



# MATHEMATICS METHODS Unit 1

## 2022 Investigation 1

### Take Home Section

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Validation Test: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Weighting: 8%

## Transformations of Functions

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- It is recommended you work in small groups after school hours and come to tutoring.
- The Take Home part is not worth any marks.
- The Take Home part may be used in the validation test.
- You are encouraged to use your ClassPad to help you to complete the Take Home part.
- **No calculators** will be allowed in the validation test.

## Introduction:

A **function** is an equation for which any  $x$  that can be plugged into the equation will yield exactly one  $y$  out of the equation. We can draw a graph of a function on the Cartesian plane.

There are certain actions we can perform on a function that change the graph in specific ways. These are called **TRANSFORMATIONS**.

**TRANSFORMATIONS** include:

1. Translations: (horizontal or vertical)
2. Dilations: (horizontal or vertical)
3. Reflections: (horizontal or vertical)

### Function Notation:

Function notation is the way a function is written. It is meant to be a precise way of giving information about the function without a rather lengthy written explanation.

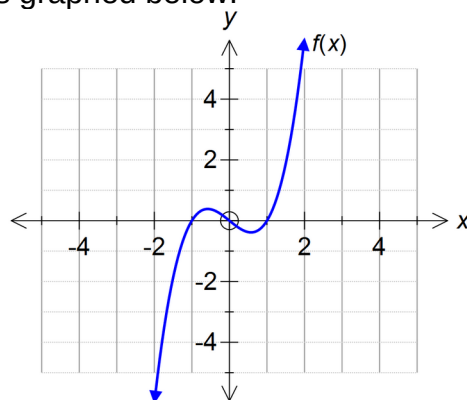
The most popular function notation is  $f(x)$  which is read "f of x".  
This is NOT the multiplication of  $f$  times  $x$ .

$$\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{input} \\ \text{value}}}{f(x)} = \underset{\substack{\text{output value}}}{3x + 1}$$

Traditionally, functions are referred to by single letter names, such as  $f$ ,  $g$ ,  $h$  and so on. Any letter(s), however, may be used to name a function. Examples:

$$f(x) = x^2 + 1 \quad g(x) = x - 7 \quad h(b) = 3b^2 - 2b + 1 \quad S(t) = \frac{1}{2}t^2 - 3t + 1$$

1. The function  $f(x) = x^3 - x$  is graphed below.



Use your Classpad to investigate how each of the following changes to  $f(x) = x^3 - x$  affects the graph. Make sure you consider both **positive** and **negative** numbers. It is recommended that you draw your results on graph paper.

- Adding a number (constant) to the function. Eg. Adding 2 to the function  $f(x) = x^3 - x$  results in  $f(x) + 2 = x^3 - x + 2$ .
- Adding a number to the variable. Eg. Adding the number 2 to the  $x$  value in the function  $f(x) = x^3 - x$  so that every  $x$  in the function has been replaced by  $(x+2)$ . This results in the transformed function:  

$$f(x+2) = (x+2)^3 - (x+2)$$
- Multiplying the function by a constant. Eg. If the function is multiplied by 2,  $f(x)$  transforms to  $2f(x)$ . Thus using  $f(x) = x^3 - x$  our transformed function becomes  $2f(x) = 2x^3 - 2x$ .
- Multiplying the variable by a number. Eg. Multiplying the variable by 2 using  $f(x) = x^3 - x$  our transformed function becomes  $f(2x) = (2x)^3 - (2x)$  which simplifies to  $8x^3 - 2x$ . Consider also multiplying the variable by a fraction  $< 1$ . Eg. Multiplying the variable by  $\frac{1}{2}$  using  $f(x) = x^3 - x$  our transformed function becomes  $f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$  which simplifies to  $\frac{x^3}{8} - \frac{x}{2}$ .

2. Investigate the transformation from Q1 above with other graphs such as:

- $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$
- $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  or  $f(x) = x^{-1}$

c)  $f(x) = x^2$

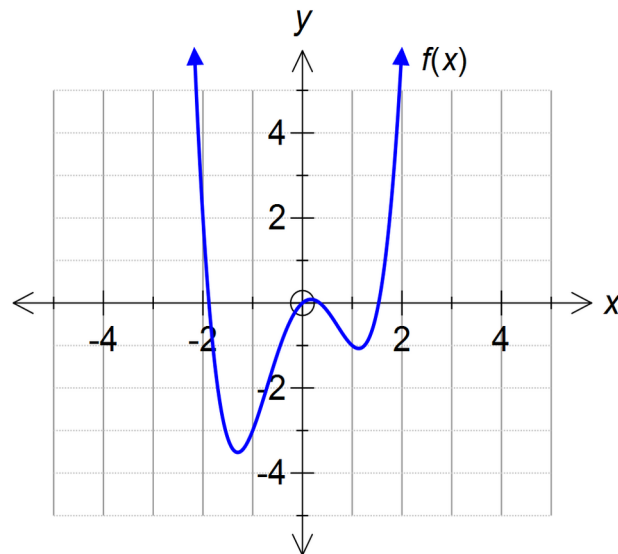
### PRACTICE PROBLEMS 1

a) Drawn to the right is the graph of  $f(x) = x^4 - 3x^2 + x$

- i. Using the terminology for transformations from page 1, describe the transformation on  $f(x)$

