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The graph of a function $f$ is the graph of the equation $y=f(x)$. A function is called continuous if its graph has no breaks or holes.

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## Definition

A function is a special type of relation. A FUNCTION is a correspondence between a first set, called the domain, and a second set, called the range, such that each member of the domain corresponds to exactly one member of the range.

However, different elements of the domain are allowed to have a correspondence with the same value in the range.


Figure : F is a FUNCTION (left), R is a relation but NOT A FUNCTION (center) \& an example of a function (right) whose two different domain elements are associated with the same range element.

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## Vertical Line Test

## Theorem (VERTICAL LINE TEST (VLT))

A curve in the coordinate plane is the graph of a function if and only if there is no vertical line that crosses the graph more than once.


Figure: GRAPHS OF $y=x^{2}$ and $x=y^{2}$

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Does the equation $x^{2}+y^{2}=16$ define $y$ as a function of $x$ ?

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## $p(x)=x^{n}$ is called a power function.

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The graph of a function has origin symmetry when for any point ( $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}$ ) on the graph, there is also a point $(-x,-y)$ on the graph.

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The graph of a function has $y$-axis symmetry if for every point $(x, y)$, there is also a point $(-x, y)$ on the graph.

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## Definition

The graph of a relation has $x$-axis symmetry if for every point $(x, y)$ on the graph, the point $(x,-y)$ is also on the graph.



Can a function have $x$-axis symmetry?

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## Definition

A function $f(x)$ can be classified as (one of the following):
(1) Even
(2) Odd
(3) Neither Even Nor Odd


Figure : A function that is neither: $f(x)=x(x-2)^{2}$

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How to Test for Symmetry

- A function is EVEN if its graph has $y$-axis symmetry. If substitution of $-x$ for $x$ leads to the same equation, i.e., If $f(-x)=f(x)$, then $f$ is an even function.
- A function is ODD if its graph has origin symmetry. If substitution of $-x$ for $x$ leads to the negative version of $f$, i.e.,
If $f(-x)=-f(x)$, then $f$ is an odd function.


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If $a, b, c$, and $d$ are real numbers with $a \neq 0$, then $y=a \cdot f(b x-c)+d$ is called a linear transformation of the function $y=f(x)$.

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## Vertical Shifts of Graphs

Suppose $d>0$. The graph of $y=f(x)+d$ is the graph of $y=f(x)$ shifted vertically upward d units.



The graphs of $f(x)=x(x-2)^{2}$ and $f(x)+d$ (left); and the graphs of $f(x)=x^{2}$ and $g(x)=x^{2}+2$ (right).

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## Vertical Shifts of Graphs

Suppose $d>0$. The graph of $y=f(x)-d$ is the graph of $y=f(x)$ shifted vertically downward d units.



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$$
g(x)=(x+2)^{2}
$$

The graphs of $f(x)=x(x-2)^{2}$ and $f(x+c)$ are given in the left panel; and the graphs of $f(x)=x^{2}$ and $g(x)=(x+2)^{2}$ are presented in the right panel above.

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## Horizontal Shifts of Graphs

Let $c>0$. The graph of $y=f(x-c)$ is the graph of $y=f(x)$ shifted to the right $c$ units.



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## Combining Horizontal and Vertical Shifts

Graph $y=\sqrt{x-4}+3$


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1.) $f(x)=\sqrt{x}$


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## Combining Horizontal and Vertical Shifts

Graph $y=\sqrt{x-4}+3$
1.) $f(x)=\sqrt{x}$
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To graph $y=-f(x)$ reflect the graph of $f(x)$ about the $x$-axis.

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To graph $y=f(-x)$ reflect the graph of $f(x)$ about the $y$-axis.

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## Vertical Stretching and Shrinking

## Graphing $y=a \cdot f(x)$

If $a>1$, stretch the graph of $y=f(x)$ vertically by a factor of $a$.


$$
a>1
$$

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## Vertical Stretching and Shrinking

## Graphing $y=a \cdot f(x)$

If $a>1$, stretch the graph of $y=f(x)$ vertically by a factor of $a$. If $0<a<1$, shrink the graph of $y=f(x)$ vertically by a factor of $a$.

$a>1$

$0<a<1$

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Example: $f(x)=a \cdot x^{2}$

If $a>1$, stretch the graph of $y=f(x)$ vertically by a factor of $a$.
If $0<a<1$, shrink the graph of $y=f(x)$ vertically by a factor of $a$.

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a>1
$$

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Example: $f(x)=a \cdot x^{2}$

If $a>1$, stretch the graph of $y=f(x)$ vertically by a factor of $a$.
If $0<a<1$, shrink the graph of $y=f(x)$ vertically by a factor of $a$.


