

FUNCTION TRANSFORMATIONS COMMON CORE ALGEBRA I



We have transformed many functions this year by **shifting them** and **stretching them**. These transformations occur on a general basis and we will explore them in the next two lessons by looking almost exclusively at functions defined graphically. Still, we will rely heavily on function notation.

Exercise #1: The function $y = f(x)$ is defined by the graph below. Answer questions based on this definition. Selected points are marked on the graph.

(a) Evaluate each of the following:

$f(3) = 2$ $f(7) = -2$

$f(-4) = 2$ $f(-7) = -4$

(b) State the zeroes of $f(x)$.

$(-5, 0)$ & $(5, 0)$

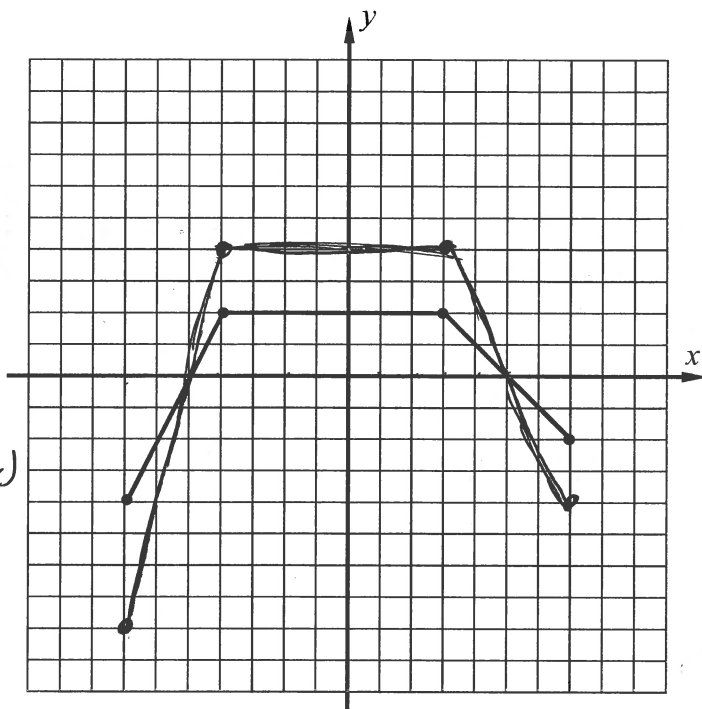
(c) Why is it impossible to evaluate $f(9)$?

Because 9 is not in the domain of $f(x)$
(no y -value there!)

(d) State the domain and range of $f(x)$.

Domain:
 $-7 \leq x \leq 7$
 $[-7, 7]$

Range: $-4 \leq y \leq 2$
 $[-4, 2]$



O.k. Now that we have a bit of a feel for $f(x)$ we are going to start to create other functions by **transforming** the function f .

Exercise #2: Let's now define the function $g(x)$ by the formula $g(x) = 2f(x)$.

(a) Evaluate each of the following. Show the work that leads to your answer. Remember, just follow the function's rule.

$g(-7) = 2 \cdot f(-7)$ $g(-4) = 2 \cdot f(-4)$
 $= 2 \cdot -4 = -8$ $= 2 \cdot 2 = 4$

$g(3) = 2 \cdot f(3)$ $g(7) = 2 \cdot f(7)$
 $= 2 \cdot 2 = 4$ $= 2 \cdot -2 = -4$

(b) How can you interpret the function rule in terms of the graph of $f(x)$?

$g(x)$ has y -values that are double all the y -values in $f(x)$

(c) Sketch a graph of $f(x)$ on the grid above in Exercise #1. Write down points that you know are on $g(x)$ based on your answers to (a).

$(-7, -8)$ $(-4, 4)$
 $(3, 4)$ $(7, -4)$

(d) State the domain and range of the function $g(x)$.

Domain: $-7 \leq x \leq 7$
or
 $[-7, 7]$

Range: $-8 \leq y \leq 4$
 $[-8, 4]$



So, we see from the last exercise that when a function gets multiplied by a constant, all of the y-values get multiplied by the same constant. This has the effect of "stretching" a function.

VERTICAL STRETCH

If the function $g(x)$ is defined by $g(x) = k \cdot f(x)$, then the graph of g will be stretched (or compressed) depending on the value of k . If k is negative, it will also **reflect** the function across the x -axis.

Exercise #3: A quadratic $f(x)$ is shown below. The function $g(x)$ is defined by $g(x) = -\frac{1}{2}f(x)$.

(a) Calculate the values of $g(0)$ and $g(3)$. Show your work.

Explain the effect of multiplying by $-\frac{1}{2}$.

$$g(0) = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot f(0)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \cdot (-2)$$

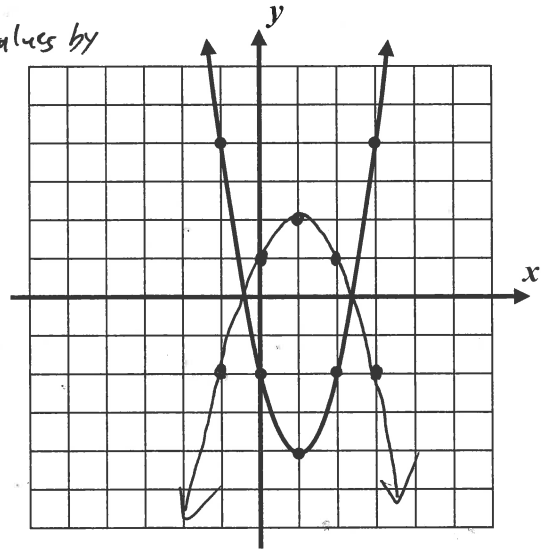
$$= 1$$

$$g(3) = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot f(3)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \cdot 4$$

$$= -2$$

multiply y-values by $\frac{1}{2}$ and flip them over the x-axis.



(b) Sketch an accurate graph of $g(x)$ on the same grid as $f(x)$.

$x \leq 2$ or $(-\infty, 2]$

(c) State the range of $g(x)$.

Let's do one final problem to see how well you understand what happens to the graph of a function when it has been multiplied by a constant.

Exercise #4: The function $f(x)$ is graphed as the bold curve shown below. Three other functions are all defined in terms of f and are graphed as well. Label each curve with the appropriate function.

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{2}f(x)$$

$$h(x) = -f(x)$$

$$k(x) = 2f(x)$$