if the equation becomes

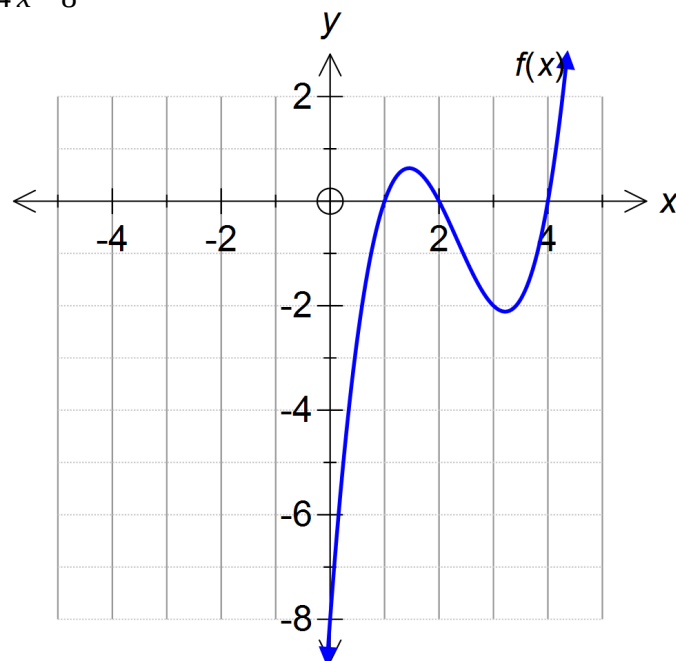
$$f(x) + 3 = x^4 - 3x^2 + x + 3$$



- ii. Add the sketch of  $f(x) + 3$  to the same set of axes.

b) Drawn to the right is the graph of  $f(x) = x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 8$

- i. Write down the new equation for  $f(x+1)$



- ii. Add the sketch of  $f(x+1)$  to the same set of axes.

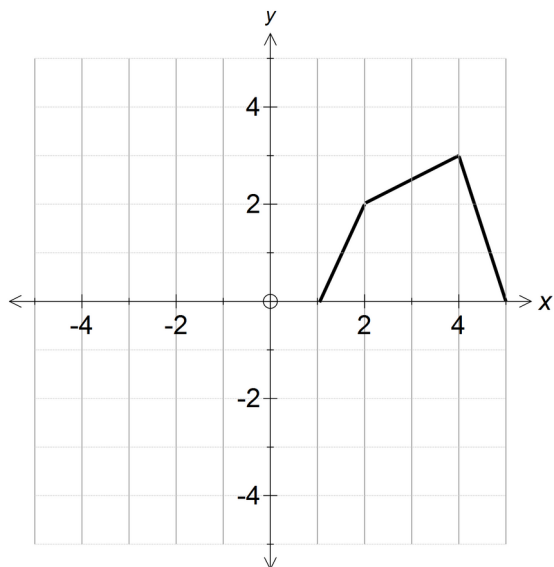
- iii. Fully describe the transformation.

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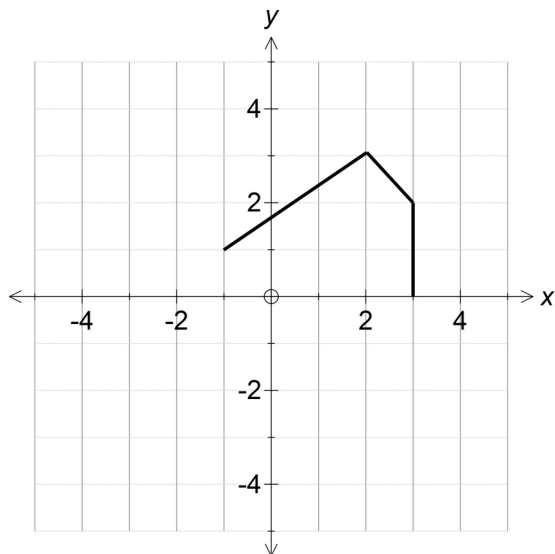
**PRACTICE PROBLEMS 2**

Draw each transformation on the original axes shown.

