

# Notes Section 3.5 – Transformations of Graphs

## Lesson Objectives

1. Parent Functions
2. Vertical and Horizontal Translations (shifts)

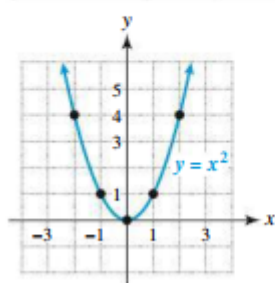
### A. Parent Functions

1. Quadratic (or \_\_\_\_\_) Function:

$$f(x) = x^2 \quad \text{or} \quad y = x^2$$

Square Function:  $f(x) = x^2$

$x$	-2	-1	0	1	2
$y = x^2$	4	1	0	1	4



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

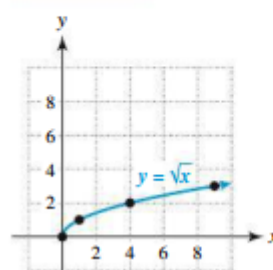
$$R = [0, \infty)$$

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Function:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x} \quad \text{or} \quad y = \sqrt{x}$$

Square Root Function:  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

$x$	0	1	4	9
$y = \sqrt{x}$	0	1	2	3



$$D = [0, \infty)$$

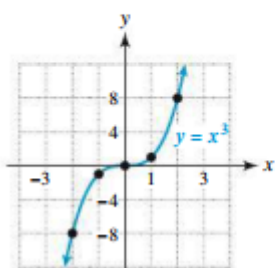
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2. \_\_\_\_\_ Function:

$$f(x) = x^3 \quad \text{or} \quad y = x^3$$

Cube Function:  $f(x) = x^3$

$x$	-2	-1	0	1	2
$y = x^3$	-8	-1	0	1	8



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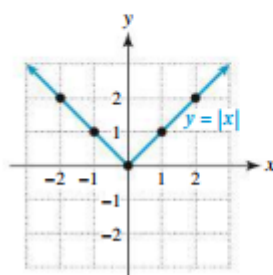
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4. \_\_\_\_\_ Function:

$$f(x) = |x| \quad \text{or} \quad y = |x|$$

Absolute Value Function:  $f(x) = |x|$

$x$	-2	-1	0	1	2
$y =  x $	2	1	0	1	2



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

$$R = [0, \infty)$$

### B. Vertical and Horizontal Shifts

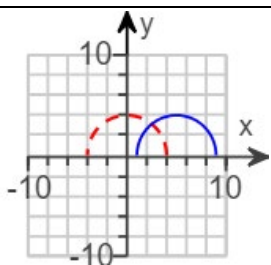
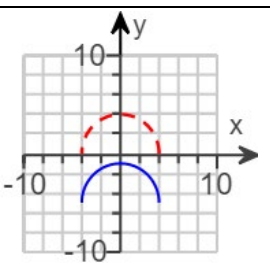
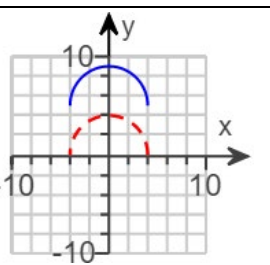
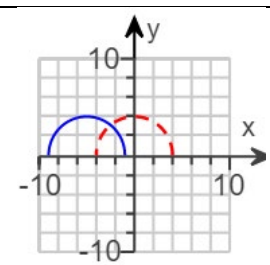
Let  $f$  be a function, and let  $c$  be a positive number.

To Graph	Shift the Graph of $y = f(x)$ by $c$ Units	(NOTES below)
$y = f(x) + c$		Adding or subtracting a number OUTSIDE parentheses with $y$ causes a _____ SHIFT in the SAME direction as that number. <b>OUTSIDE – <math>y</math> is “do what you see.”</b> ( $\downarrow$ , $\uparrow$ )
$y = f(x) - c$		
$y = f(x - c)$		Adding or subtracting a number INSIDE parentheses with $x$ causes a _____ SHIFT in the <b>OPPOSITE</b> direction of that number. <b>INSIDE – <math>x</math> goes _____!</b> ( $\leftarrow$ , $\rightarrow$ )
$y = f(x + c)$		

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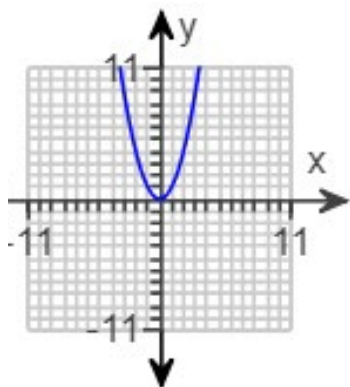
- EXAMPLE:** The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is shown with dashed (red) lines. Graph  $y = f(x) + 5$ . Choose the correct graph in solid (blue). [3.5-31]

$y = f(x) + 5$  \_\_\_\_\_ –  $y$  is “do what you see.” + 5 means \_\_\_\_\_ Graph     .