$0<a<1$

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If $a, b, c$, and $d$ are real numbers with $a \neq 0$, then $y=a \cdot f(b x-c)+d$ is called a linear transformation of $y=f(x)$.

$$
f(x)=\sqrt[3]{x}
$$

All of the transformations of a function form a family of functions. For example, $y=-3 \sqrt[3]{x-1}+1$ (graph below) is in the cube root family of functions.


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## Linear Transformation

$$
y=a \cdot f(b x-c)+d
$$

a represents the reflection and vertical shrinking or stretching of $f$.
$b$ represents the horizontal shrinking or stretching of $f$.
$c$ represents the horizontal translation of $f$.
$d$ represents the vertical translation of $f$.

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## Graphing using Translations

$$
y=a \cdot f(b x-c)+d
$$

1.) Identify and graph $f(x)$. Use symmetry, if possible.
2.) Horizontal Shift
3.) Reflection and horizontal and/or vertical shrinking or stretching
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1.) $f(x)=\sqrt[3]{x}$

| $x$ | $f(x)=\sqrt[3]{x}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| -8 | -2 |
| -1 | -1 |
| 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 |
| 8 | 2 |

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$(9,2)$


| $x$ | $y=\sqrt[3]{x-1}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| -7 | -2 |
| 0 | -1 |
| 1 | 0 |
| 2 | 1 |
| 9 | 2 |

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| $x$ | $y=\sqrt[3]{x-1}$ | $y=-3 \sqrt[3]{x-1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -7 | -2 | 6 |
| 0 | -1 | 3 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 1 | -3 |
| 9 | 2 | -6 |

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| $x$ | $y=-3 \sqrt[3]{x-1}+1$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| -7 | 7 |
| 0 | 4 |
| 1 | 1 |
| 2 | -2 |
| 9 | -5 |

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$$
y=-3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{x-1}+1=-3 \cdot f(x-1)+1
$$

has the following characteristics:

- domain: $x \in(-\infty, \infty)$
- range: $y \in(-\infty, \infty)$
- $g(x)$ is a decreasing function. $g(x) \downarrow$ for $x \in(-\infty, \infty)$

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$$
\begin{aligned}
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\end{aligned}
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$$
f \circ g=f(g(x))
$$

provided that $g(x)$ is in the domain of $f$.

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Comment: the domain of $g$ is $\{1,3,5\}$ while the domain of $f \circ g$ is $\{1,3\}$. In order to find the domain of $f \circ g$ we remove from the domain of $g$ any number $x$ such that $g(x)$ is not in the domain of $f$.

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One to one functions have inverses!
A function $f$ with domain $D$ and range $R$ is a one to one function if either of the following equivalent conditions is satisfied:

Whenever $x_{1} \neq x_{2}$ in $D$, then $f\left(x_{1}\right) \neq f\left(x_{2}\right)$ in $R$.
Whenever $f\left(x_{1}\right)=f\left(x_{2}\right)$ in $R$, then $x_{1}=x_{2}$ in D .


Example: $f(x)=x^{2}$ is NOT a one to one function since for $x_{1}=-2$ and $x_{2}=2$, it is true that $x_{1} \neq x_{2}$ and $f\left(x_{1}\right)=f\left(x_{2}\right)=4$.

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## The Horizontal Line Test

A function $f$ is one to one if and only if every horizontal line intersects the graph of $f$ in at most one point.


$$
f(x)=x^{2}
$$

is not one to one

but $f(x)=x^{3}$
is one to one.

## Inverse Function

Suppose $f$ is a one to one function, with domain $D$ and range $R$. The inverse function of $f$ is the function denoted $f^{-1}$ with domain R and range D provided that

$$
f^{-1}(f(x))=x
$$

Note: A function has an inverse (function) only when it is one to one.

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CAUTION: $f^{-1}(x) \neq f(x)^{-1}$

- $f^{-1}(x)$ is notation for the function inverse of a one to one function $f$
- $f(x)^{-1}=(f(x))^{-1}=\frac{1}{f(x)}$ is the multiplicative inverse of the number $f(x)$.

Example: Suppose $f$ is one-to-one and $f(-9)=15$, then $f^{-1}(15)=-9$ and $(f(-9))^{-1}=1 / 15$

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- The inverse function $f^{-1}$ is unique.
- The domain of $f^{-1}$ is the range of $f$.
- The range of $f^{-1}$ is the domain of $f$. corresponding point $(b, a)$ on the graph of $f^{-1}(x)$.

Suppose that $f$ is a one to one function with domain D and range R . Then

- The statement $f(x)=y$ is equivalent to $f^{-1}(y)=x$

Note: The graph of $y=f^{-1}(x)$ is the reflection of the graph of $y=f(x)$ about the line $y=x$. For every point $(a, b)$ on the graph of $f(x)$ there is a


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## Inverse Function

How to find the inverse of a one to one function:

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(1) Replace $f(x)$ with $y$. Then interchange $x$ and $y$.
(2) Solve the resulting equation for y .
(3) Replace $y$ with $f^{-1}(x)$.