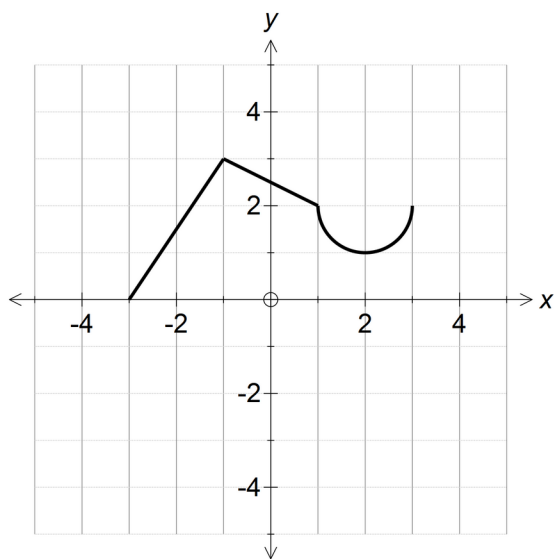
$$f(x) \rightarrow f(x+4)$$



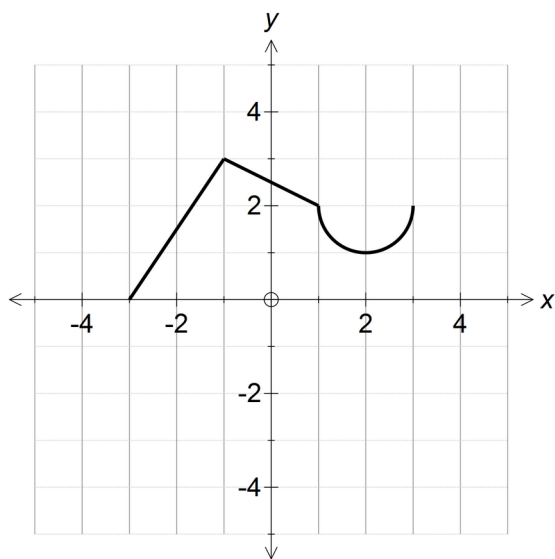
$$f(x) \rightarrow f(x)+1$$



$$f(x) \rightarrow f(x-2)$$



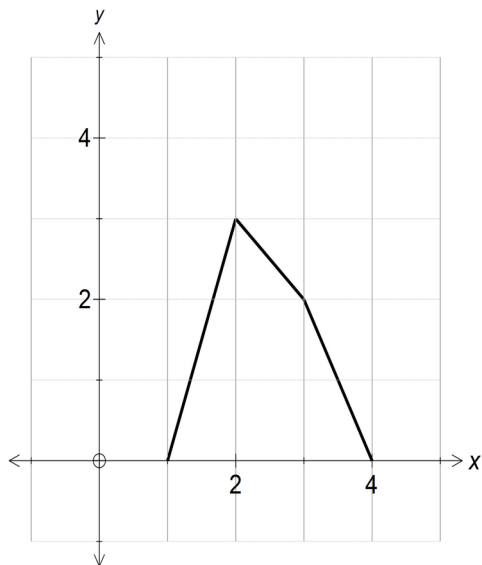
$$f(x) \rightarrow f(x-1)-4$$



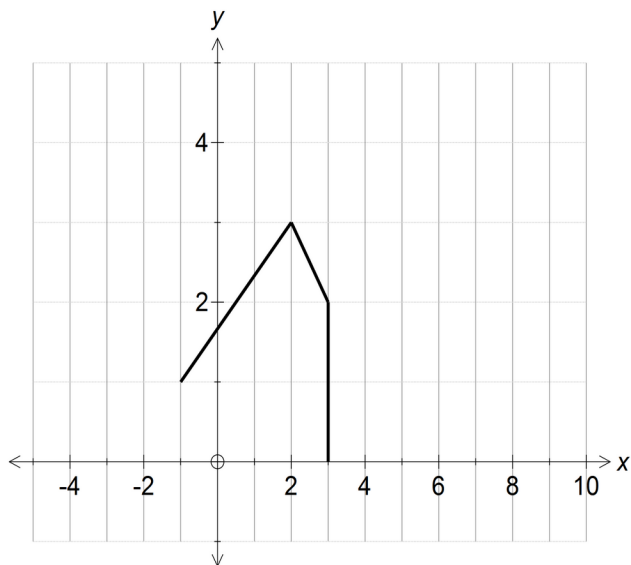
**PRACTICE PROBLEMS 3**

Draw each transformation on the original axes shown.

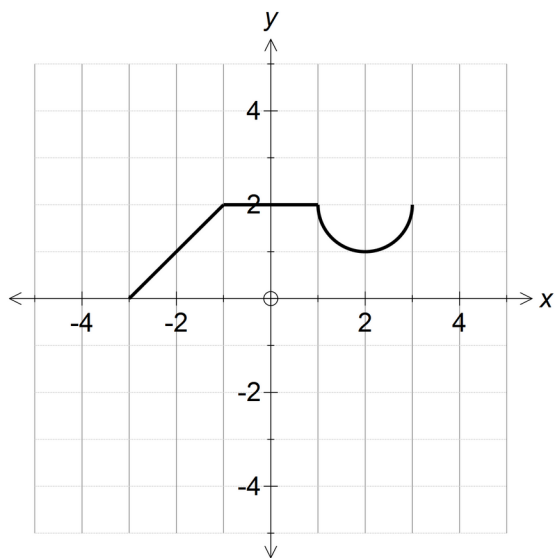
$$f(x) \rightarrow f(2x)$$



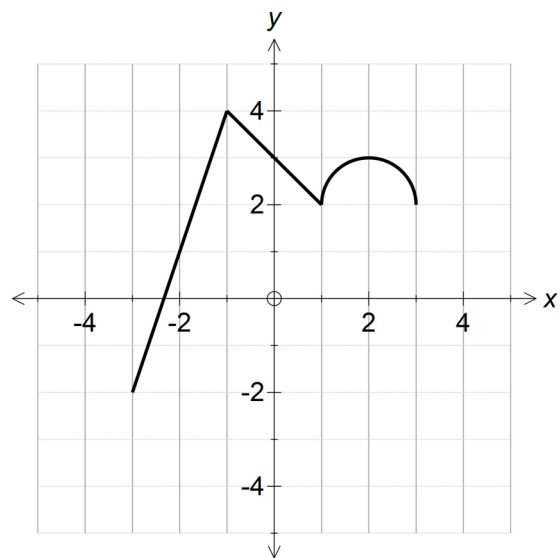
$$f(x) \rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right)$$



$$f(x) \rightarrow 2f(x)$$



$$f(x) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}f(x)$$



**PRACTICE PROBLEMS 4**

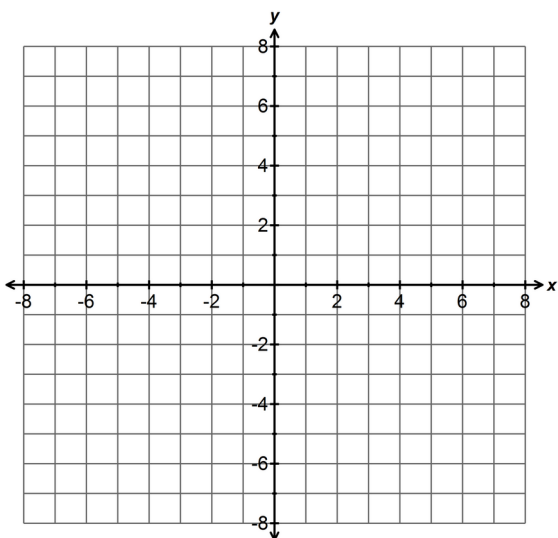
For each of the following:

- a** Use your classpad or otherwise to draw each of these original functions.  
**b** Write down the new equation according to the transformation shown.  
**c** Sketch the graph of both the original function and the transformation on the axes provided.

$$f(x) = (x-1)(x-2)(x-4) \text{ with transformation}$$

$$f(x) \rightarrow 2f(x).$$

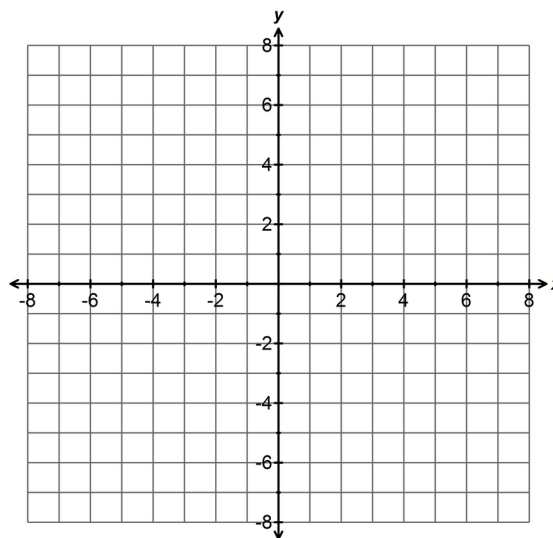
$$2f(x) = \textcolor{red}{i} \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x \text{ with transformation}$$

$$f(x) \rightarrow -f(x).$$

$$-f(x) = \textcolor{red}{i} \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x-3} \text{ with transformation}$$

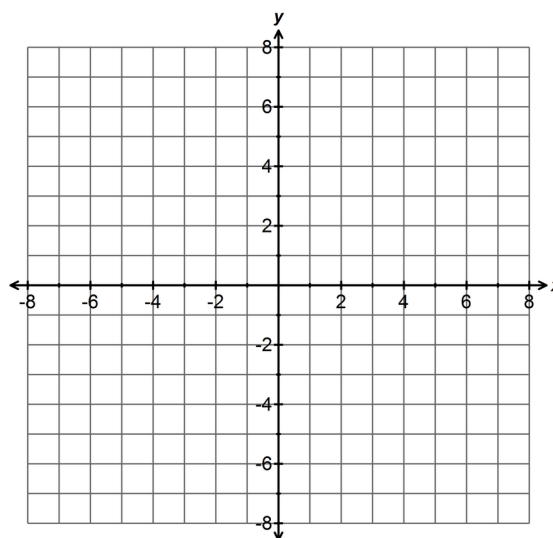
$$f(x) \rightarrow f(x)+2$$

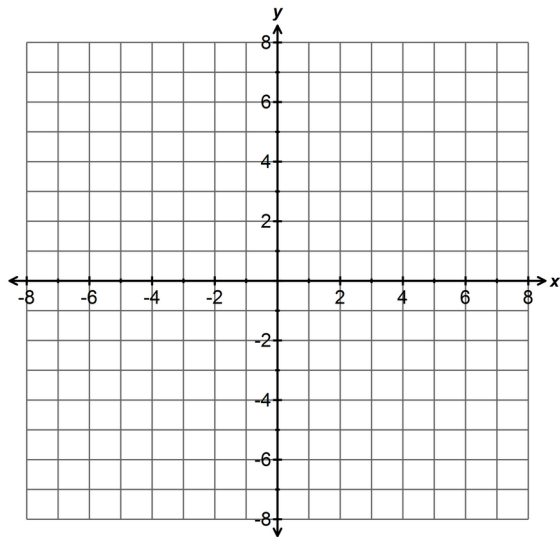
$$f(x)+2 = \textcolor{red}{i} \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x-4} \text{ with transformation}$$

$$f(x) \rightarrow f(x+2)$$

$$f(x+2) = \textcolor{red}{i} \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

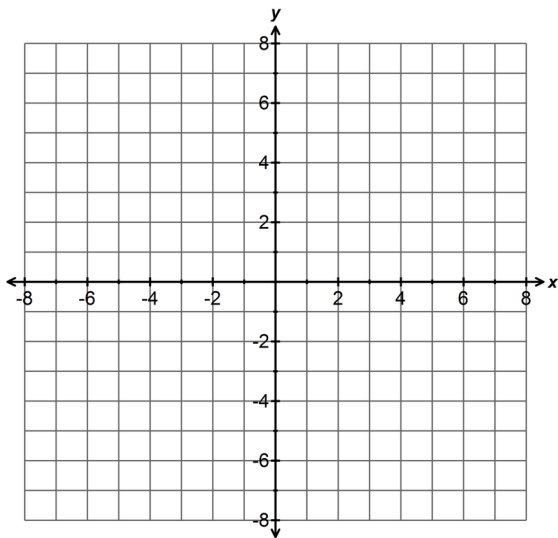




$f(x) = (x+1)(x+2)(x-1)$  with transformation

$$f(x) \rightarrow f(x-1)$$

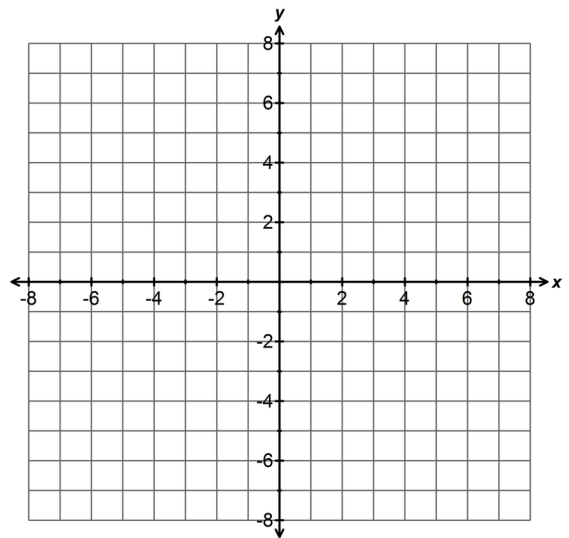
$$f(x-1) = \textcolor{red}{i} \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



