# Intro to Functions

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## 1 Function Definitions

## 2 Function Notation

### 3 Parent Functions

#### Quadratic Function

$$y = x^2$$
  
Key Points = {(-2,4), (-1,1), (0,0), (1,1), (2,4)}  
Domain = { $\mathbb{R}$ }  
Range = { $y \in \mathbb{R} | y \ge 0$ }



#### **Root Function**

$$y = \sqrt{x}$$
  
Key Points = {(0,0), (1,1), (4,2), (9,3)}  
Domain = { $x \in \mathbb{R} | x \ge 0$ }  
Range = { $y \in \mathbb{R} | y \ge 0$ }



#### **Cubic Function**

$$\begin{array}{l} y = x^3 \\ \text{Key Points} = \{ (\mbox{-}2,\mbox{-}8), (\mbox{-}1,\mbox{-}1), (0,0), \\ (1,1), (2,8) \} \\ \text{Domain} = \{ \mathbb{R} \} \\ \text{Range} = \{ \mathbb{R} \} \end{array}$$



#### Absolute Value Function

$$\begin{array}{l} y = |x| \\ \text{Key Points} = \{(\text{-2,2}), \ (\text{-1,1}), \ (0,0), \\ (1,1), \ (2,2)\} \\ \text{Domain} = \{\mathbb{R}\} \\ \text{Range} = \{y \epsilon \mathbb{R} | y \geq 0\} \end{array}$$



#### Reciprocal Function

$$y = \frac{1}{x}$$
Key Points =  $\{(-2, -\frac{1}{2}), (-1, -1), (-\frac{1}{2}, -2), (\frac{1}{2}, 2), (1, 1), (2, \frac{1}{2})\}$ 
Domain =  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} | x \neq 0\}$ 
Range =  $\{y \in \mathbb{R} | y \neq 0\}$ 



#### **Exponential Function**

$$y = 2^x$$
  
Key Points = {(-2, 1/4), (-1, 1/2), (0,1), (1,2), (2,4)}  
Domain = { $\mathbb{R}$ }  
Range = {  $y \in \mathbb{R} | y > 0$ }



4 Domain and Range

5 The Inverse Function

#### **Transformations** 6

$$y = af(k(x-d)) + c$$

Where:

- $\bullet\,$  a and c affect the y-coordinate
- k and d affect the x-coordinate

#### **Functions**

Quadratic Function

$$y = x^2$$

$$y = x^{2}$$

$$y = a(k(x - d))^{2} + c$$



Root Function

$$y = \sqrt{x}$$

$$y = \sqrt{x}$$
$$y = a\sqrt{k(x-d)} + c$$



$$y = x^3$$

Cubic Function 
$$y = x^3$$
  
 $y = a(k(x - d))^3 + c$ 



Absolute Value Function

$$y = |x|$$

$$y = a|k(x-d)| + c$$



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

Reciprocal Function 
$$y = \frac{1}{x}$$
  $y = \frac{a}{k(x-d)} + c$ 



**Exponential Function** 

$$y = 2^x$$

$$y = 2^{x}$$
$$y = a2^{k(x-d)} + c$$



#### Effects of Letters

a:

0 < |a| < 1

Vertical compression by a factor of |a|Multiply y values by |a|

|a| > 1

Vertical stretch by a factor of |a| Multiply y values by |a|

a < 0

Reflection over the x-axis Multiply y values by -1

 $\mathbf{c}$ :

c > 0

Shift up c units Add c to y values

c < 0

Shift down c units Add c to y values k:

0 < |k| < 1

Horizontal stretch by a factor of  $\frac{1}{|k|}$ Multiply x values by  $\frac{1}{|k|}$ 

|k| > 1

Horizontal compression by  $\frac{1}{|k|}$ Multiply x values by  $\frac{1}{|k|}$ 

k<0

Reflection over the y-axis Multiply x values by -1

d:

d > 0

Shift right d units Add d to x values

d < 0

Shift left d units Add d to x values

#### Notes:

- k must be factored out in order to determine the value of d
- The order to complete transformations is:
  - Stretch/Compress
  - 2) Reflect
  - 3) Shift