

- Transformations is when we change the basic graph of a function in 2-dimensional space
- In this section, we will look at:
  - Translations** – vertical and horizontal shifts
  - Compression and Expansion** – stretch and squeeze
  - Reflections** – in both the  $x$  and  $y$  axes
- If we consider a basic function:  $y = f(x)$

This can seem a little daunting, so we will look at it piecewise.

Transformations can give us shifts represented by:

$$y = af[b(x - c)] + d$$

- Translations**, or shifts, are additions or subtractions represented by  $c$  and  $d$
- Expansions**, or compressions, are multiplications shown by  $a$  and  $b$
- Reflections happen when  $a$  or  $b$  are negative

- Constants  $a$  and  $d$ , which are “**outside of the function**”, affect the  $y$  – *values* of the ordered pairs  
 ➤ Constants  $b$  and  $c$ , which are “**inside the function**”, affect the  $x$  – *values* of the ordered pairs

This is a big deal and can help us make this process as simple as possible!!

- Let's look at these various transformations separately.

## Translations

A translation is when the graph is shifted in the left or right (***x direction***) or the up and down (***y direction***), without changing the shape of the original graph

### a) Vertical Translations (***y direction***), $d > 0$

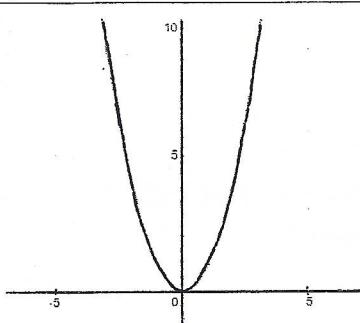
If  $d > 0$ , for the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , the graph of:

$y = f(x) + d$  is shifted up “ $d$ ” units

$y = f(x) - d$  is shifted down “ $d$ ” units

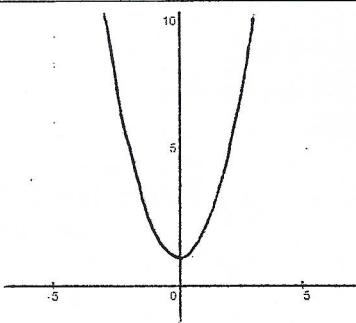
Vertical Translations are quite intuitive, they literally move up or down depending of the sign and number of the  $d$  value

