

Chapter 1: Function and Graphs

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Objectives

- Four ways to represent a function
- Basis functions and the transformations of functions

1.1

Review of Functions

FUNCTION

A **function** f is a rule that assigns to each element x in a set D exactly one element, called $f(x)$, in a set E .

The set D is called the **domain** of the function f .

The **range of f** is the set of all possible values of $f(x)$ as x varies throughout the domain.

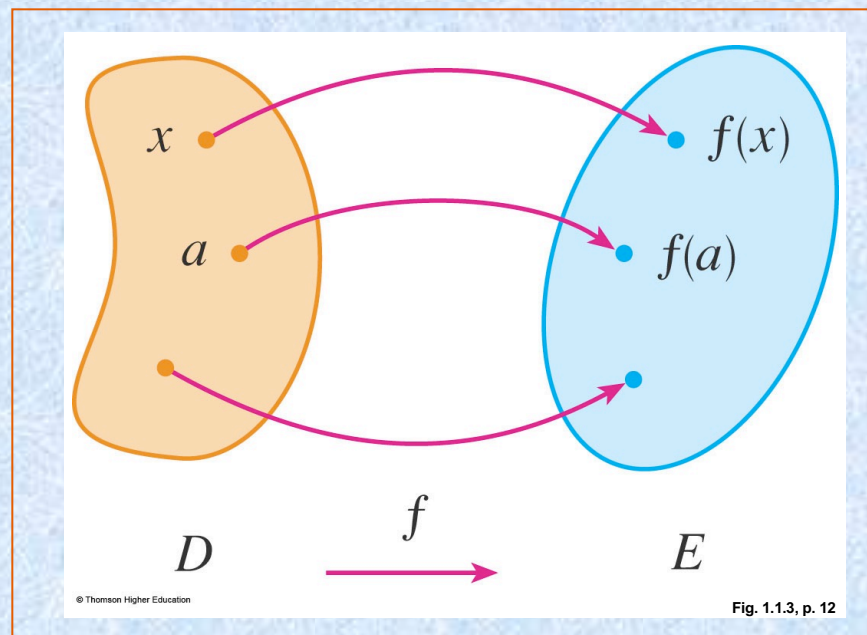


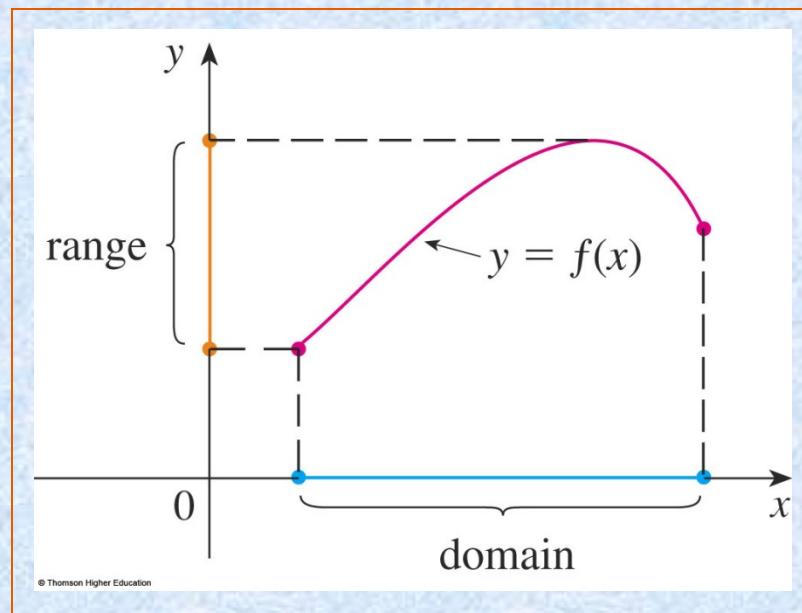
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GRAPH

The **graph** of f is the **set** of all points (x, y) in the coordinate plane such that $y = f(x)$ and x is in the domain of f .

The graph of f also allows us to picture:

- The **domain of f** on the x -axis
- **Its range** on the y -axis



GRAPH

Example 1

The graph of a function f is shown.

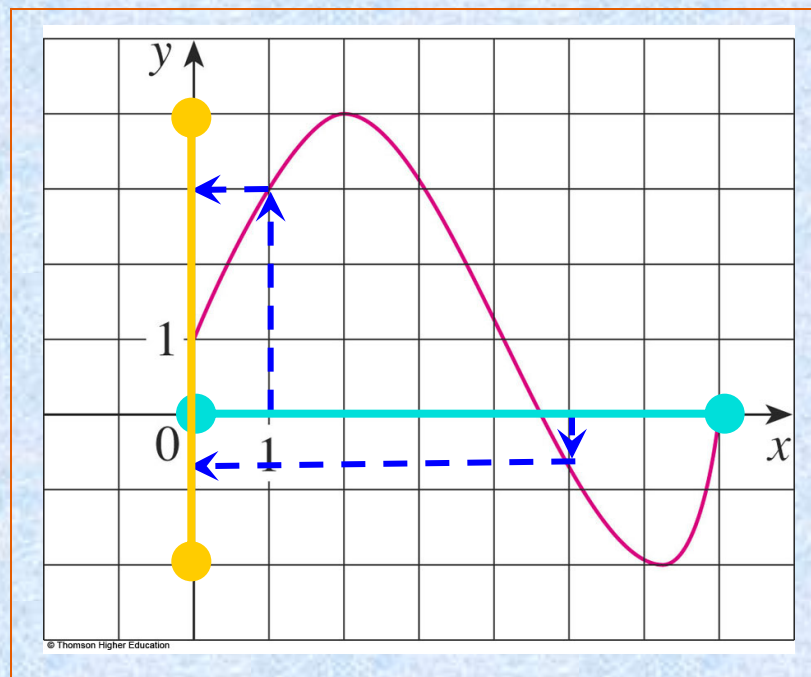
- Find the values of $f(1)$ and $f(5)$.
- What is the domain and range of f ?

$$f(1) = 3$$

$$f(5) = -0.7$$

$$D = [0, 7]$$

$$\text{Range}(f) = [-2, 4]$$



REPRESENTATIONS

DISCUSSION

Find the domain and region of the functions (if it is a function).

a.

$$f(n) = \sqrt{n} \text{ for all natural numbers } n.$$

b.

$g(x)$ is any real number such that larger than x

REPRESENTATIONS OF FUNCTIONS

There are four possible ways to represent a function:

- Algebraically (by an explicit formula)
- Visually (by a graph)
- Numerically (by a table of values)
- Verbally (by a description in words)

EXAMPLE

The human population of the world P depends on the time t .

- The table gives estimates of the world population $P(t)$ at time t , for certain years.
- However, for each value of the time t , there is a corresponding value of P , and we say that P is a function of t .

| Year | Population (millions) |
|------|--------------------------|
| 1900 | 1650 |
| 1910 | 1750 |
| 1920 | 1860 |
| 1930 | 2070 |
| 1940 | 2300 |
| 1950 | 2560 |
| 1960 | 3040 |
| 1970 | 3710 |
| 1980 | 4450 |
| 1990 | 5280 |
| 2000 | 6080 |

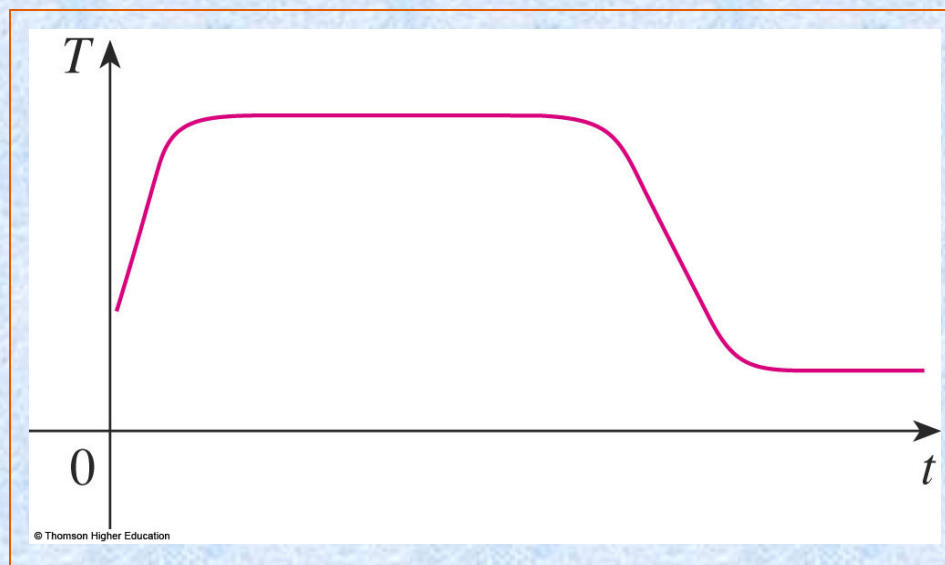
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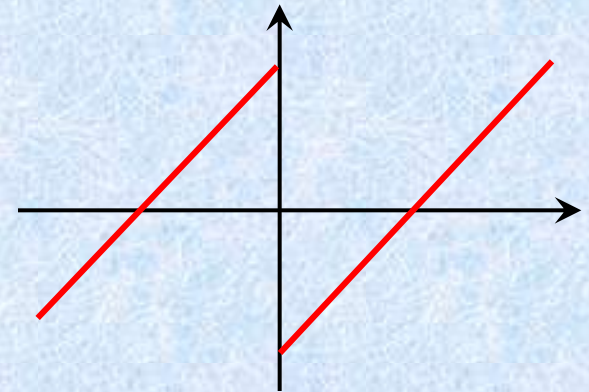
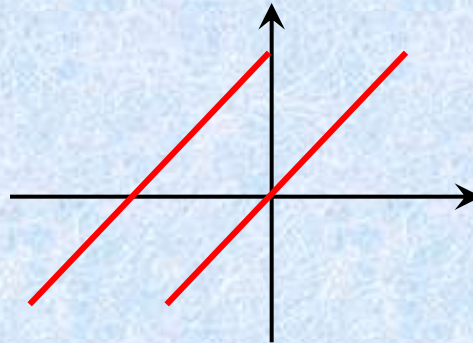
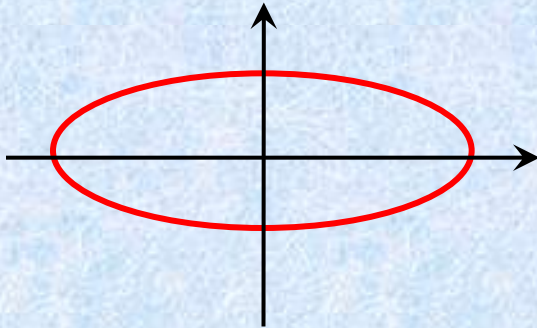
Example