$f(x) = (x+1)^2(x+2)(x-1)$  with transformation

$$f(x) \rightarrow f(-x)$$

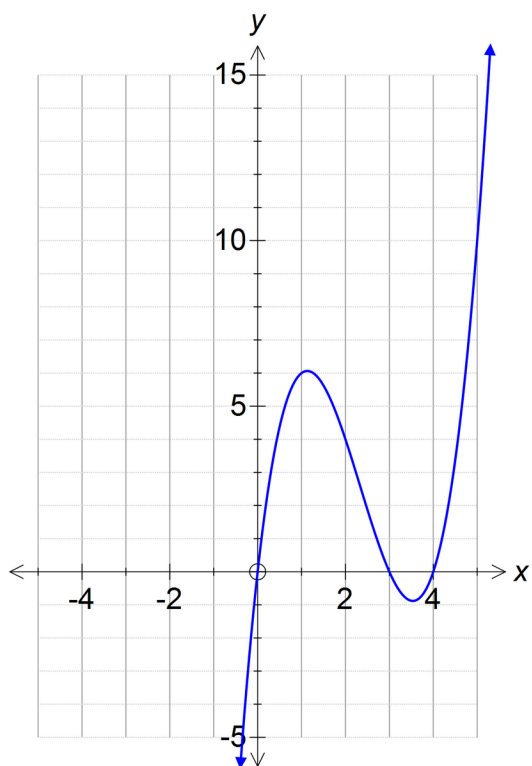
$$f(-x) = \textcolor{red}{i} \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



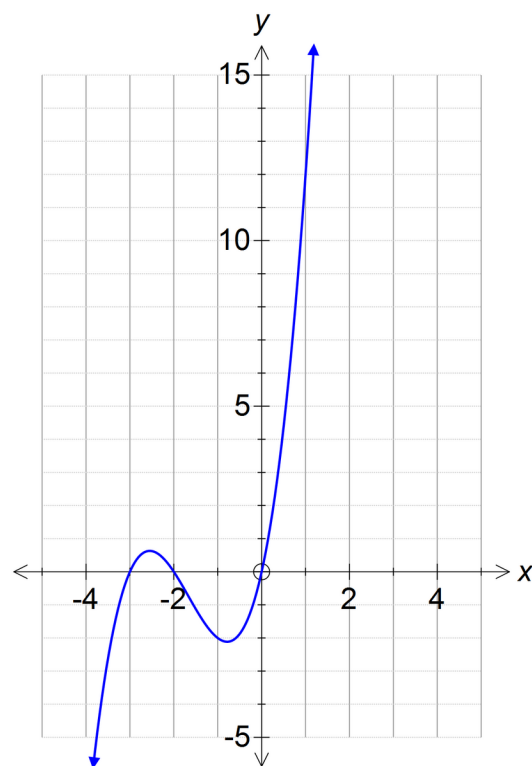
Sketch the graphs of the following transformations:

$$f(x) \rightarrow 2f(x)$$

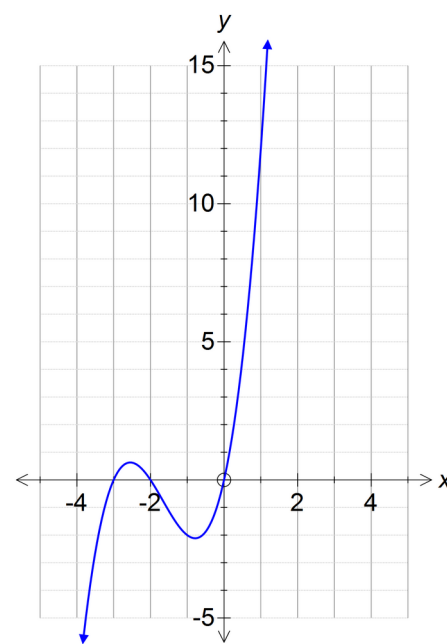
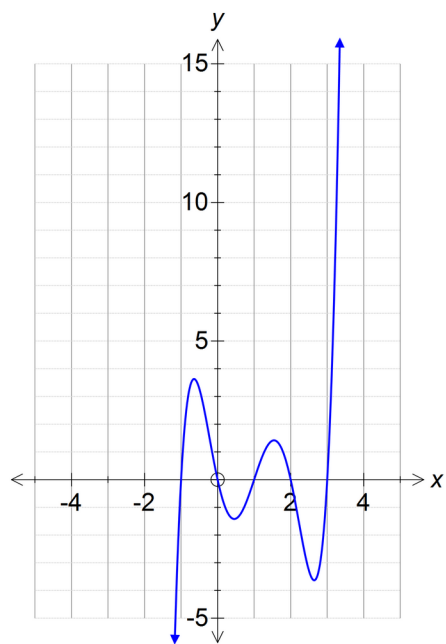
$$f(x) \rightarrow f(-x)$$