See the following graphs as examples of vertical translations

Example 1:**Quadratic Graphs**

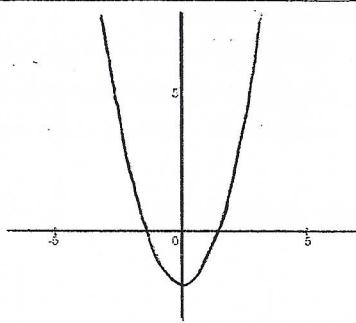
$$y = x^2$$

$$y = f(x)$$



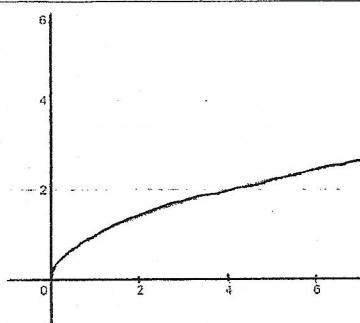
$$y = x^2 + 1$$

$$y = f(x) + 1$$



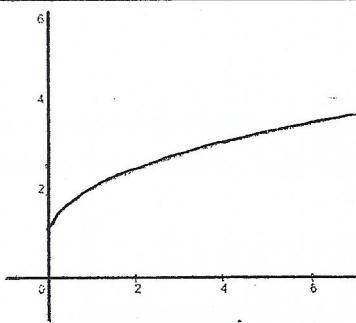
$$y = x^2 - 2$$

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

**Square Root Graphs**

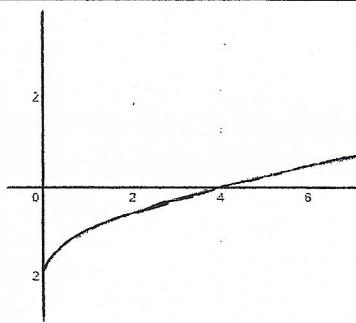
$$y = \sqrt{x}$$

$$y = f(x)$$



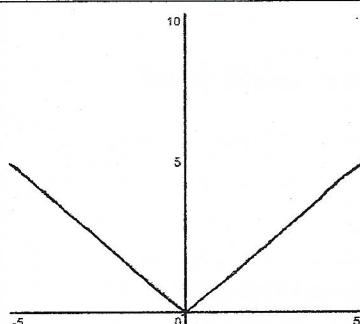
$$y = \sqrt{x} + 1$$

$$y = f(x) + 1$$



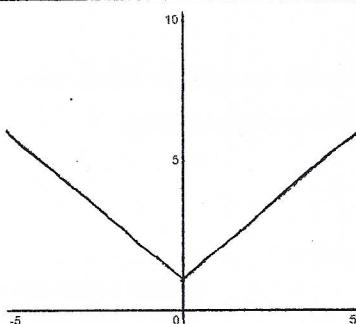
$$y = \sqrt{x} - 2$$

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

**Absolute Value Graphs**

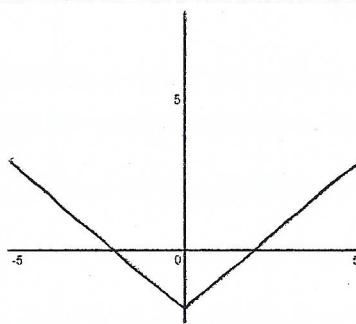
$$y = |x|$$

$$y = f(x)$$



$$y = |x| + 1$$

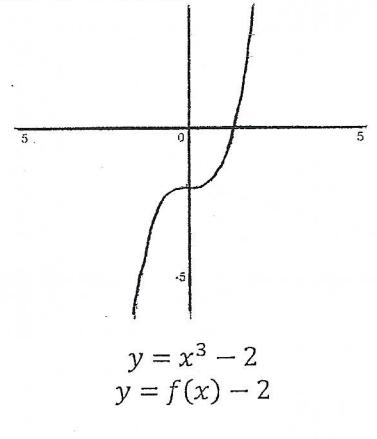
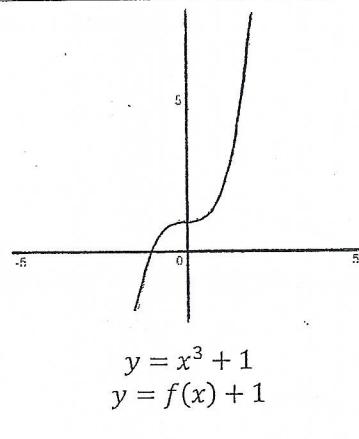
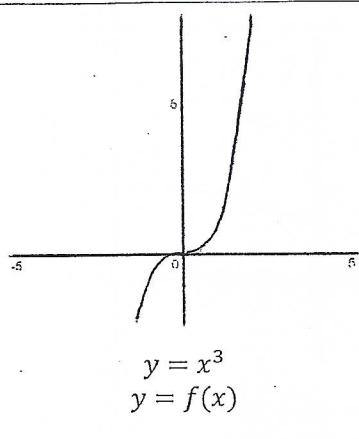
$$y = f(x) + 1$$



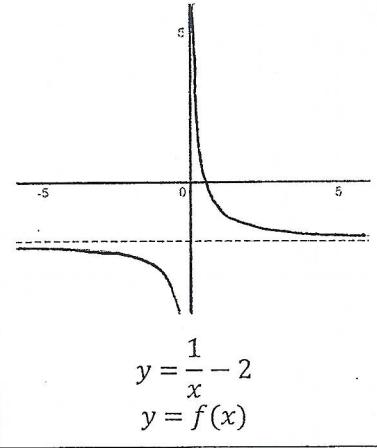
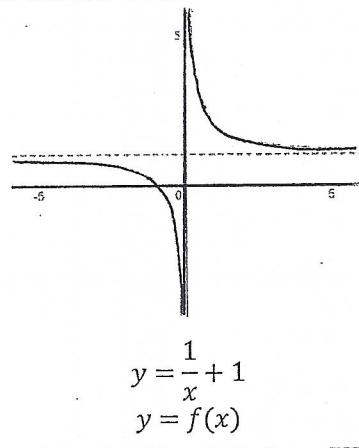
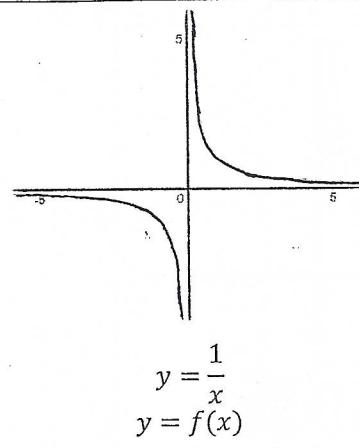
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$$y = f(x) - 2$$

## Cubic Graphs



## Reciprocal Graphs

b) Horizontal Translations (*x direction*),  $c > 0$ 

If  $c > 0$ , for the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , the graph of:

$y = f(x + c)$  is shifted left "c" units

$y = f(x - c)$  is shifted right "c" units

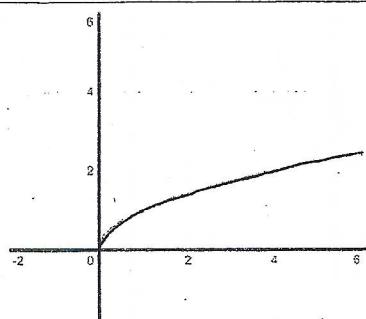
Horizontal Translations are not intuitive,  
they move the opposite direction of the  
sign of the *c* value

I like to think to consider "what value of  $x$  makes the inside zero". That value is where you move on the  $x$ -axis.

$$y = f(x - 3) \quad \text{or} \quad y = f(x + 2)$$

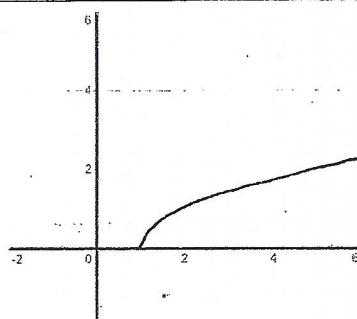
Moves right 3, or  $x = 3$   
makes  $x - 3 = 0$