"When you turn on a hot-water faucet, the temperature T of the water depends on how long the water has been running".

Draw a rough graph of T as a function of the time t that has elapsed since the faucet was turned on.



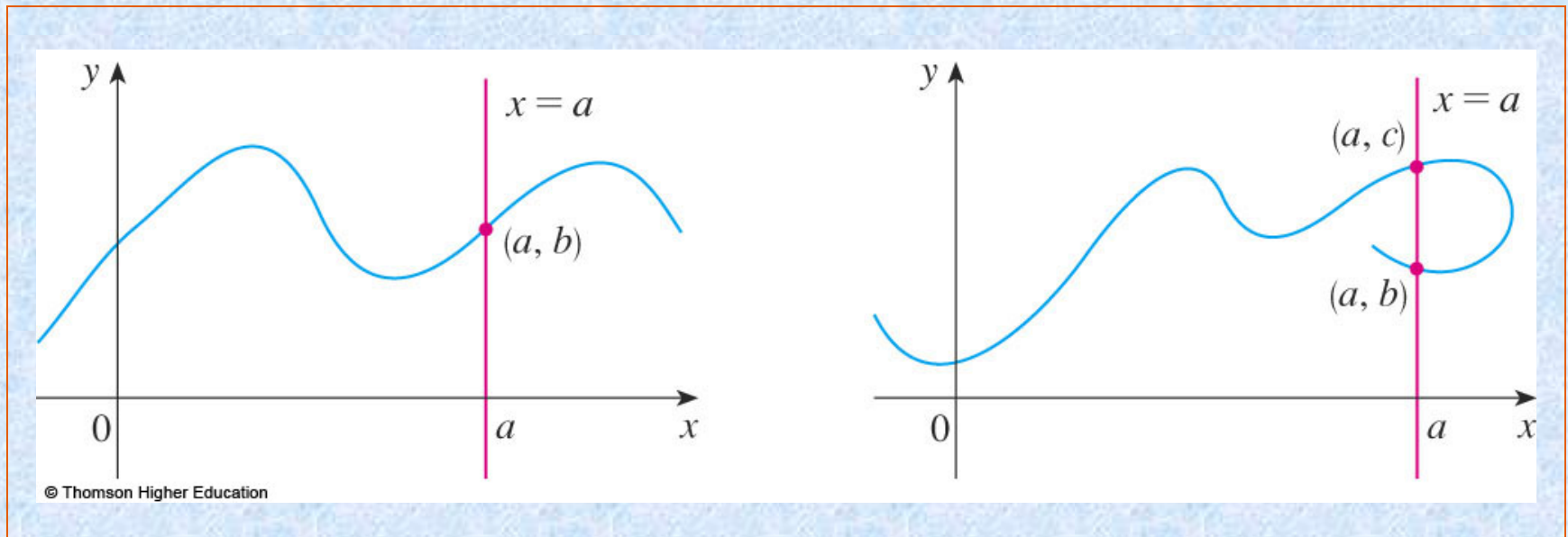
THE VERTICAL LINE TEST



A curve in the xy -plane is the graph of a function of x if and only if **no vertical line** intersects the curve **more than once**.

THE VERTICAL LINE TEST

The reason for the truth of the Vertical Line Test can be seen in the figure.



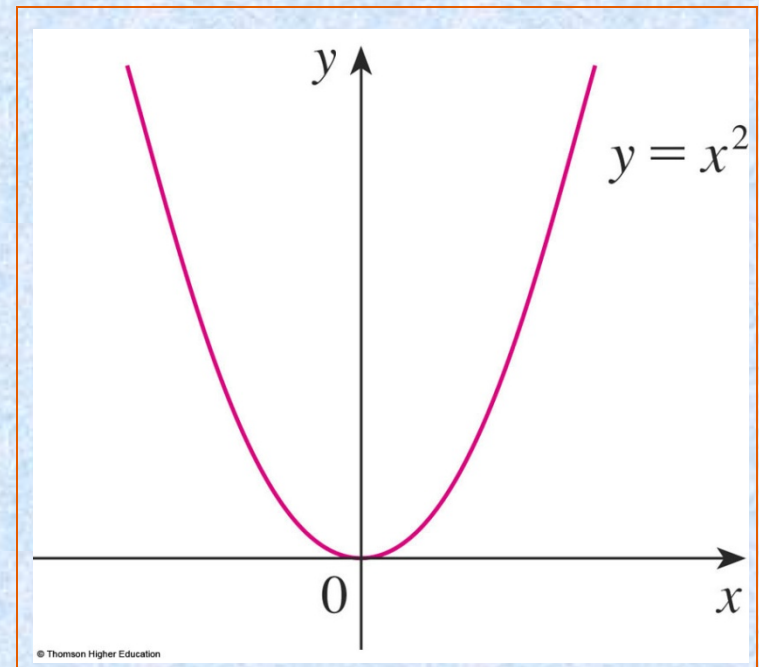
INCREASING AND DECREASING FUNCTIONS

A function f is called **increasing on an interval I** if:

$$f(x_1) < f(x_2) \quad \text{whenever } x_1 < x_2 \text{ in } I$$

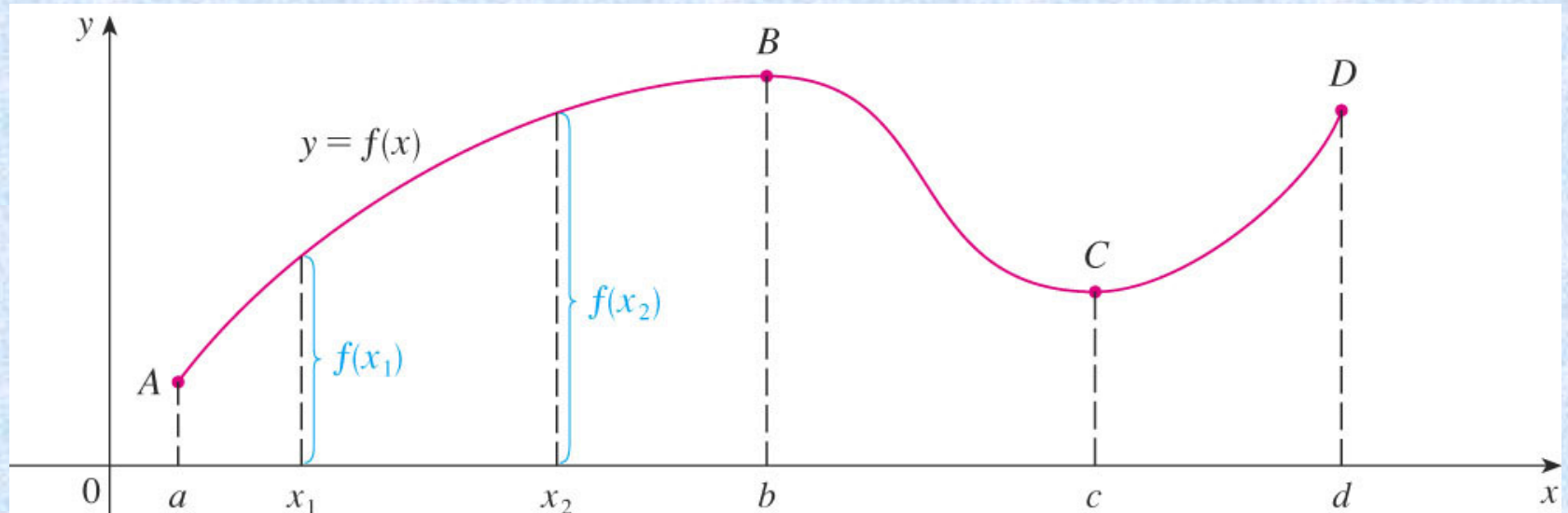
It is called **decreasing on I** if:

$$f(x_1) > f(x_2) \quad \text{whenever } x_1 < x_2 \text{ in } I$$



INCREASING AND DECREASING FUNCTIONS

The function f is said to be **increasing on the interval $[a, b]$** , decreasing on $[b, c]$, and increasing again on $[c, d]$.