A.	B.	C.	D.
			

- EXAMPLE:** Determine which graph indicates the shift in the indicated equation. [3.5-6]

$$y = f(x - 3) - 5$$



The graph to the left is the given graph of  $y = f(x)$ .

To graph  $y = f(x - 3) - 5$

**INSIDE parentheses:**

**$x$  goes OPPOSITE!**

I see  $-3$  with  $x$ , so the shift is to the \_\_\_\_\_, not the left.

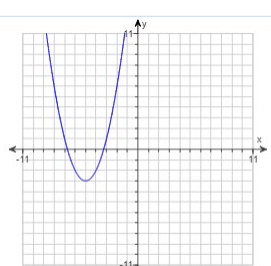
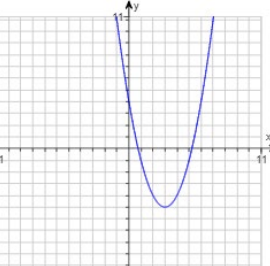
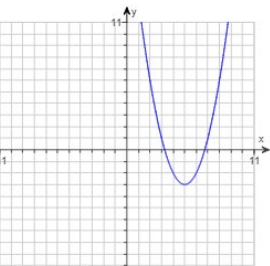
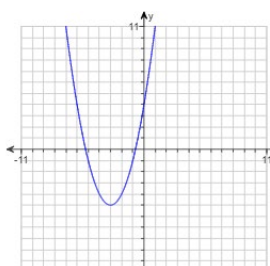
**OUTSIDE parentheses:**

**$y$  is “do what you see”**

I see  $-5$  outside parentheses, so the shift is also \_\_\_\_\_ 5.

So, together, the shift for  $y = f(x - 3) - 5$  is

\_\_\_\_\_. Correct answer is     .

A.	B.	C.	D.
			

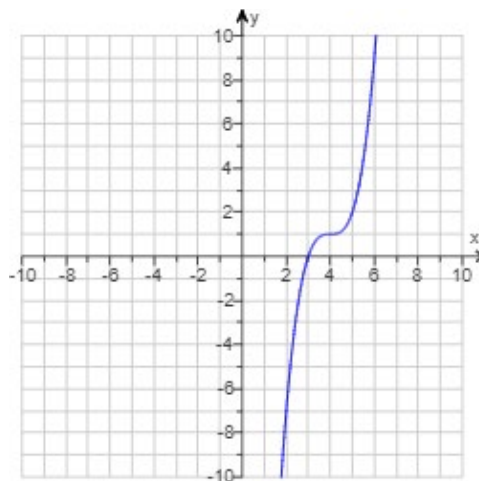
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- **EXAMPLE:** The graph is a translation of one of the basic functions

$y = x^2, y = x^3, y = \sqrt{x}, y = |x|$ . Find the equation that defines the function. [3.5.1]

(Type an expression using  $x$  as the variable. Do not simplify).



The graph to the left is a translation of  $y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

The INFLECTION point for  $y = x^3$  is normally at the origin.  
In this graph, though, it has moved:                                 

RIGHT 4 is a change in       , so be sure to                                   
the value. (remember: **INSIDE – x goes OPPOSITE!**)

RIGHT 4 is written as                                 

UP 1 is a change in       , so that is written as       .  
(remember: **OUTSIDE – y is “do what you see.”**)

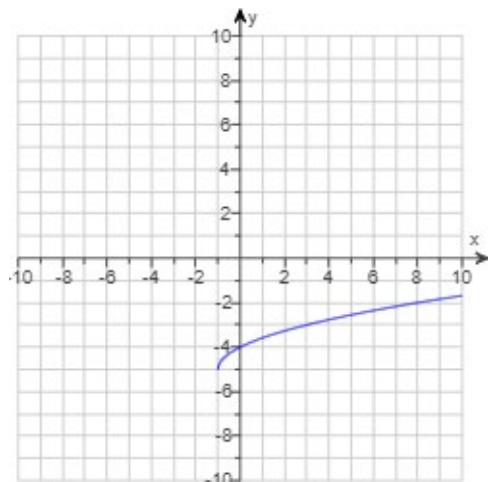
When  $y = x^3$  that goes RIGHT 4, UP 1,

the equation is  $y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

- **EXAMPLE:** The graph is a translation of one of the basic functions

$y = x^2, y = x^3, y = \sqrt{x}, y = |x|$ . Find the equation that defines the function. [3.5.5]

(Type an expression using  $x$  as the variable. Do not simplify).