Moves left 2, or  $x = -2$   
makes  $x + 2 = 0$

Example 2:**Square Root Graphs**

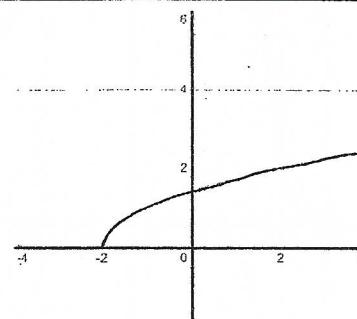
$$y = \sqrt{x}$$

$$y = f(x)$$



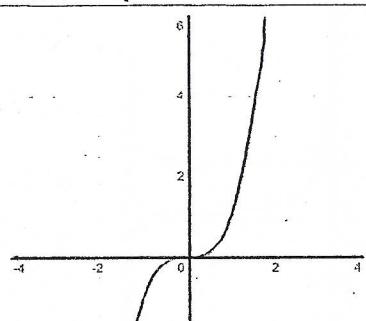
$$y = \sqrt{x - 1}$$

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



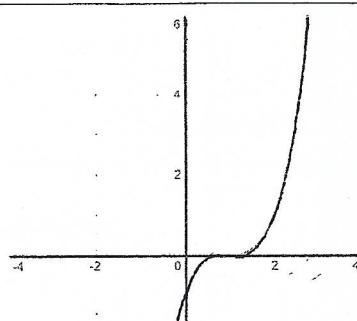
$$y = \sqrt{x + 2}$$

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

**Cubic Graphs**

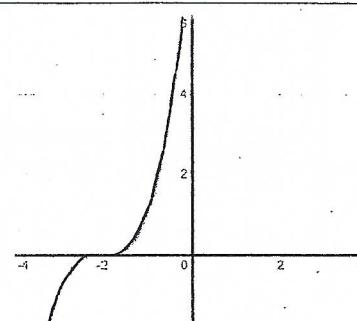
$$y = x^3$$

$$y = f(x)$$



$$y = (x - 1)^3$$

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



$$y = (x + 2)^3$$

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

**Summary**

<u>Vertical and Horizontal Translations of <math>y = f(x)</math> with point <math>(x, y)</math></u>	
If $c, d > 0$ :	
1. Vertical translation of $d$ units upward	$h(x) = f(x) + d, (x, y + d)$
2. Vertical translation of $d$ units downward	$h(x) = f(x) - d, (x, y - d)$
3. Horizontal translation of $c$ units to the right	$h(x) = f(x - c), (x + c, y)$
4. Horizontal translation of $c$ units to the left	$h(x) = f(x + c), (x - c, y)$

Example 3: Write the equation of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  after a transformation  
4 units right and 3 units down

Solution 3:  $g(x) = \sqrt{x - 4} - 3$

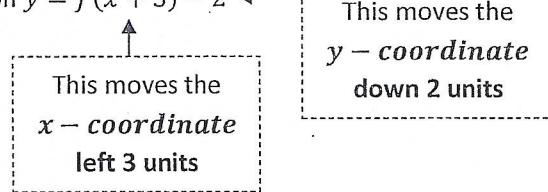
Example 4: What transformations have occurred to change  $y = f(x)$  into  $y = f(x - 2) + 4$ ?

Solution 4: Horizontal translation: 2 units right      Vertical Translation: 4 units up

Example 5: If  $(2, 2)$  is in  $y = f(x)$ , which point is on  $y = f(x + 3) - 2$ ?

Solution 5:  $(x - 3, y - 2)$

$$(2 - 3, 2 - 2) \rightarrow (-1, 0)$$



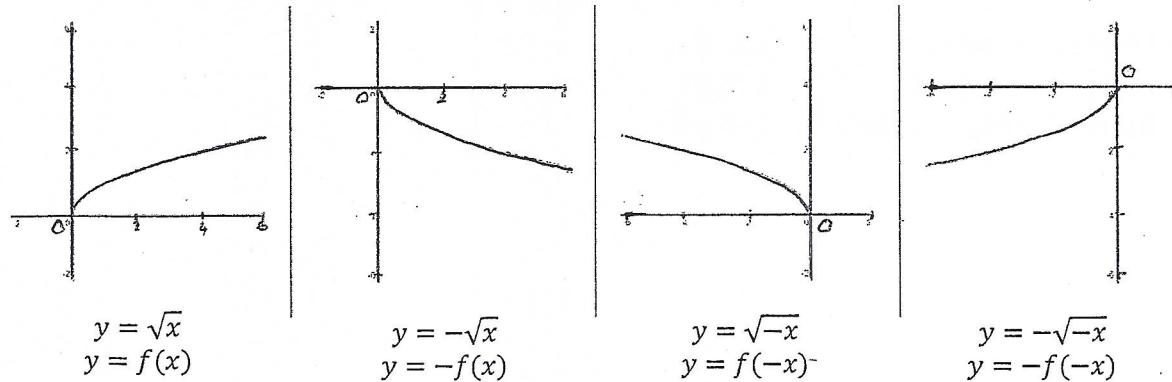
## Reflections

The next type of transformation is a reflection. We are going to talk about reflecting over the  $x$ -axis and  $y$ -axis only.

- Consider reflecting over the  $x$ -axis, all  $y$ -values change their signs.
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For the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , the graph of:

- $y = -f(x)$  is a reflection of the  $y$ -values, a reflection in the  $x$ -axis
- $y = f(-x)$  is a reflection of the  $x$ -values, a reflection in the  $y$ -axis
- $y = -f(-x)$  is a reflection of the  $x$  and  $y$ -values, a reflection in the  $x$  and  $y$ -axis



Summary

Reflections of $y = f(x)$ with point $(x, y)$ in the two Axes	
1. Reflection in the $x - axis$	$h(x) = -f(x), (x, -y)$
2. Reflection in the $y - axis$	$h(x) = f(-x), (-x, y)$
3. Reflection in both axes	$h(x) = -f(-x), (-x, -y)$

Example 6: Write the equation of the function  $f(x) = x^2 + x$  if it is reflected in the:

- a)  $x - axis$
- b)  $y - axis$

Solution 6:

a)  $f(x) \rightarrow -f(x)$  so  $x^2 + x \rightarrow -(x^2 + x) = -x^2 - x$

b)  $f(x) \rightarrow f(-x)$  so  $x^2 + x \rightarrow (-x)^2 + (-x) = x^2 - x$

Example 7: What transformations have occurred to change  $y = x^2 + 2x$  into  $y = -(x^2 + 2x)$ ?

Solution 7: Since the entire original function is inside the brackets, the negative on the outside. It is a reflection of the  $y - values$  (the  $x - axis$ ).

Example 8: If  $(3, 2)$  is in  $y = f(x)$ , which point is on:

- a)  $y = -f(x)$
- b)  $y = f(-x)$
- c)  $y = -f(-x)$

Solution 8:

- a) Sign change in  $y - values$ :  $(3, -2)$
- b) Sign change in  $x - values$ :  $(-3, 2)$
- c) Sign change in  $x$  and  $y - values$ :  $(-3, -2)$

## Compression and Expansion of Graphs

- Vertical and horizontal shifts leave the shape of the graph the same
- Compressions and Expansions graph a shape change, either a squeeze or a stretch
- There are helpful markers to determine whether or not it is a Vertical or Horizontal stretch

### a) Vertical Compression and Expansion

For the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , the graph of:

$y = a \cdot f(x)$  is a Vertical Expansion if  $a > 1$  (Expansion by a factor of  $a$ )