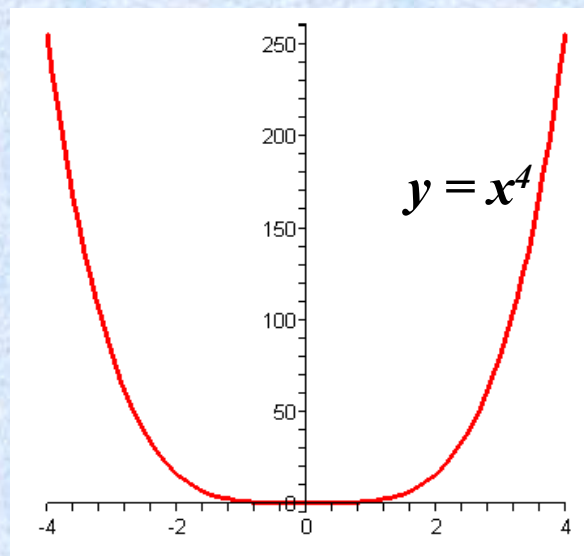
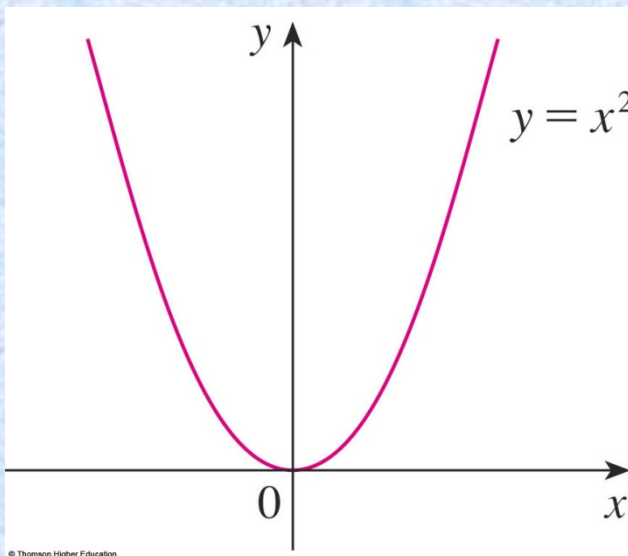
SYMMETRY: EVEN FUNCTION

If a function f satisfies:

$$f(-x) = f(x), \text{ for all } x \text{ in } D$$

then f is called an **even function**.

- The geometric significance of an even function is that its graph is **symmetric with respect to the y-axis**.



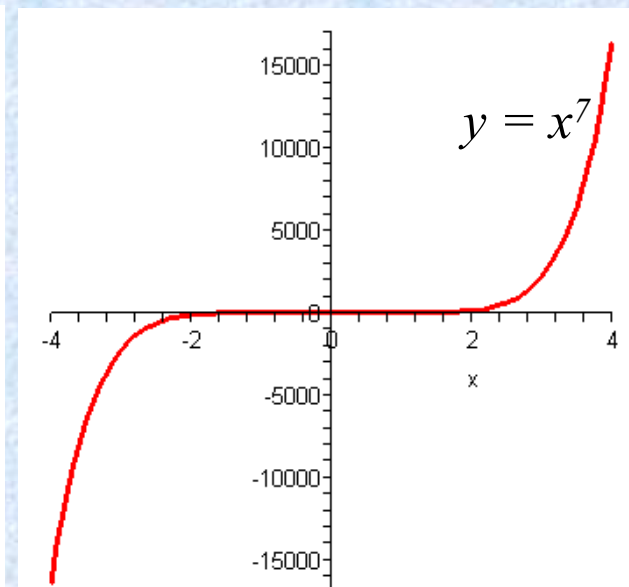
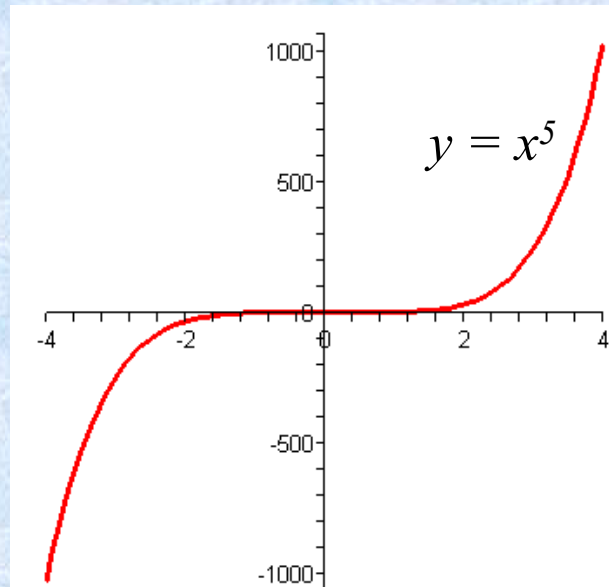
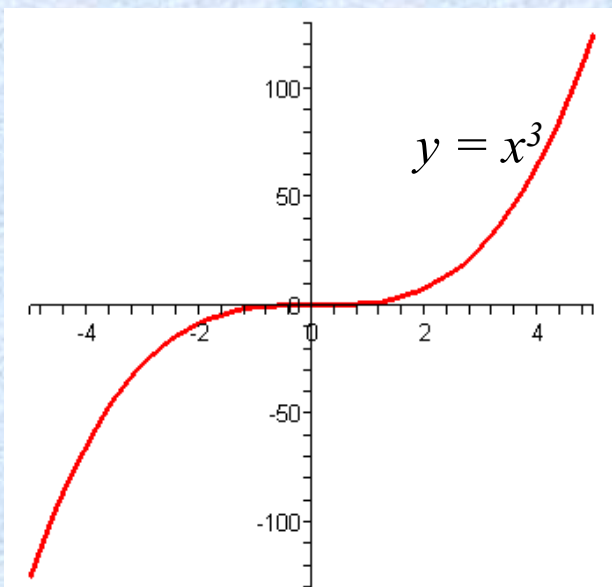
SYMMETRY: ODD FUNCTION

If f satisfies:

$$f(-x) = -f(x), \text{ for all } x \text{ in } D$$

then f is called an **odd function**.

- The graph of an odd function is **symmetric about the origin**.



Example

Let f is an **odd function**. If $(-3,5)$ is in the graph of f then which point is also in the graph of f ?

- a. $(3,5)$ b. $(-3,-5)$ c. $(3,-5)$ d. All of the others

Answer: c

Example

Suppose f is an odd function and g is an even function.

What can we say about the function $f.g$ defined by $(f.g)(x)=f(x)g(x)$?

Prove your result.

QUIZ QUESTIONS

1) If f is a function then $f(x+2)=f(x)+f(2)$

a. True

☒ b. False

2) If $f(s)=f(t)$ then $s=t$

a. True

☒ b. False

3) Let f be a function.

We can find s and t such that $s=t$ and $f(s)$ is **not** equal to $f(t)$

a. True

☒ b. False

COMBINATIONS OF FUNCTIONS

- Two functions f and g can be combined to form new functions:

- $(f + g)x = f(x) + g(x)$

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

$$(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x) \quad \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

- $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$

Let $h(x)=f(g(x))$.

1) If $g(x)=x-1$ and $h(x)=3x+2$ then $f(x)$ is:

- a. $3x+3$ b. $3x+4$ c. $3x+1$ d. None of them

2) If $h(x)=3x+2$ and $f(x)=x-1$ then $g(x)$ is:

- a. $3x+3$ b. $3x+4$ c. $3x+1$ d. None of them

Answer: 1) d

2) a

QUIZ QUESTIONS

1) If f and g are functions, then $f \circ g = g \circ f$

a. True

☒ b. False

2)

| x | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $f(x)$ | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| $g(x)$ | 6 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 |

$(f \circ g)(2)$ is

a. 5

☒ b. 1

c. 2

d. None of the others

FUNCTIONS AND GRAPHS

1.2

BASIC CLASSES OF FUNCTIONS

ALGEBRAIC FUNCTIONS

LINEAR MODELS

When we say that y is a **linear function** of x , we mean that the graph of the function is a line.