The graph to the left is a translation of  $y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

The starting point for  $y = \sqrt{x}$  is normally at the origin.  
In this graph, though, it has moved:                                 

LEFT 1 is a change in        so be sure to SWITCH the  
value.

(remember: **INSIDE – x goes OPPOSITE!**)

So, LEFT 1 is written as                                 

DOWN 5 is a change in  $y$ , so that is written as       .  
(remember: **OUTSIDE – y is “do what you see.”**)

When  $y = \sqrt{x}$  goes LEFT 1, DOWN 5,

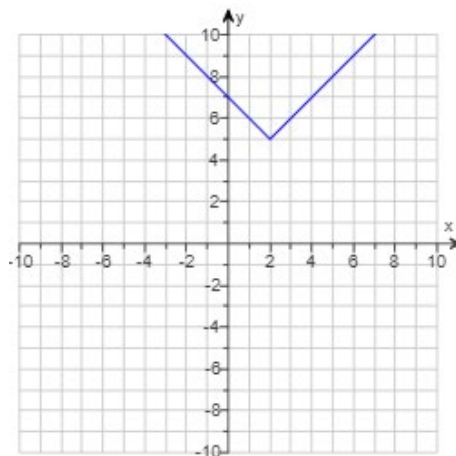
The equation is  $y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

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- EXAMPLE:** The graph is a translation of one of the basic functions

$y = x^2, y = x^3, y = \sqrt{x}, y = |x|$ . Find the equation that defines the function. [3.5.7]

(Type an expression using  $x$  as the variable. Do not simplify).



The graph to the left is a translation of  $y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

The vertex for  $y = |x|$  is normally at the origin.

In this graph, though, it has moved:                                 .

RIGHT 2 is a change in     , so be sure to SWITCH the value. (remember: **INSIDE –  $x$  goes OPPOSITE!**)

So, RIGHT 2 is written as                                 .

UP 5 is a change in     , so that would be written as       
(remember: **OUTSIDE –  $y$  is “do what you see.”**)

When  $y = |x|$  that goes RIGHT 2, UP 5,

the equation is  $y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

- EXAMPLE:** Find the equation that shifts the graph of  $f$  by the indicated amounts.

$f(x) = x^4$                       right 8 units, up 7 units    [3.5-1]

Right 8 units is a change in             , so be sure to SWITCH the value.

So, RIGHT 8 is written as                                 . (remember: **INSIDE –  $x$  goes OPPOSITE!**)

Up 7 units is a change in             , so UP 7 is written with      at the end.  
(remember: **OUTSIDE –  $y$  is “do what you see.”**)

A.	$y = -(x - 8)^4 + 7$	
B.	$y = -(x - 8)^4 + 56$	
C.	$y = (x - 8)^4 + 7$	
D.	$y = (x + 8)^4 - 7$	

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- EXAMPLE:** Use transformations to explain how the graph of  $f$  can be found using the graph of  $y = x^2$ .

$$f(x) = (x - 3)^2 + 2 \quad [3.5.53]$$

I see \_\_\_\_\_ with  $x$ , so the shift is to the \_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(remember: **INSIDE –  $x$  goes OPPOSITE!**)

So  $(x - 3)$  means it moves \_\_\_\_\_ **3**.

I see \_\_\_\_\_ outside parentheses, so the shift is also \_\_\_\_\_.  
(remember: **OUTSIDE –  $y$  is “do what you see.”**)

Together, the shift for  $f(x) = (x - 3)^2 + 2$  from  $y = x^2$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

- EXAMPLE:** Use transformations of the graphs of  $y = x^2$  or  $y = |x|$  to sketch a graph of  $f$  by hand.

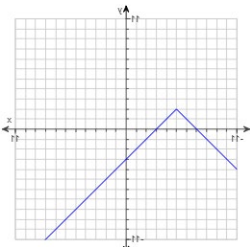
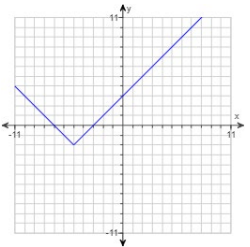
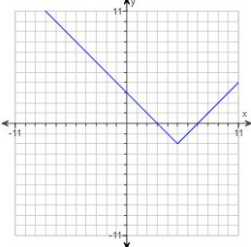
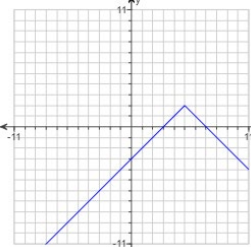
$$f(x) = |x - 5| - 2 \quad [3.5-11]$$

I see \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_, so the shift is to the \_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(remember: **INSIDE –  $x$  goes OPPOSITE!**)

So  $|x - 5|$  means it moves \_\_\_\_\_ **5**.