$y = a \cdot f(x)$  is a Vertical Compression if  $0 < a < 1$  (Compression by a factor of  $a$ , where  $a$  is a proper fraction)

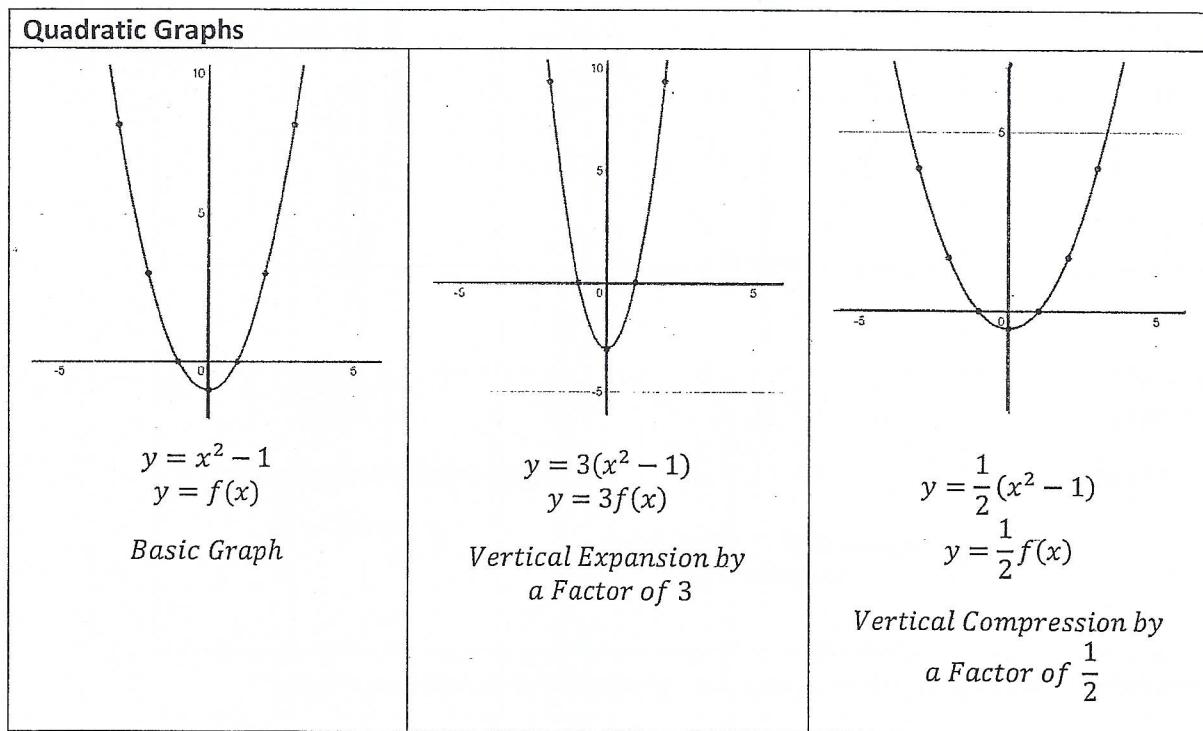
For the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , the graph of:

$y = 2f(x)$  is a Vertical Expansion by a factor of 2

$y = \frac{1}{3}f(x)$  is a Vertical Compression by a factor of  $\frac{1}{3}$

Vertical Expansions and Compressions  
keep the  $x$ -intercepts of the original function!

### Example 11:



## b) Horizontal Compressions and Expansion

For the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , the graph of:

$y = f(bx)$  is a Horizontal Compression if  $b > 1$  (by a factor of  $\frac{1}{b}$ )

$y = f(bx)$  is a Horizontal Expansion if  $0 < b < 1$  (by a factor of  $\frac{1}{b}$  where  $b$  is a proper fraction)

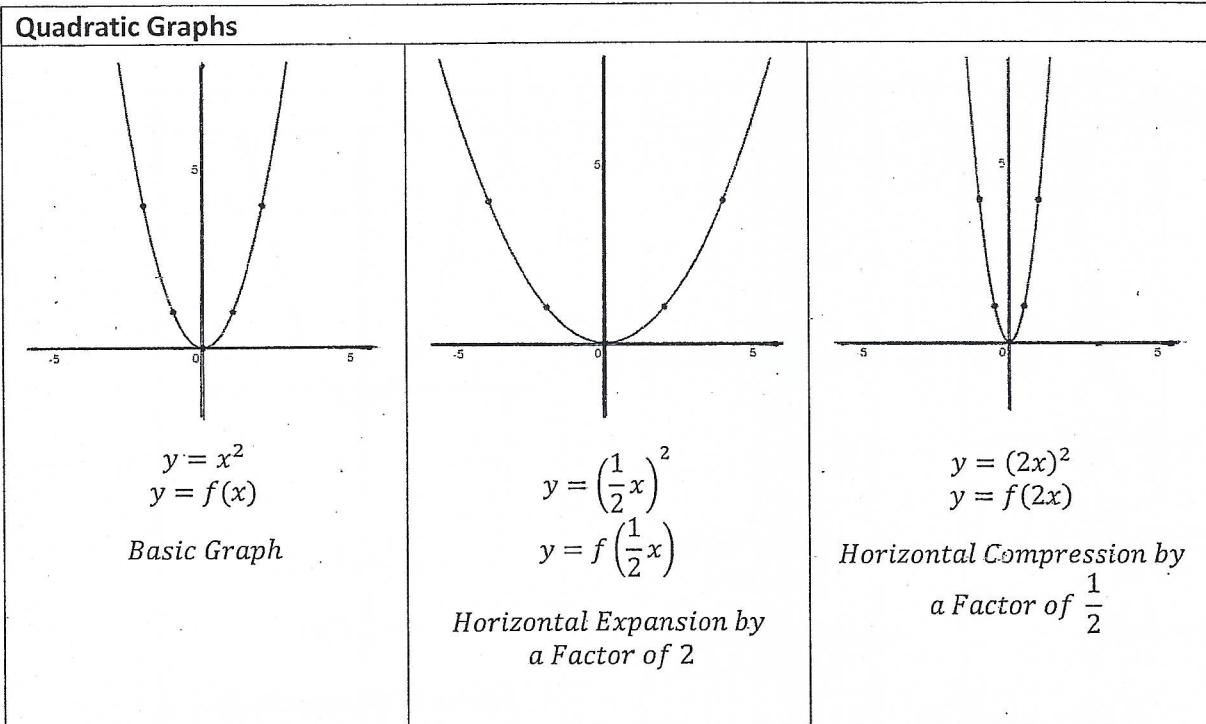
For the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , the graph of:

Horizontal Expansions and Compressions  
keep the y-intercept of the original function!

