\|-2$ | $(x, h(x))$ |
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4. Graph the function of $f(x)=3 \sin x$.

Basic graph: $y=\sin x$


To obtain the graph of $f(x)$, start with the basic graph $y=\sin x$.
Stretching: $\sin x \rightarrow 3 \sin x$
Stretch vertically by a factor of 3

To obtain specific points on the graph,

| $x$ | $f(x)=3 \sin x$ | $(x, f(x))$ |
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5. Graph the function of $g(x)=\frac{1}{2}|x|$.

Basic graph: $y=|x|$


To obtain the graph of $g(x)$, start with the basic graph $y=|x|$.
Compression: $|x| \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}|x|$
Compress vertically by a factor of $1 / 2$

To obtain specific points on the graph,

| $x$ | $g(x)=\frac{1}{2}\|x\|$ | $(x, g(x))$ |
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6. Graph the function of $f(x)=2^{-x}$ and $g(x)=-2^{x}$.

Basic graph: $y=2^{x}$


To obtain the graph of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$, start with the basic graph $y=2^{x}$.

1) $f(x)=2^{-x}$

Reflection to the $y$-axis: $2^{x} \rightarrow 2^{-x}$
2) $g(x)=-2^{x}$

Reflection to the $x$-axis: $2^{x} \rightarrow-2^{x}$

To obtain the specific points on the graphs,

| $x$ | $f(x)=2^{-x}$ | $(x, f(x))$ | $g(x)=-2^{x}$ | $(x, g(x))$ |
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7. Graph the function of $h(x)=\frac{3}{x-2}+1$.

Basic graph: $y=\frac{1}{x}$


To obtain the graph of $h(x)$, start with the basic graph $y=\frac{1}{x}$.

1) Horizontal shifting: $\frac{1}{x} \rightarrow \frac{1}{x-2}$

Shift the basic graph horizontally 2 units to the right.
2) Stretching: $\frac{1}{x-2} \rightarrow \frac{3}{x-2}$

Stretch vertically by a factor of 3 .
3) Vertical shifting: $\frac{3}{x-2} \rightarrow \frac{3}{x-2}+1$ Shift the graph vertically up 1 unit.

To obtain the specific points on the graph,

| $x$ | $h(x)=\frac{3}{x-2}+1$ | $(x, h(x))$ |
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## Good Graphs to Know

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

$f(x)=\sin x$


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f(x)=\sin ^{-1} x
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$$
f(x)=x^{2}
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$f(x)=x^{3}$

$f(x)=\frac{1}{x}$


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f(x)=\cos x
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f(x)=\sqrt[3]{x}
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f(x)=\frac{1}{x^{2}}
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f(x)=\tan x
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