

L1 - Translations

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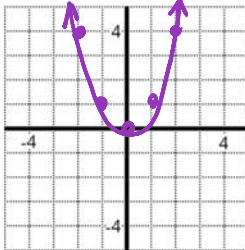
Unit 6: **Transformations**
 Lesson 1 - Translations of Functions

Here are the **Basic Functions** (and their coordinates!) you need to get familiar with.

1. Quadratic functions (a.k.a. parabolas)

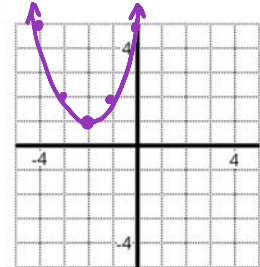
$$y = x^2$$

x	y



Ex.
 $y = (x + 2)^2 + 1$

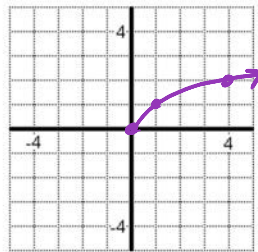
Change! $p = -2$ $q = 1$
 • left 2
 • up 1



2. Radical functions (a.k.a. square root function)

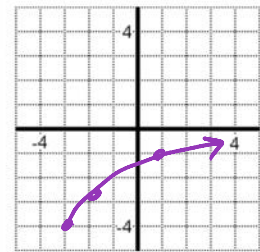
$$y = \sqrt{x}$$

x	y



Ex.
 $y = \sqrt{x + 3} - 4$

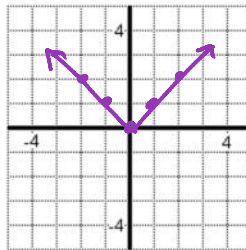
Change!
 • 3 left
 • 4 down



3. Absolute-value functions

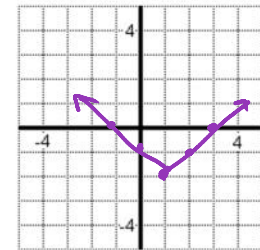
$$y = |x|$$

x	y



Ex.
 $y = |x - 1| - 2$

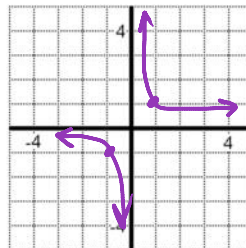
Change!
 • 1 right
 • 2 down



4. Reciprocal functions

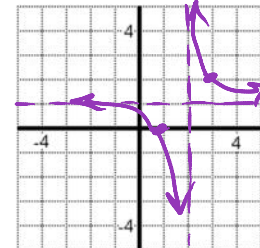
$$y = \frac{1}{x}$$

x	y
1	1
-1	-1



Ex.
 $y = \frac{1}{x - 2} + 1$

Change!
 • 2 right
 • 1 up

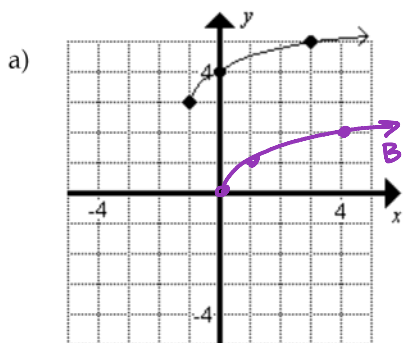


Note: You are expected to remember the shape of the above (left) functions!

Regardless of the type of function $y = f(x)$, the transformed function $y = f(x - c) + d$ tells us:

“c” = horizontal translation (HT) * by opposite of c
 “d” = vertical translation (VT) * by d

Ex. 1: Find the equations for the base functions and their transformed graphs.

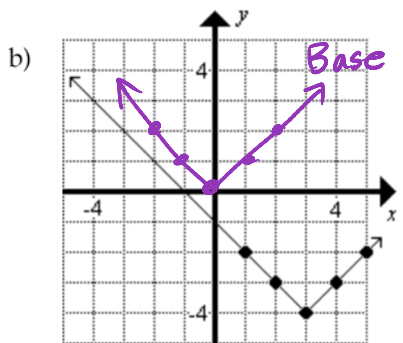


Base function:
 Radical: $y = \sqrt{x}$

Transformed function:

HT: 1 left
 VT: 3 up

$y = \sqrt{x+1} + 3$



Base function:
 Absolute value: $y = |x|$

Transformed function:

HT: 3 right
 VT: 4 down

$y = |x-3| - 4$

Ex. 2: For the function $y - 4 = f(x + 2)$ state the value of c and d that represent the horizontal and vertical translations applied to $y = f(x)$

Base: $y = f(x)$

New: $y - 4 = f(x + 2)$

$y = f(x + 2) + 4$

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 $c = -2$ $d = 4$

HT: 2 left
 VT: 4 up

Ex. 3: Determine the new function when $y = f(x - 6) + 1$ is translated 4 units to the left and 2 units downward.

$$y = f(x - 6 + 4) + 1 - 2$$

$$y = f(x - 2) - 1$$

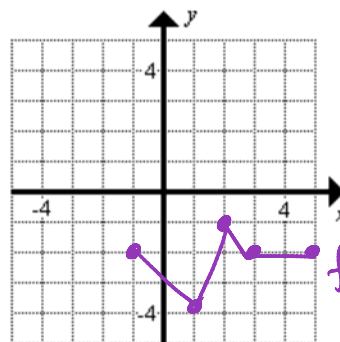
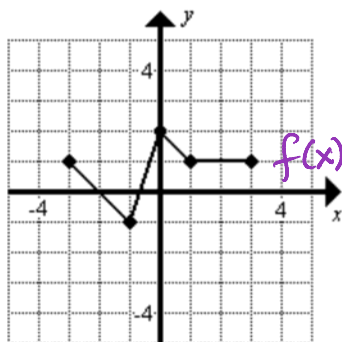
Ex. 4: Describe what happens to the graph of a function if you replace x with $x + 7$ and y with $y + 1$

Base: $y = f(x)$
 $y + 1 = f(x + 7)$
 $y = f(x + 7) - 1$

HT: 7 left
 VT: 1 down

Ex. 5: Transform the following graph. Describe the transformations in words.

Given: $y = f(x)$
 Graph: $y = f(x - 2) - 3$



HT: 2 right
 VT: 3 down

To translate, choose key points on the graph and then translate each one to graph its corresponding **image point on the transformed graph.

Mapping Notation: $(x, y) \rightarrow (x + 2, y - 3)$

↑ 2 right ↑ 3 down

Practice: Worksheet H1 - Translations