$y = f(2x)$  is a Horizontal Compression by a factor of  $\frac{1}{2}$

$y = f(\frac{1}{3}x)$  is a Horizontal Expansion by a factor of 3

Example 11:



\*You see the y-intercepts did not change, but the shape of the graph was altered\*

Summary

<u>Vertical and Horizontal Compressions and Expansions of <math>y = f(x)</math> with point <math>(x, y)</math></u>	
If $a > 1, b > 1$ :	
1. Vertical expansion by a factor of $a$	$h(x) = af(x), (x, ay)$
2. Horizontal compressions by a factor of $\frac{1}{b}$	$h(x) = f(bx), (\frac{1}{b}x, y)$
If $0 < a < 1, 0 < b < 1$ :	
3. Vertical expansion by a factor of $a$ (a is a proper fraction)	$h(x) = af(x), (x, ay)$
4. Horizontal compressions by a factor of $\frac{1}{b}$ (b is the reciprocal of a proper fraction)	$h(x) = f(bx), (bx, y)$

Example 12: Write an equation for the function  $y = \sqrt{x}$ , with a

- a) Vertical Expansion by a factor of 2
- b) Vertical Compression by a factor of  $\frac{1}{2}$
- c) Horizontal Expansion by a factor of 2
- d) Horizontal Compression by a factor of  $\frac{1}{2}$

Solution 12:

a)  $y = 2\sqrt{x}$       b)  $y = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{x}$       c)  $y = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}x}$       d)  $y = \sqrt{2x}$

Example 13: What transformation has happened to  $y = f(x)$  to produce  $y = 3f(\frac{1}{4}x)$ ?

Solution 13:

- ✓ Vertical expansion by a factor of 3
- ✓ Horizontal expansion by a factor of  $\frac{1}{4} \rightarrow 4$

Example 14: If  $(3, 1)$  is on  $y = f(x)$ , what point is on  $y = 2f(4x)$ ?

Solution 14:

$$(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{4}x, 2y\right) \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{4}(3), 2(1)\right) \rightarrow \left(\frac{3}{4}, 2\right)$$

Practice Problems

1. Write an equation for the function that is described by the given characteristics.

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|---|---|
| a) The shape $f(x) = x^2$ , moved 4 units to the left and 5 units downward.                 | b) The shape $f(x) = x^2$ , moved 2 units to the right, reflected in the $x - axis$ , and moved 3 units upward. |
| c) The shape $f(x) = x^3$ , moved 2 units to the right and 3 units downward.                | d) The shape $f(x) = x^3$ , moved 1 unit downward and reflected in the $y - axis$ .                             |
| e) The shape $f(x) =  x $ , moved 6 units upward and 3 units to the left.                   | f) The shape $f(x) =  x $ , moved 3 units to the left and reflected in the $x - axis$                           |
| g) The shape $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ , moved 7 units to the right and reflected in the $x - axis$ | h) The shape $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ , moved 4 units upward and reflected in the $y - axis$                           |

2. If  $(-3, 1)$  or  $(a, b)$  is a point on the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , what must be a point on the graph of the following?

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

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

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

d)  $y = -f(x)$

e)  $y = f(-x)$

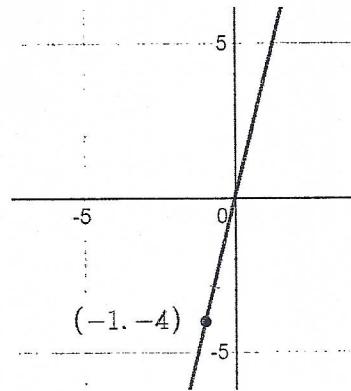
f)  $y = -f(-x)$

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

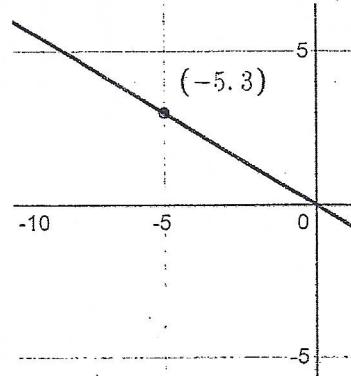
h)  $y = -f(x + 2)$

3. Use the graph of  $f(x) = x$  to write an equation for each function whose graph is shown. Each transformation includes only reflections or expansions/compressions.

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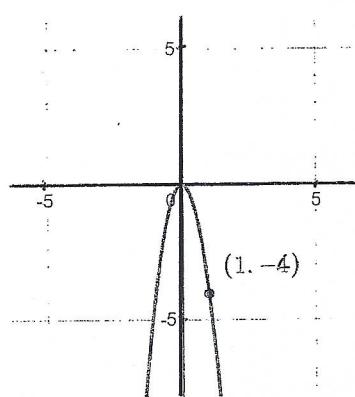


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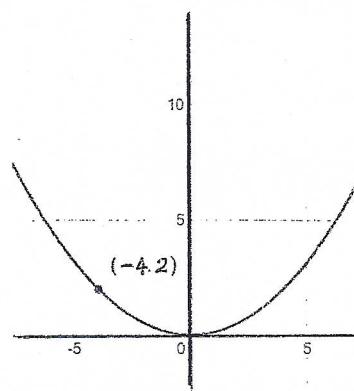