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(remember: **OUTSIDE –  $y$  is “do what you see.”**)

Together, the shift for  $f(x) = |x - 5| - 2$  from  $y = |x|$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

A.	B.	C.	D.
			

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- EXAMPLE:** Find the equation that shifts the graph of  $f$  by the desired amounts.

Graph  $f$  and the shifted graph in the same  $xy$ -plane. [3.5.15]

$$f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 2 \quad \text{right 5 units, upward 3 units}$$

Right 5 units is a change in \_\_\_\_\_, so be sure to SWITCH the value.

RIGHT 5 is written as: \_\_\_\_\_ (remember: **INSIDE** –  $x$  goes **OPPOSITE**!)

Use \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere you see an \_\_\_\_\_ in the function.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} x^2 & - & 2 & x & + & 2 & \text{changes to} \\ ( & & )^2 & - & 2( & & ) & + & 2 \end{array}$$

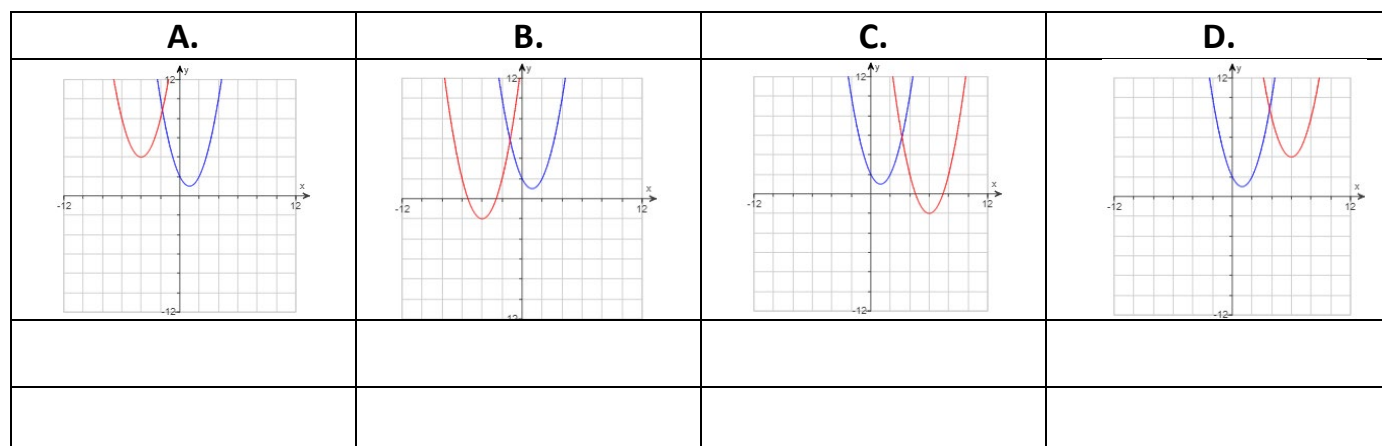
Upward 3 units is a change in \_\_\_\_\_, so jut include a \_\_\_\_\_ at the end.  
(remember: **OUTSIDE** –  $y$  is “do what you see.”)

$$(x - 5)^2 - 2(x - 5) + 2 \quad \text{Combine like terms on the end}$$

Updated:  $y =$  \_\_\_\_\_  
(Make sure BOTH sets of parentheses have the SAME value!)

Notice that in all four graphs, one of the graphs is always in the same place, with vertex at about (1,1). Remember that the overall shift is:

right 5 units and upward 3 units, or more simply: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.



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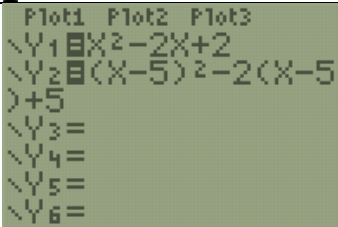
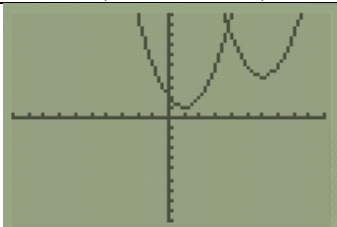
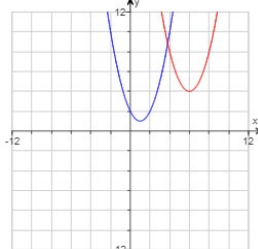
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$$f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 2$$

right 5 units, upward 3 units

NOTE: You can also verify the graph on your graphing calculator:

Original function	Modified function: right 5, upward 3
$f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 2$	$y = (x - 5)^2 - 2(x - 5) + 5$
$Y_1 = x^2 - 2x + 2$	$Y_2 = (x - 5)^2 - 2(x - 5) + 5$
	
The graph on the calculator matches the answer we got on the previous page:	

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