- So, we can use the slope-intercept form of the equation of a line to write a formula for the function as

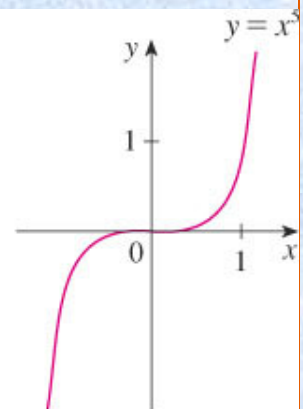
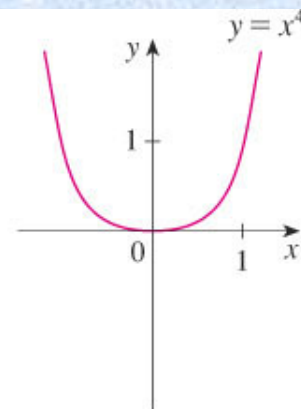
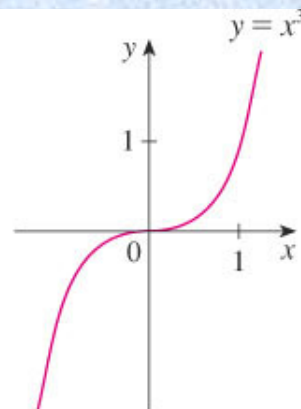
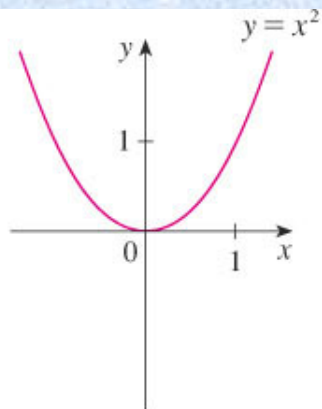
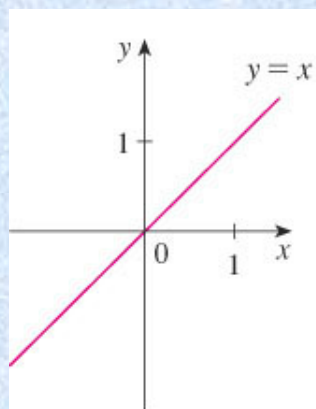
$$y = f(x) = mx + b$$

where m is the slope of the line and b is the y -intercept.

ALGEBRAIC FUNCTIONS

POWER FUNCTIONS

A function of the form $f(x) = x^a$, where a is constant, is called a **power function**.



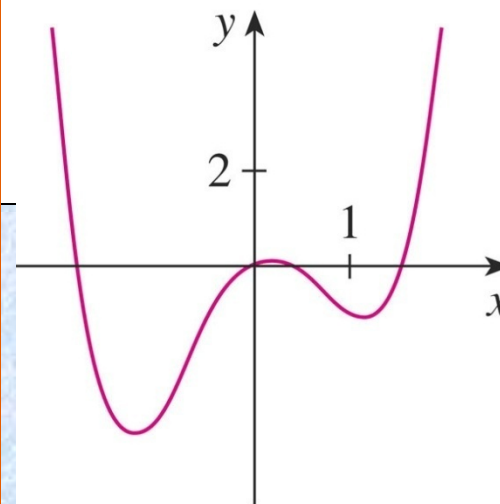
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POLYNOMIALS

A function P is called a **polynomial** if

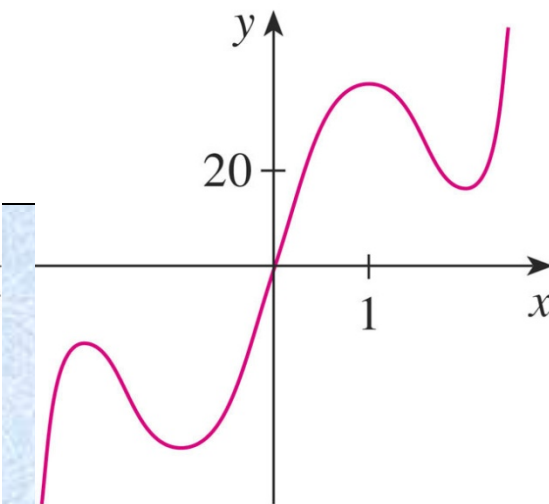
$$P(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$$

where n is a nonnegative integer and the numbers $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ are constants called the coefficients of the polynomial.



(b) $y = x^4 - 3x^2 + x$

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(c) $y = 3x^5 - 25x^3 + 60x$

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RATIONAL FUNCTIONS

A rational function f is a ratio of two polynomials

$$f(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$$

where P and Q are polynomials.

- The domain consists of all values of x such that $Q(x) \neq 0$.

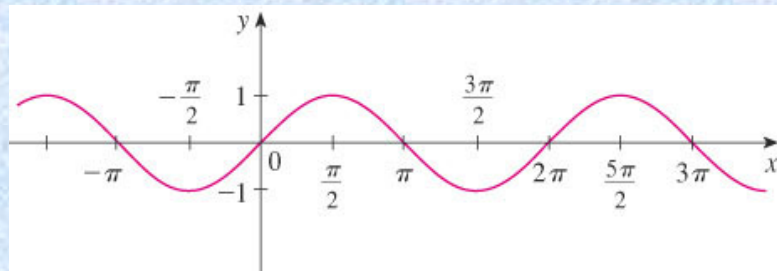
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TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

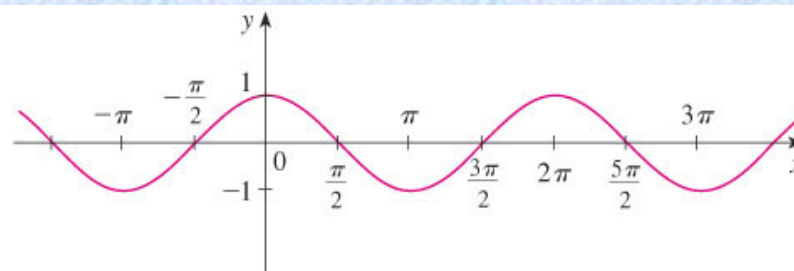
$$f(x) = \sin x \quad D = (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$g(x) = \cos x \quad R = [-1, 1]$$

$$\sin(x + k2\pi) = \sin x \quad \cos(x + k2\pi) = \cos x; \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$



(a) $f(x) = \sin x$



(b) $g(x) = \cos x$

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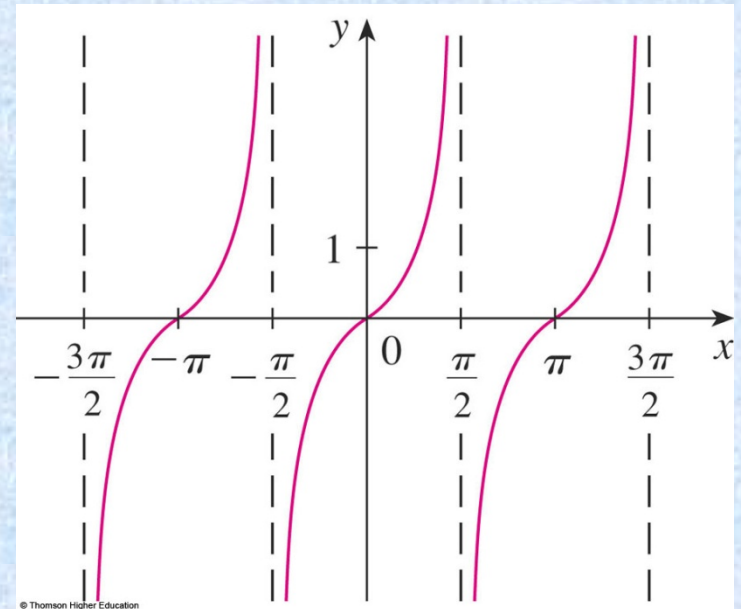
TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

$$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$$

$$x \neq \pm \frac{\pi}{2}, \pm \frac{3\pi}{2}, \dots$$

$$R = (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$\tan(x + k\pi) = \tan x; \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$



TRANSCENDENTAL FUNCTIONS

TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

The reciprocals of the sine, cosine, and tangent functions are

$$\csc x = \frac{1}{\sin x}$$

$$\sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x}$$

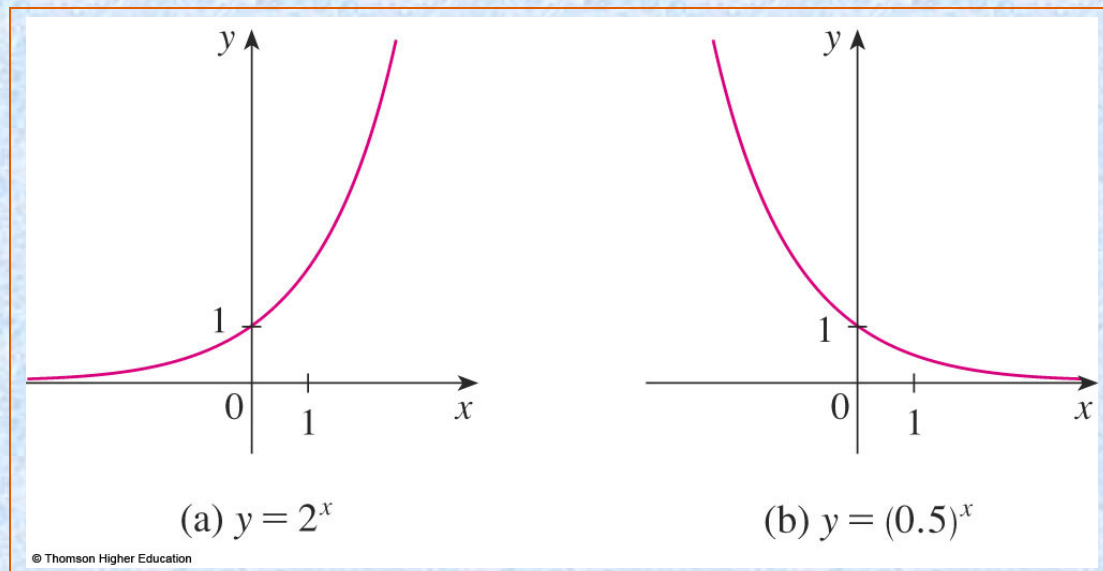
$$\cot x = \frac{1}{\tan x}$$

TRANSCENDENTAL FUNCTIONS

EXPONENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The **exponential functions** are the functions of the form $f(x) = a^x$, where the base a is a positive constant.