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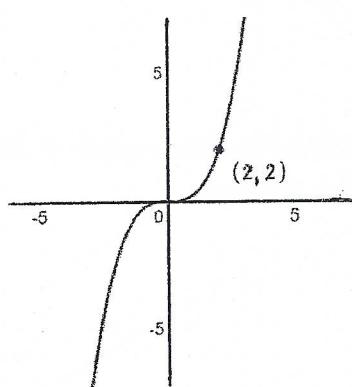


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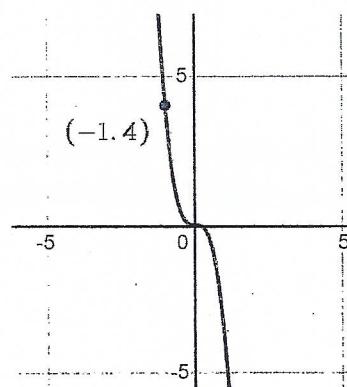


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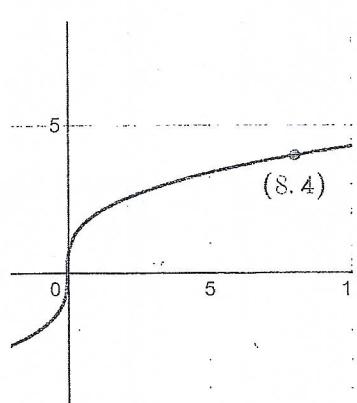


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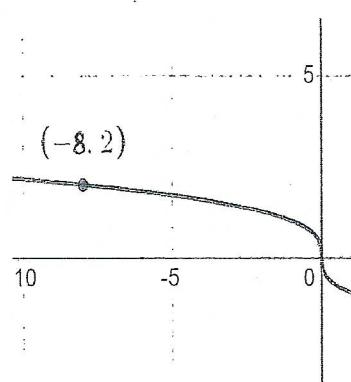


8. Use the graph of  $f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$  to write an equation for each function whose graph is shown.  
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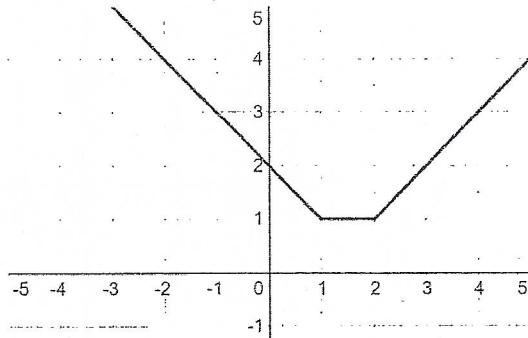
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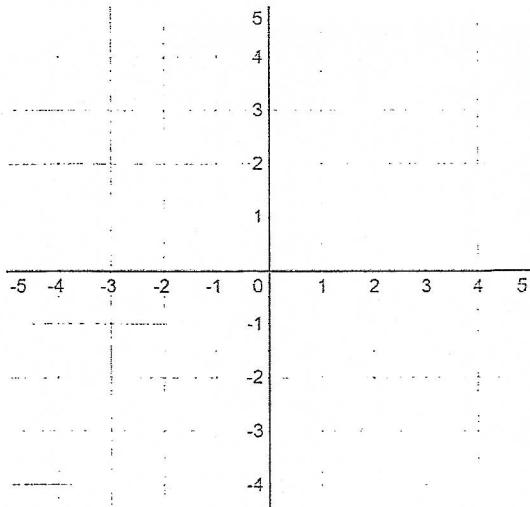
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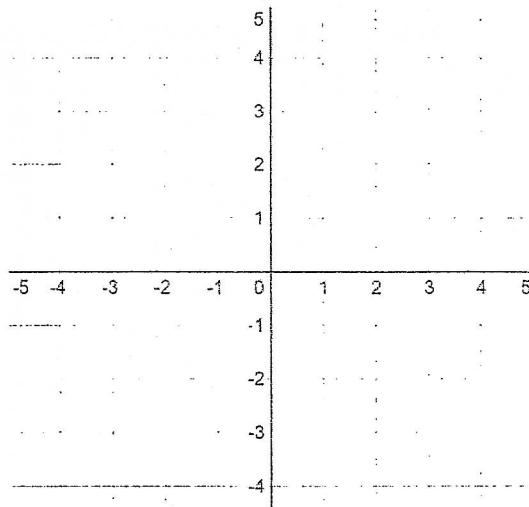
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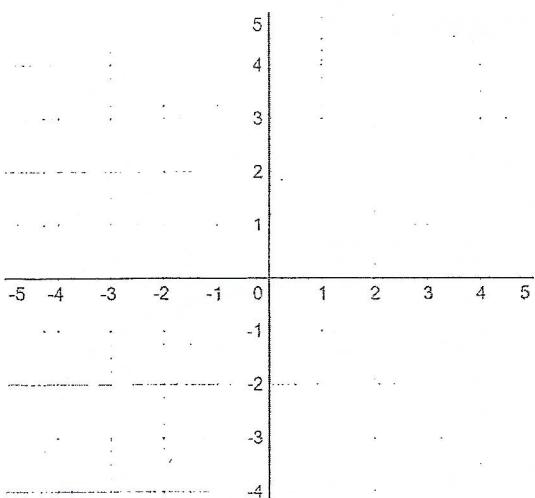
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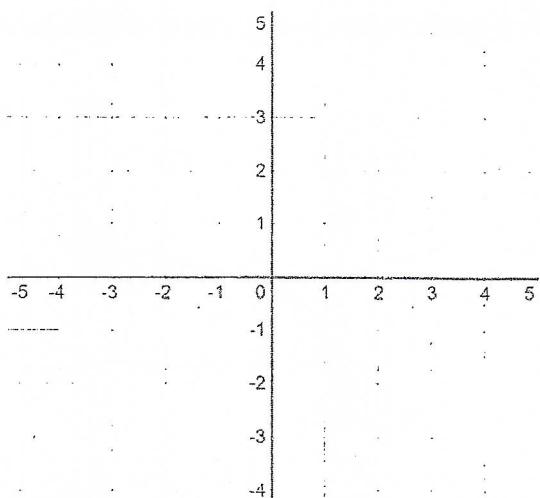
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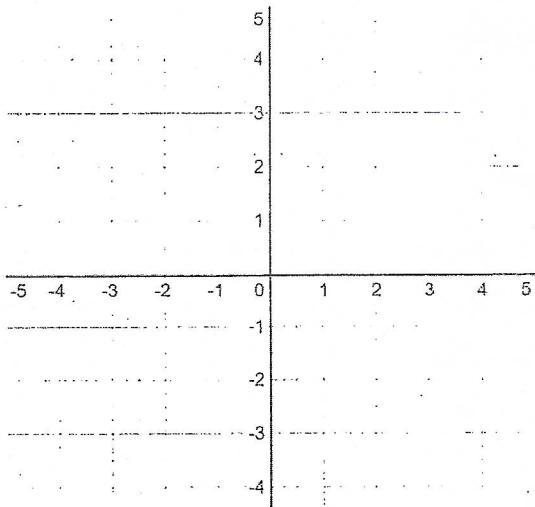
c)  $y = -f(-x)$