$$f(x) \rightarrow f(x+3)$$

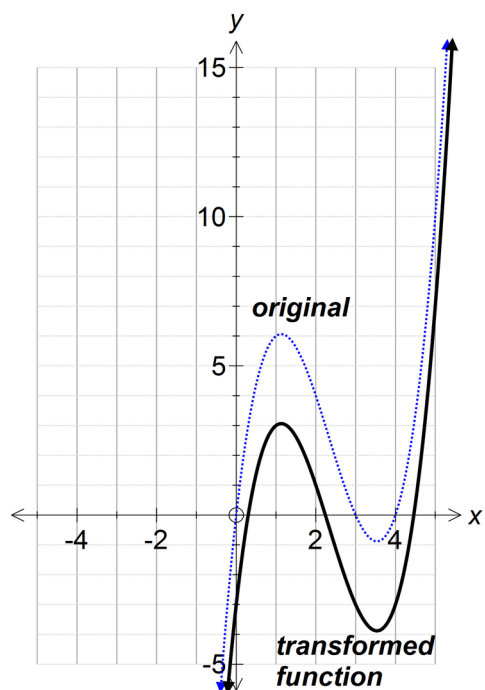


$$f(x) \rightarrow f(x)+3$$

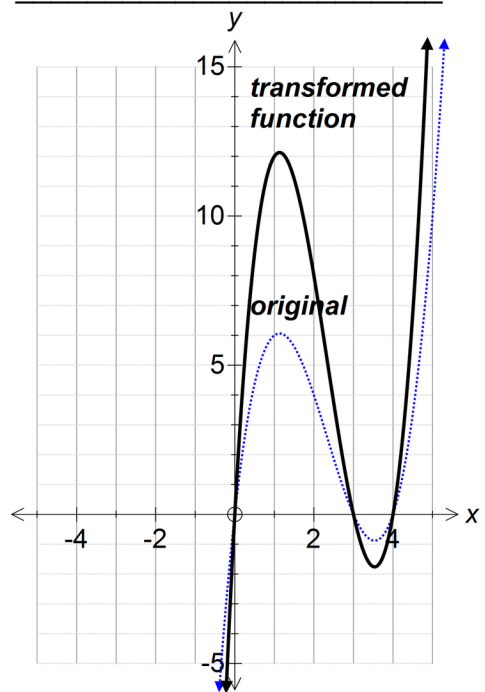


For each of the following, describe the transformation in words AND using function notation (e.g.  $f(x) \rightarrow 2f(x)$  or  $f(x) \rightarrow f(x-3)$  )

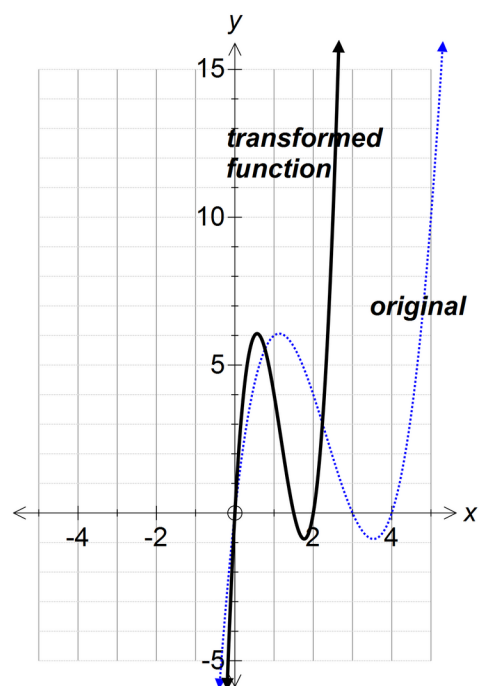




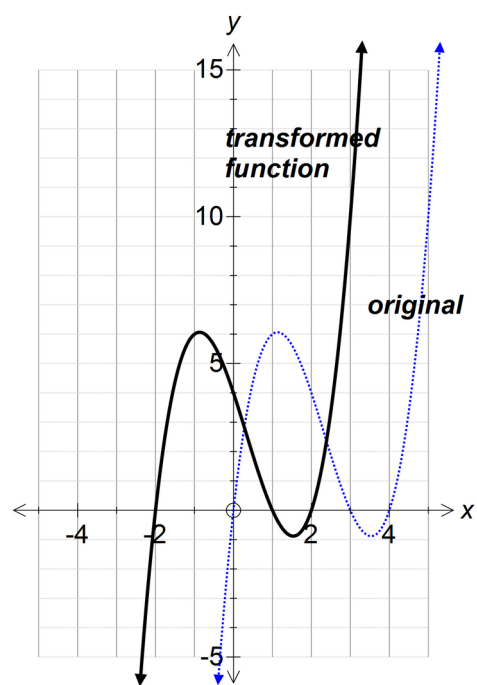
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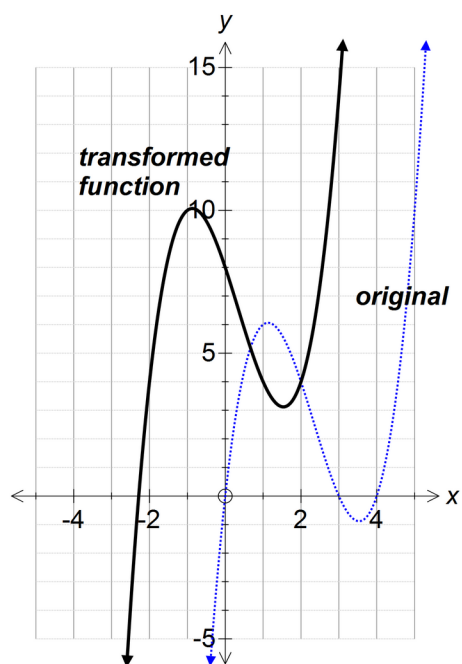
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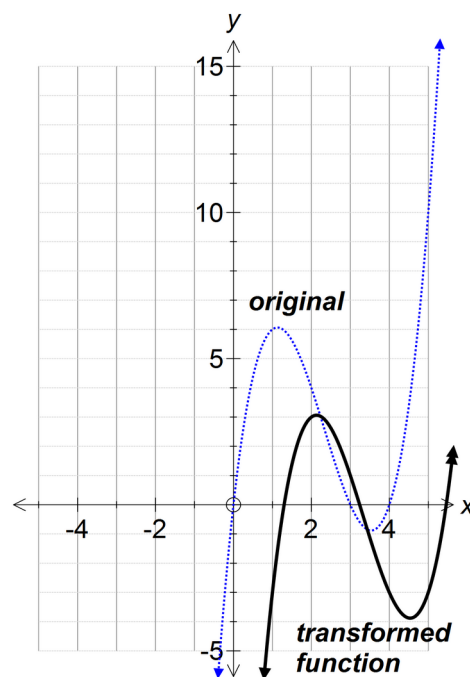
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$f(x) \rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_