- The graphs of $y = 2^x$ and $y = (0.5)^x$ are shown.
- In both cases, the domain is $(-\infty, \infty)$ and the range is $(0, \infty)$.

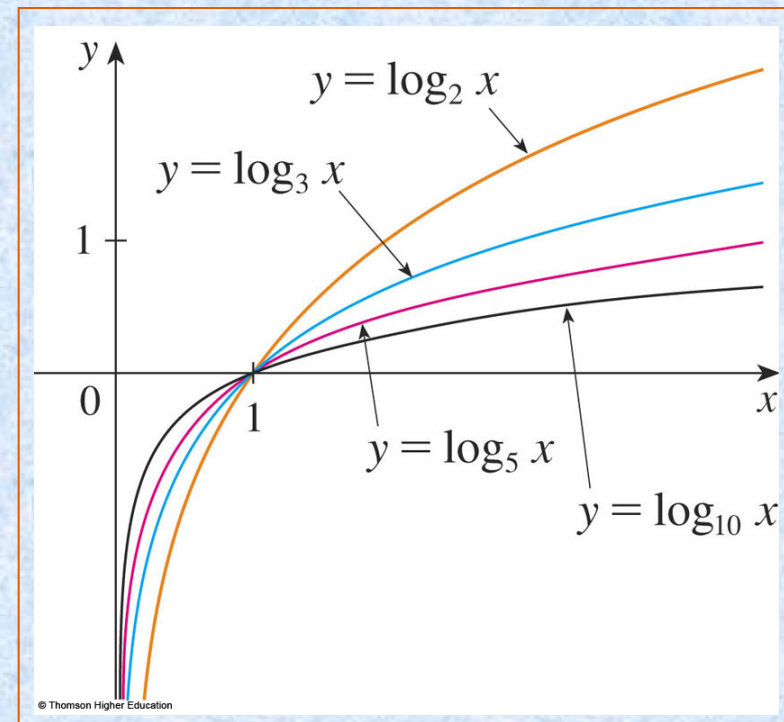


TRANSCENDENTAL FUNCTIONS

LOGARITHMIC FUNCTIONS

The logarithmic functions $f(x) = \log_a x$, where the base a is a positive constant, are the inverse functions of the exponential functions.

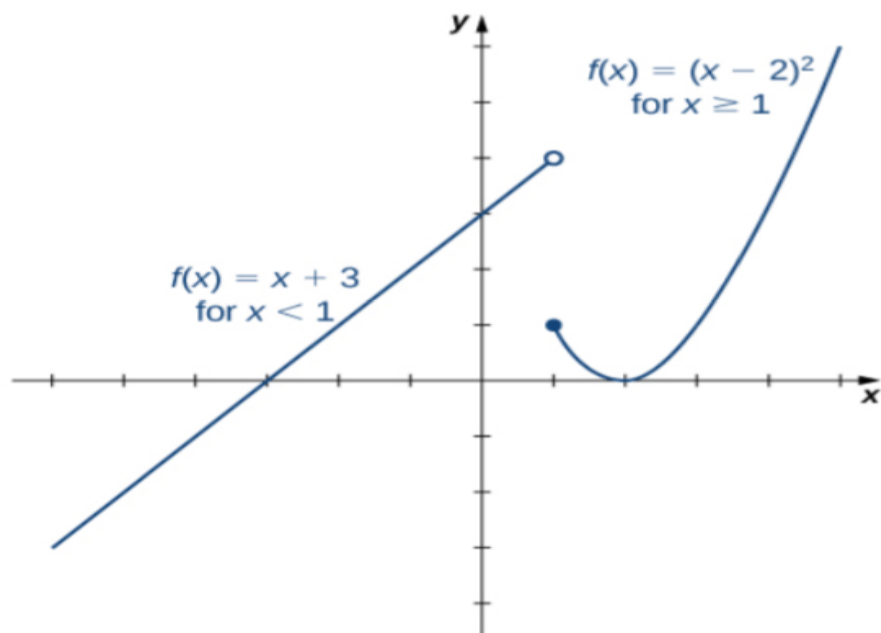
The figure shows the graphs of four logarithmic functions with various bases.



PIECEWISE-DEFINED FUNCTIONS

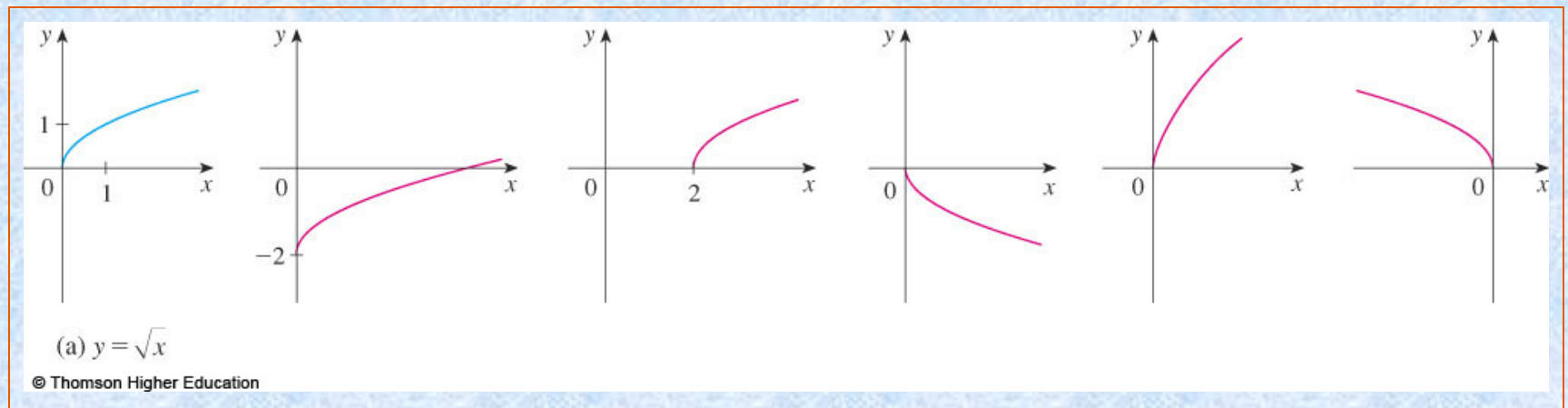
Example:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 3, & x < 1 \\ (x - 2)^2, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}.$$



TRANSFORMATIONS OF FUNCTION

- Label the following graph from the graph of the function $y=f(x)$ shown in the part (a)
 $y=f(x)-2$, $y=f(x-2)$, $y=-f(x)$, $y=2f(x)$, $y=f(-x)$?