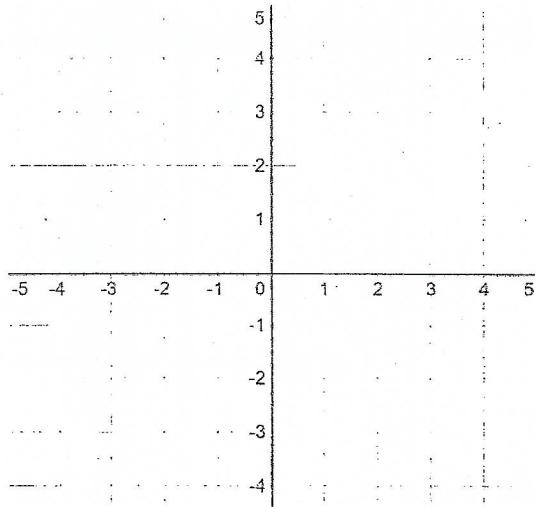
d)  $y = f(x + 1)$



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



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



10. If  $(-2, 4)$  is a point on the graph of  $y = f(x - 1)$ , what must be a point on the following graphs?

a)  $y = f(x)$

b)  $y = -f(x)$

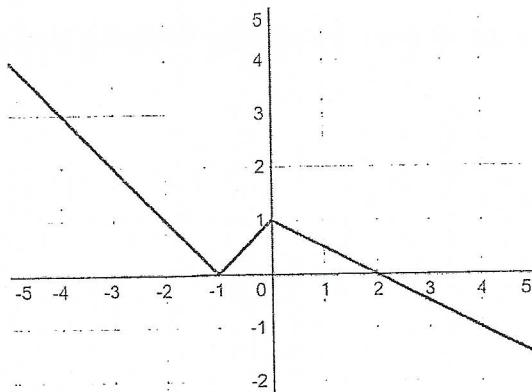
c)  $y = f(-x)$

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

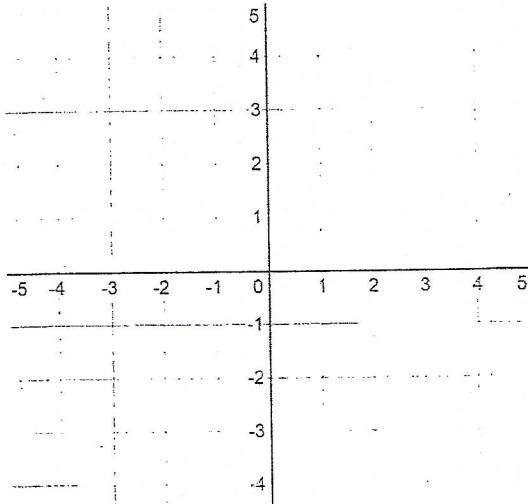
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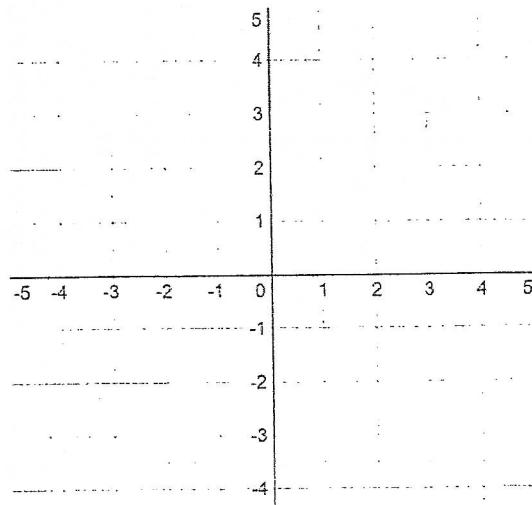
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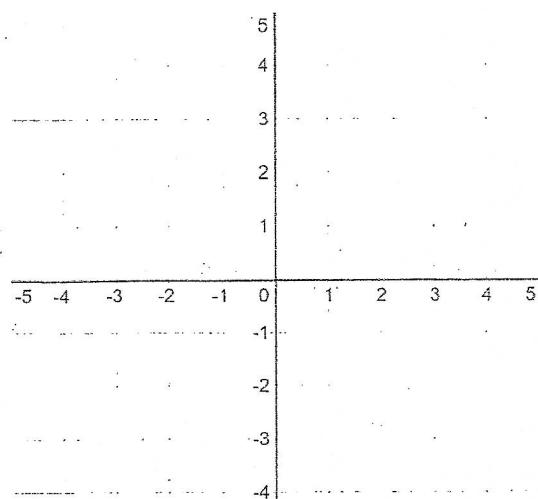
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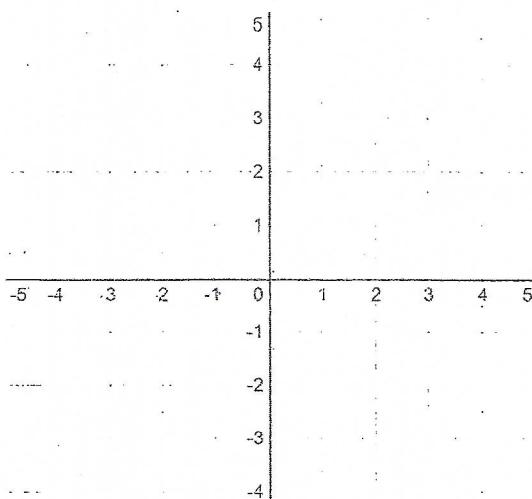
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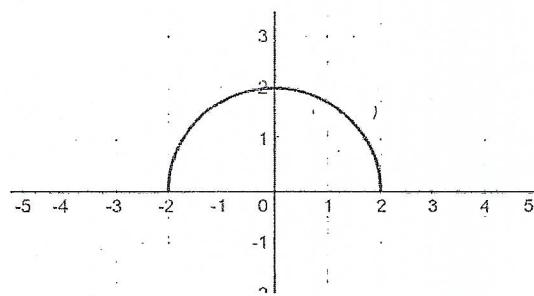
c)  $y = -f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$