$f(x) \rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_

**PRACTICE PROBLEMS 5**

Describe *in order* the transformations shown by the following functions:

1.  $f(x) \rightarrow -f(x)+3$

2.  $f(x) \rightarrow 2f(x)-1$

3.  $f(x) \rightarrow f(x-1)+4$

4.  $f(x) \rightarrow 2f(x-3)$

5.  $x^2(x-5) \rightarrow (x-2)^2(x-2-5)-1$

6.  $\frac{1}{x+3} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2x+6}+5$

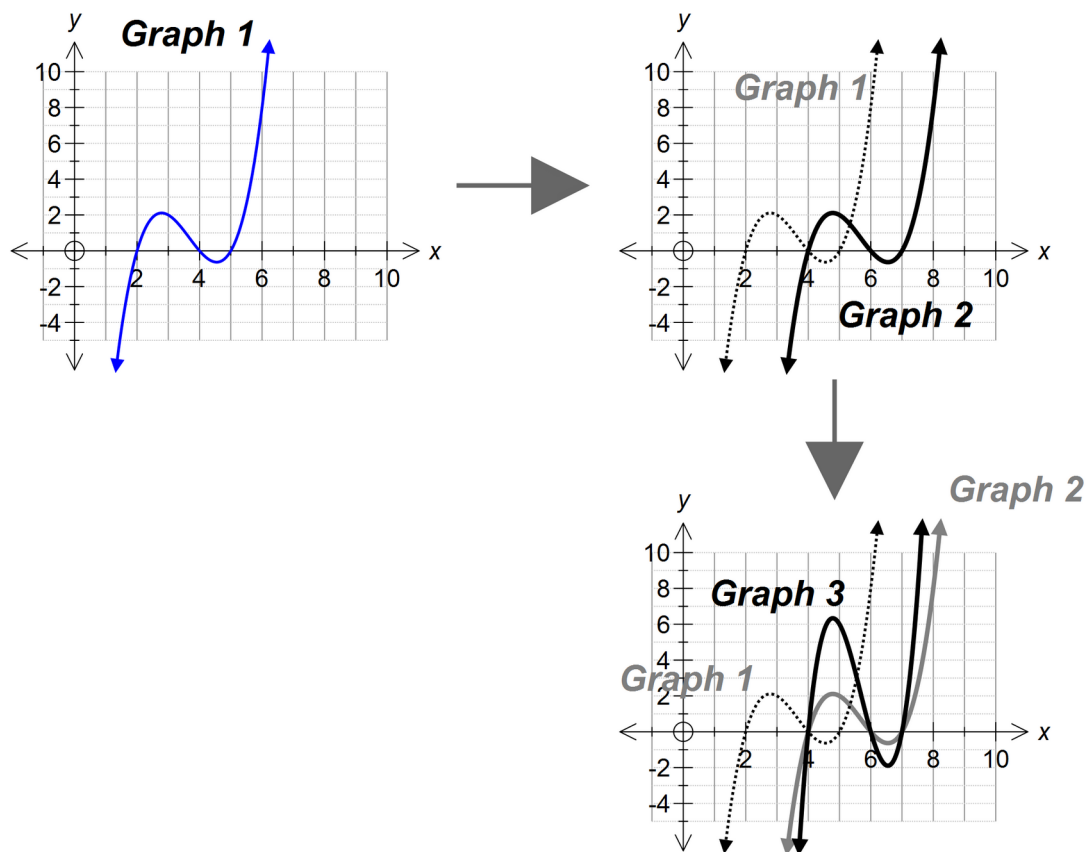
7.  $\sqrt{x} \rightarrow 2\sqrt{x-4}$

8.  $x^3(x-1) \rightarrow 4(x+1)^3x$

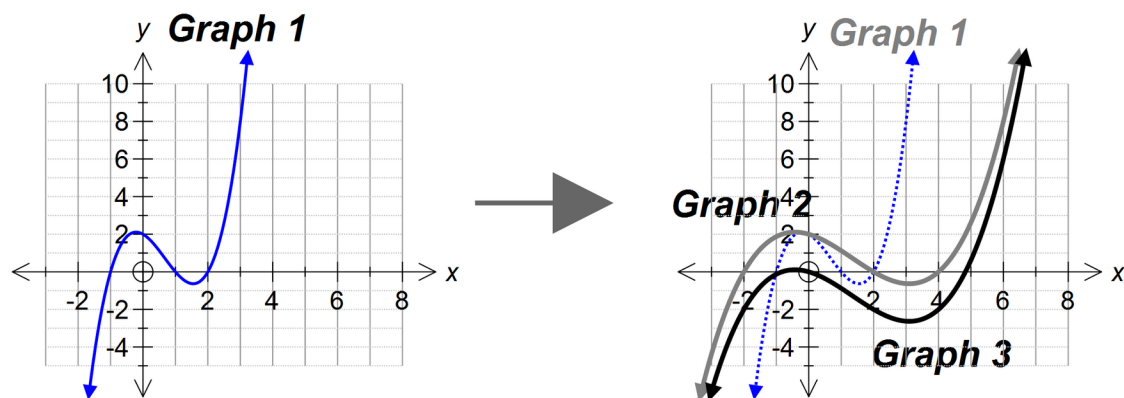
**PRACTICE PROBLEMS 6**

Describe *in order* the transformation that take place from graph 1 to graph 3 in each case:

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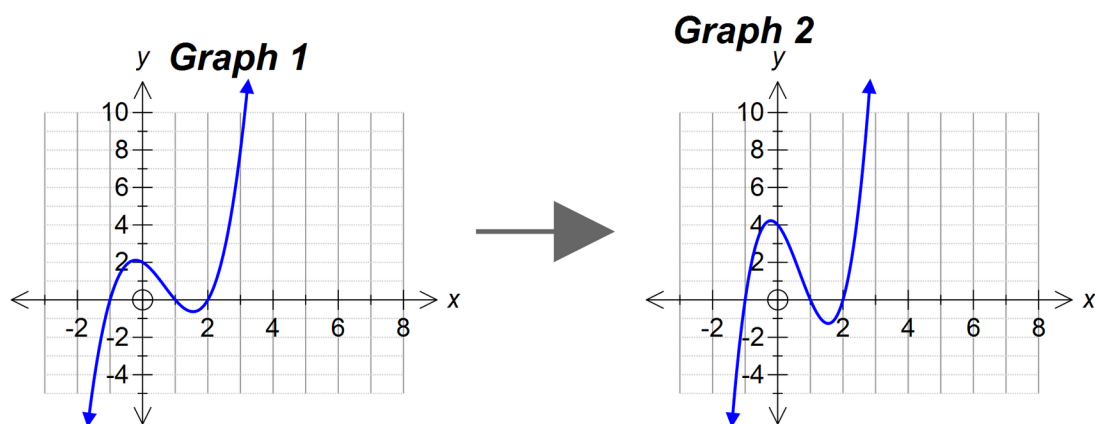
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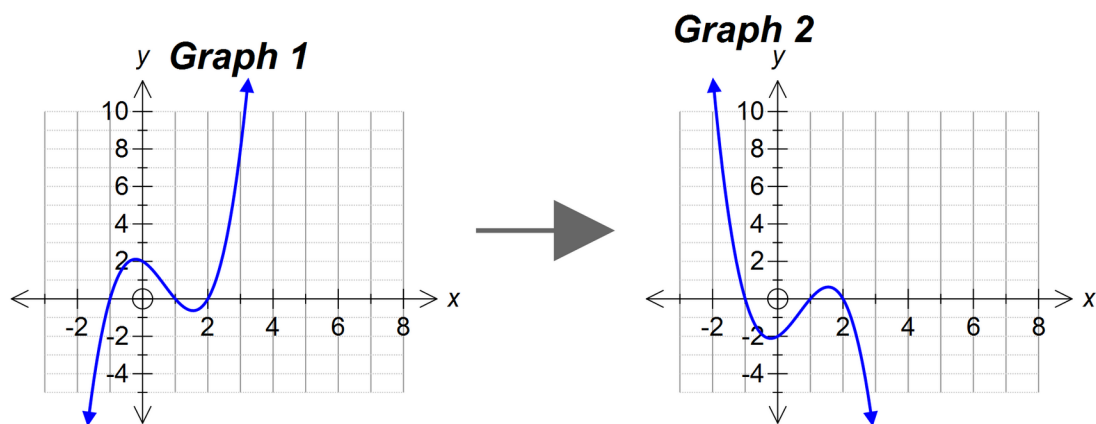
**PRACTICE PROBLEMS 7**

Describe the transformation(s) that take place to create the second graph from the first:

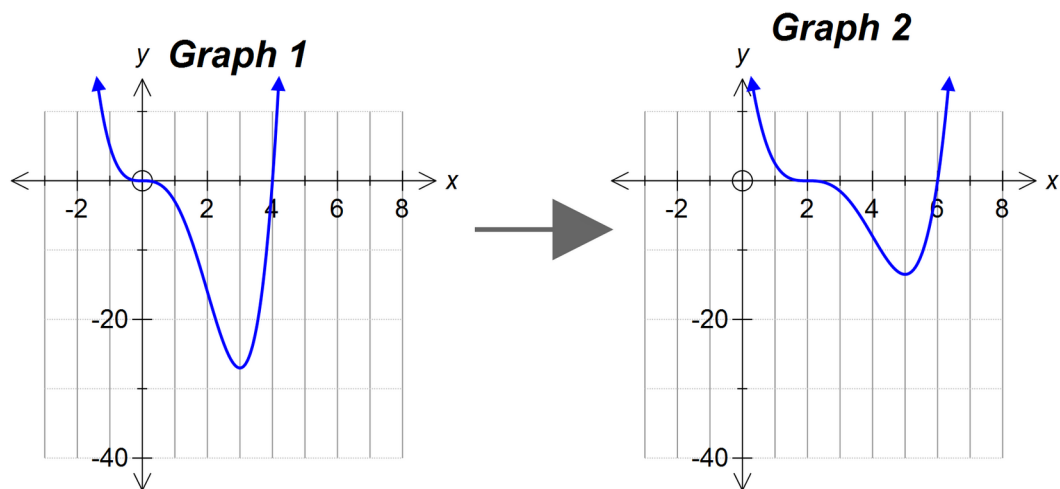
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