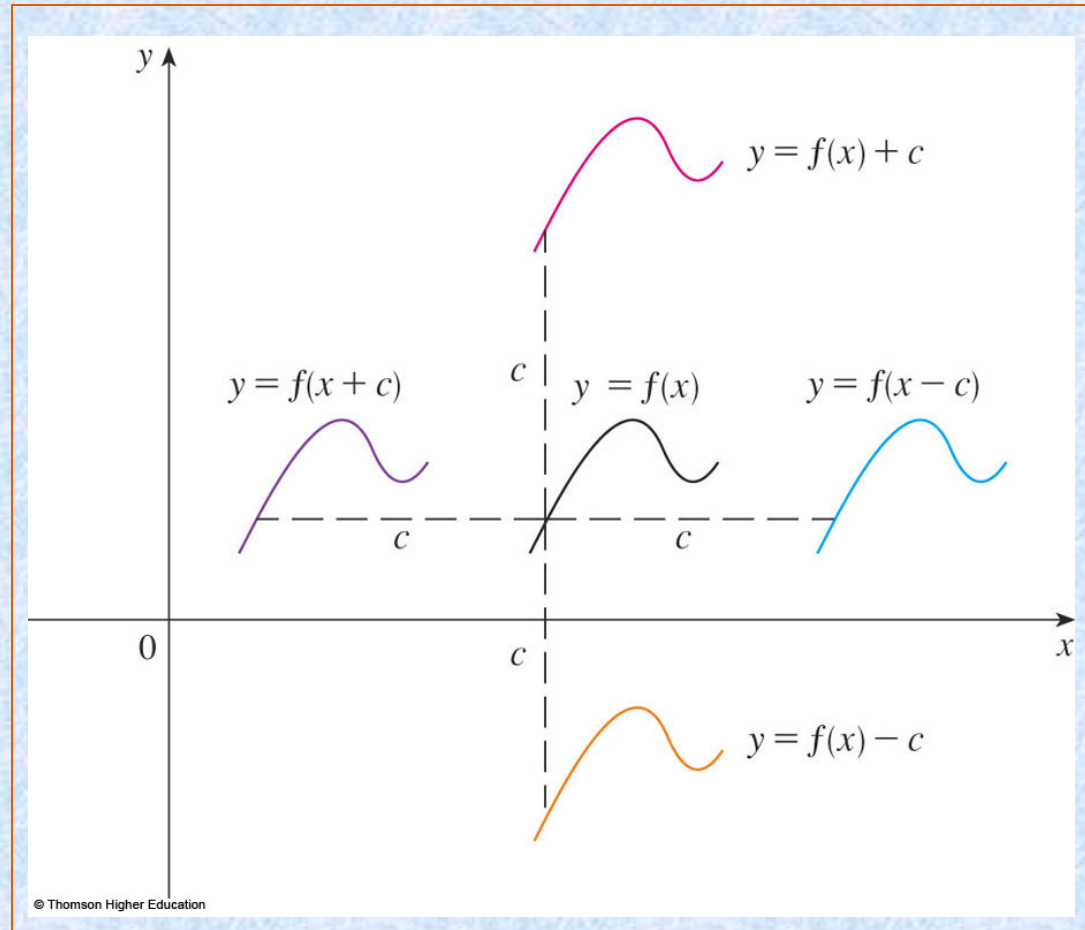


SHIFTING

- Suppose $c > 0$. **Why don't we consider the case $c < 0$?**

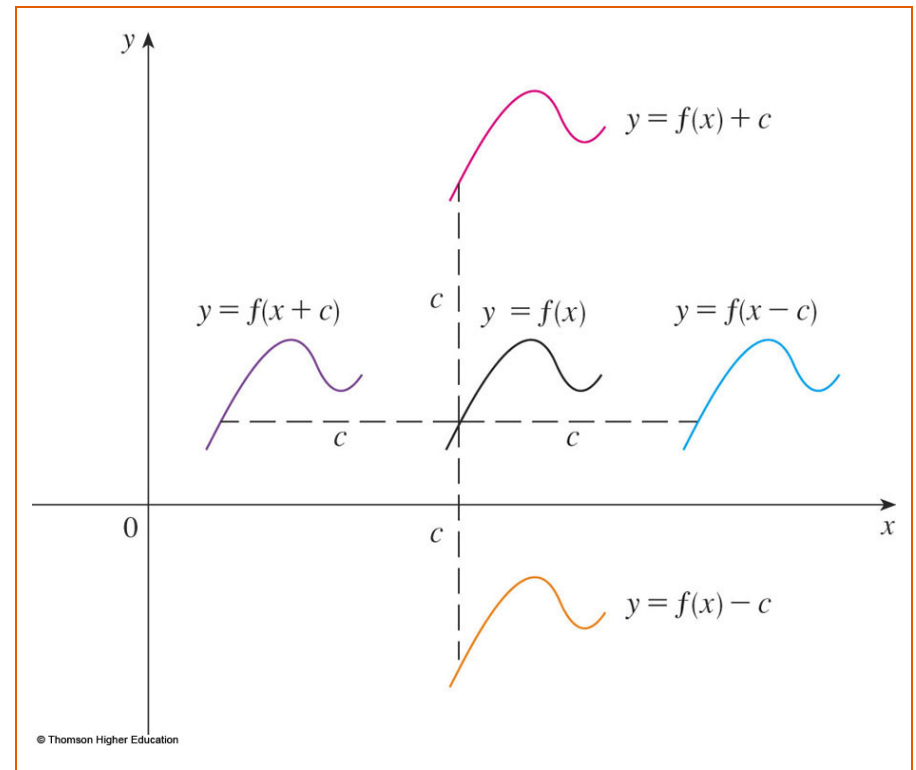
- To obtain the graph of $y = f(x) + c$, shift the graph of $y = f(x)$ a distance c units upward.

- To obtain the graph of $y = f(x) - c$, shift the graph of $y = f(x)$ a distance c units downward.



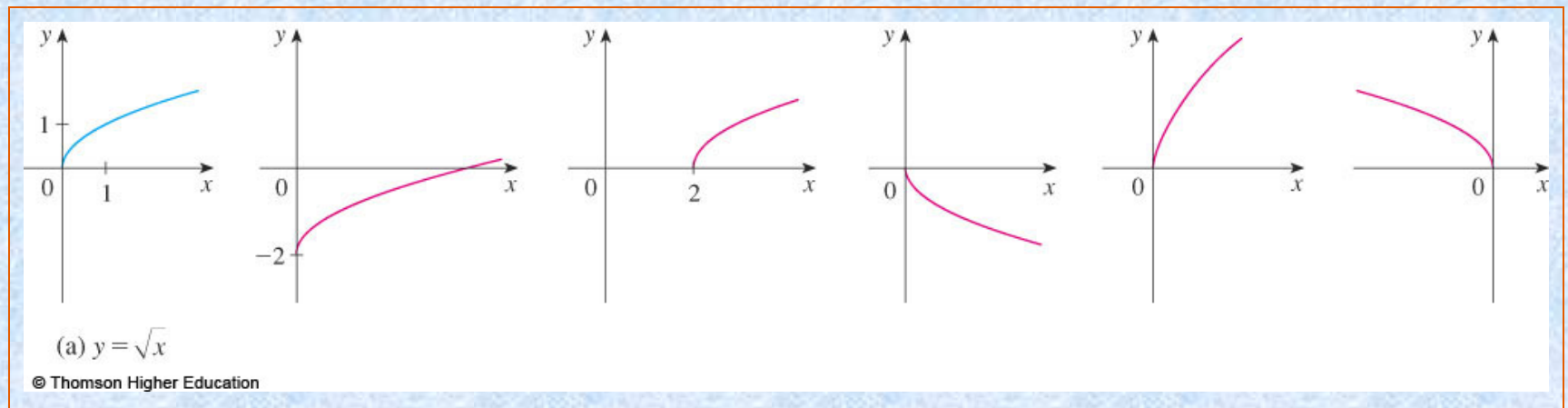
SHIFTING

- To obtain the graph of $y = f(x - c)$, shift the graph of $y = f(x)$ a distance c units to the **right**.
- To obtain the graph of $y = f(x + c)$, shift the graph of $y = f(x)$ a distance c units to the **left**.



NEW FUNCTIONS FROM OLD FUNCTIONS

- Label the following graph from the graph of the function $y=f(x)$ shown in the part (a)
 $y=f(x)-2$, $y=f(x-2)$, $y=-f(x)$, $y=2f(x)$, $y=f(-x)$?

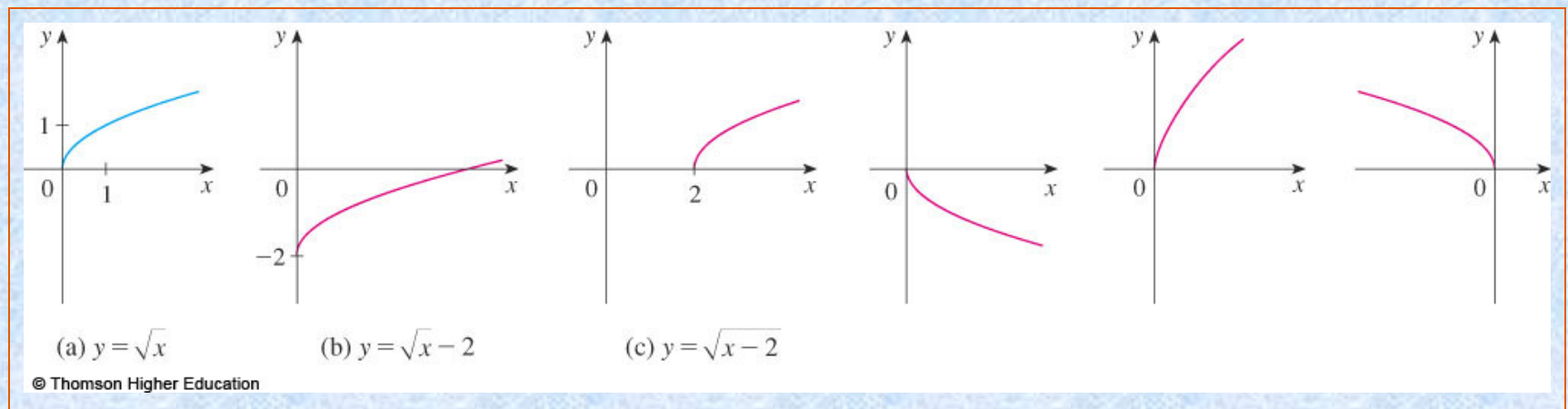


NEW FUNCTIONS FROM OLD FUNCTIONS

Label the following graph from the graph of the function $y = \sqrt{x}$ shown in the part (a):

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

- $y = \sqrt{x} - 2$ by shifting 2 units downward.
- $y = \sqrt{x-2}$ by shifting 2 units to the right.