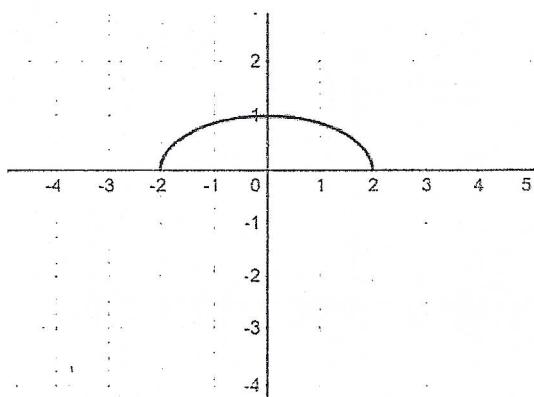
d)  $y = -\frac{1}{2}f(-x)$



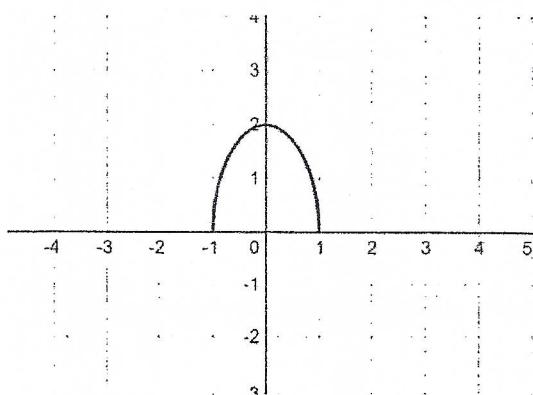
19. Given the graph of  $f(x)$  below, what equations represent the following graphs



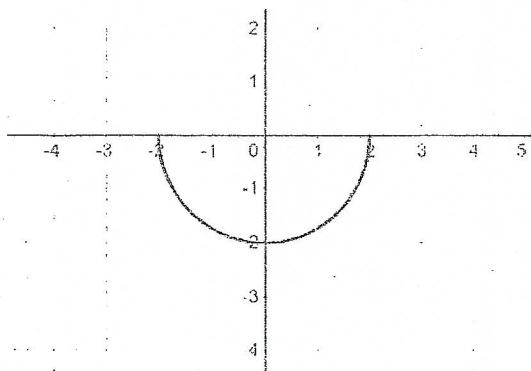
a)  $y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$



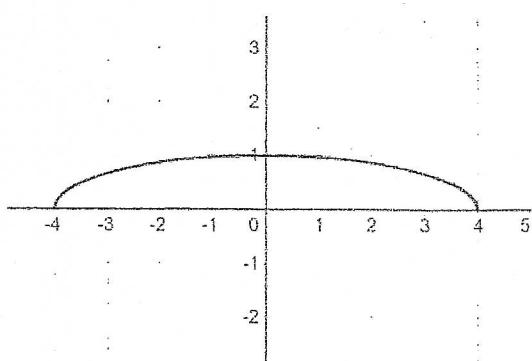
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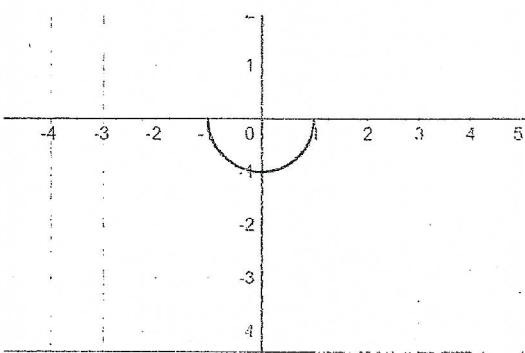
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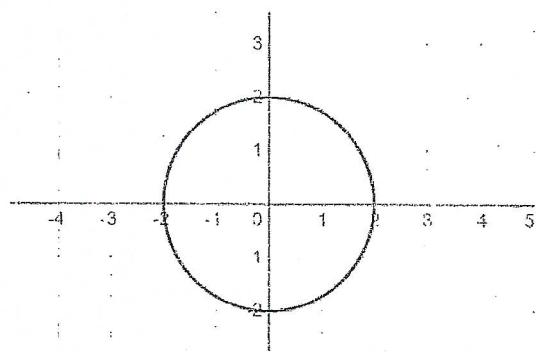
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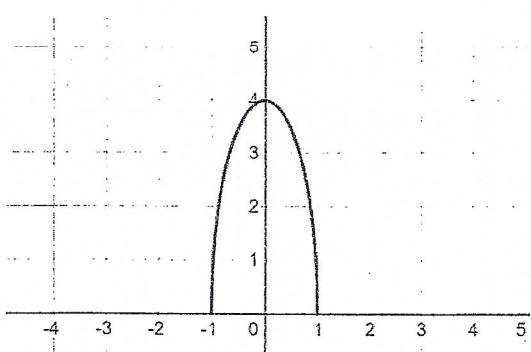
e)  $y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$



f)  $y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$



g)  $y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$



h)  $y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