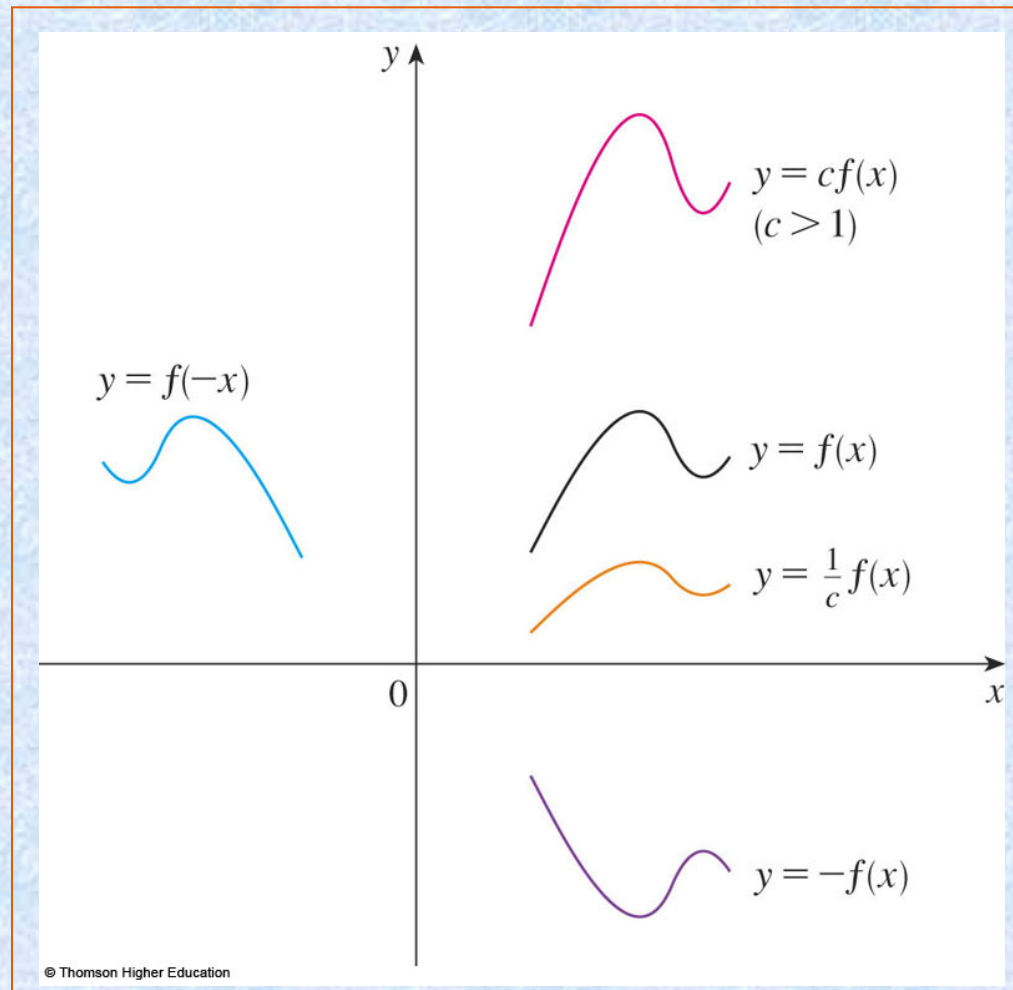


TRANSFORMATIONS

- Suppose $c > 1$.

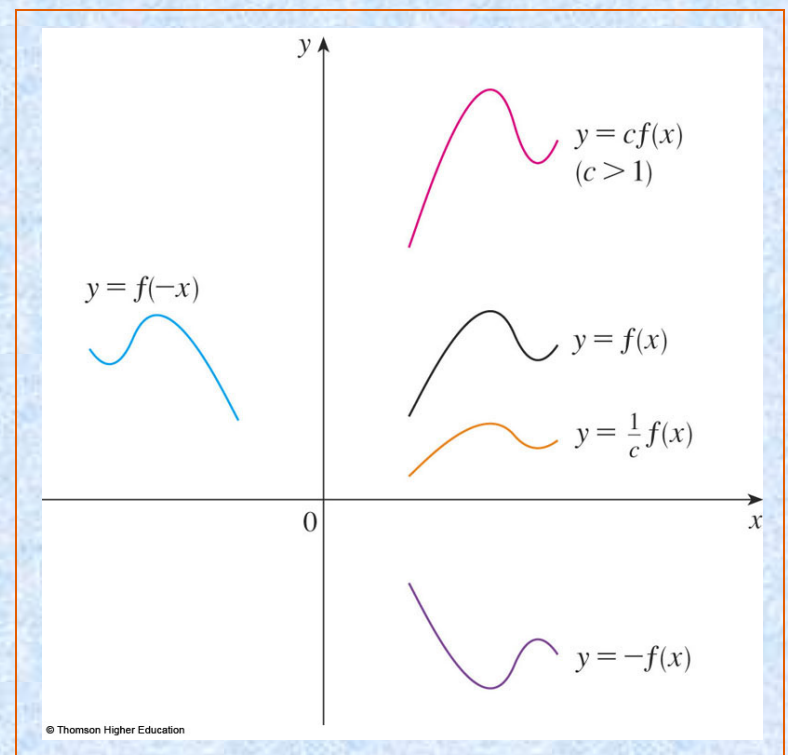
- To obtain the graph of $y = cf(x)$, stretch the graph of $y = f(x)$ vertically by a factor of c .
- To obtain the graph of $y = (1/c)f(x)$, compress the graph of $y = f(x)$ vertically by a factor of c .

How about the case $c < 1$?



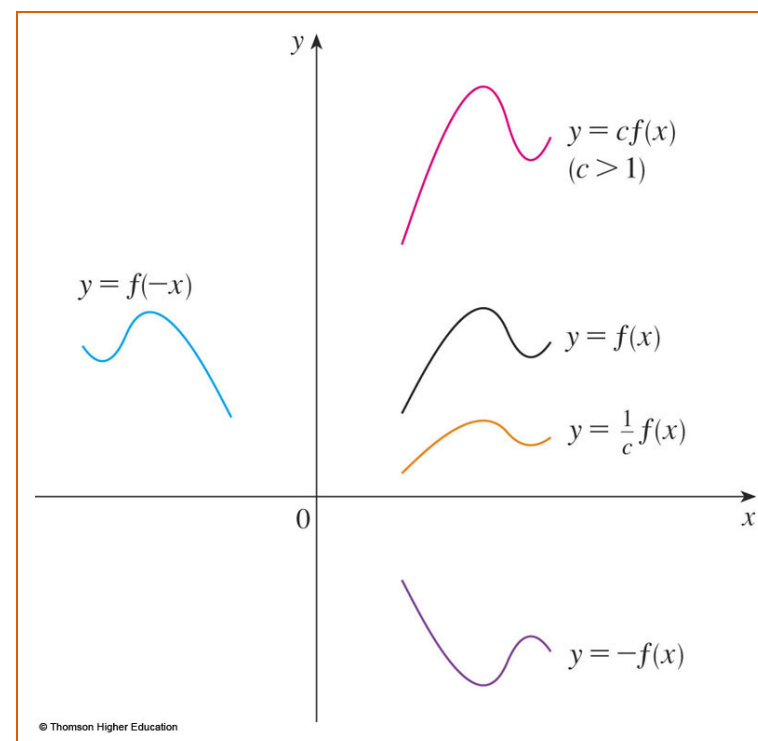
TRANSFORMATIONS

- In order to obtain the graph of $y = f(cx)$, compress the graph of $y = f(x)$ horizontally by a factor of c .
- To obtain the graph of $y = f(x/c)$, stretch the graph of $y = f(x)$ horizontally by a factor of c .



TRANSFORMATIONS

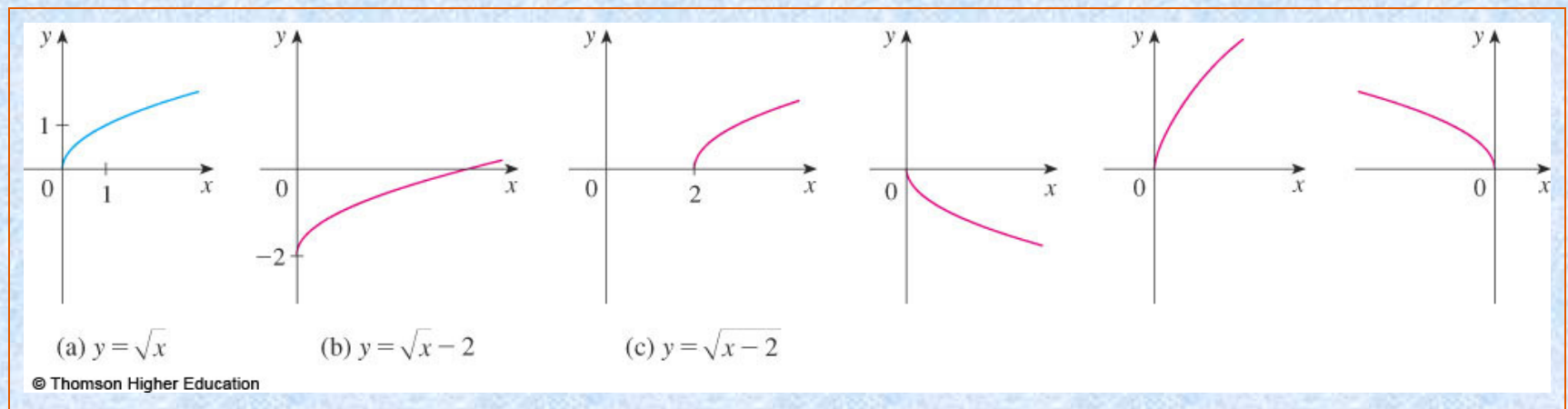
- In order to obtain the graph of $y = -f(x)$, reflect the graph of $y = f(x)$ about the x -axis.
- To obtain the graph of $y = f(-x)$, reflect the graph of $y = f(x)$ about the y -axis.



NEW FUNCTIONS FROM OLD FUNCTIONS

Label the following graph from the graph of the function $y = \sqrt{x}$ shown in the part (a):

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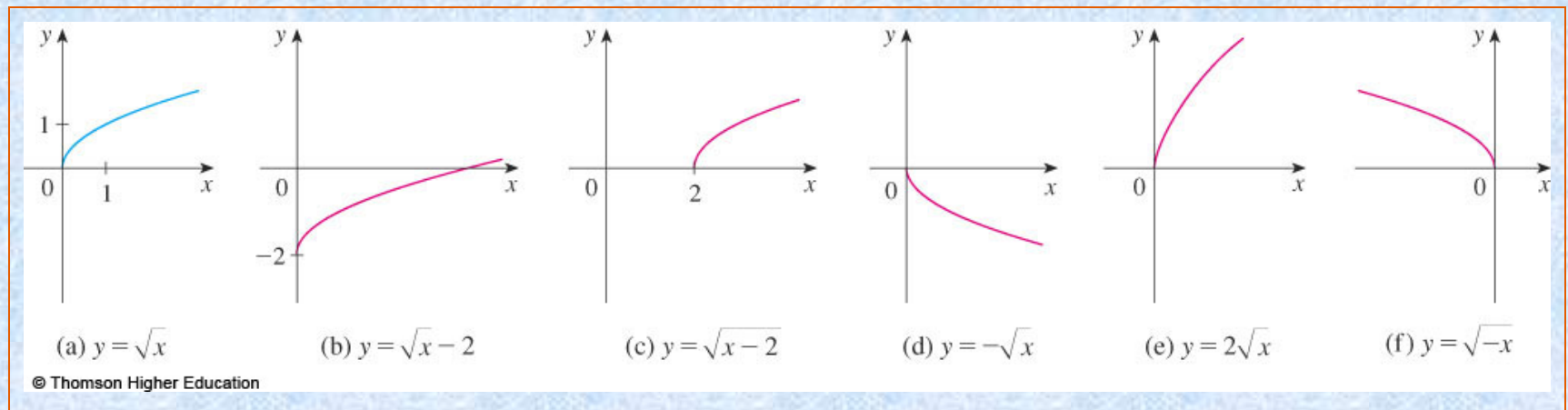


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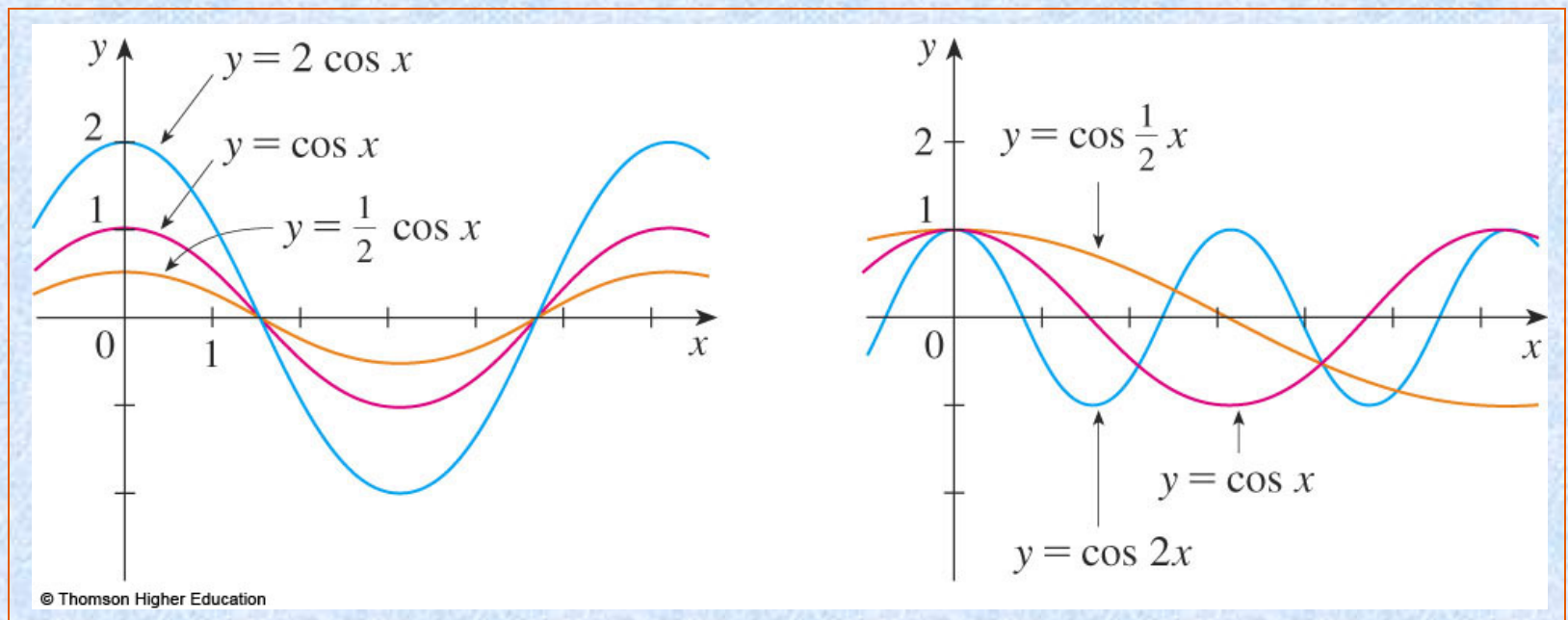
$y=f(x)-2$, $y=f(x-2)$, $y=-f(x)$, $y=2f(x)$, $y=f(-x)$?

- $y = -\sqrt{x}$ by reflecting about the x -axis.
- $y = 2\sqrt{x}$ by stretching vertically by a factor of 2.
- $y = \sqrt{-x}$ by reflecting about the y -axis



TRANSFORMATIONS

- The figure illustrates these stretching
- transformations when applied to the cosine
- function with $c = 2$.



Example

Suppose that the graph of f is given.

Describe how the graph of the function $f(x-2)+2$ can be obtained from the graph of f .

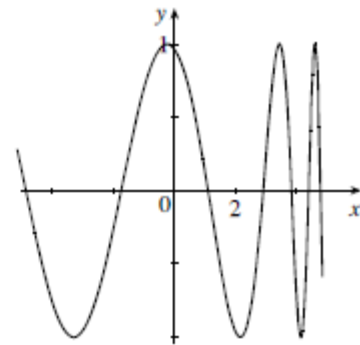
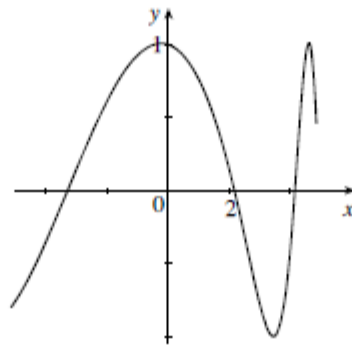
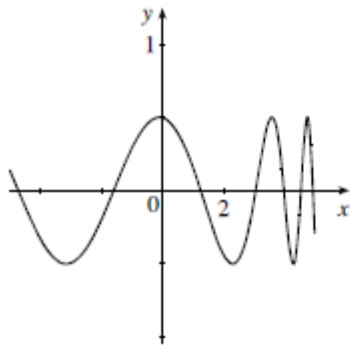
Select the **correct** answer.

- a. Shift the graph 2 units to the left and 2 units down.
- b. Shift the graph 2 units to the right and 2 units down.
- c. Shift the graph 2 units to the right and 2 units up.
- d. Shift the graph 2 units to the left and 2 units up.
- e. none of these

Answer: c

QUIZ QUESTIONS

Label the following graphs: $f(x)$, $\frac{1}{2}f(x)$, $f\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)$.



Answer: $\frac{1}{2}f(x)$, $f(\frac{1}{2}x)$, $f(x)$

Thanks