

1.6 Transforming Functions

Translations

Shifting up or down:

$f(x) + k$ translates f vertically k units
 \uparrow outside $() \Rightarrow$ vertical \uparrow

$f(x + k)$ translates f left k units

$f(x - k)$ translates f right k units

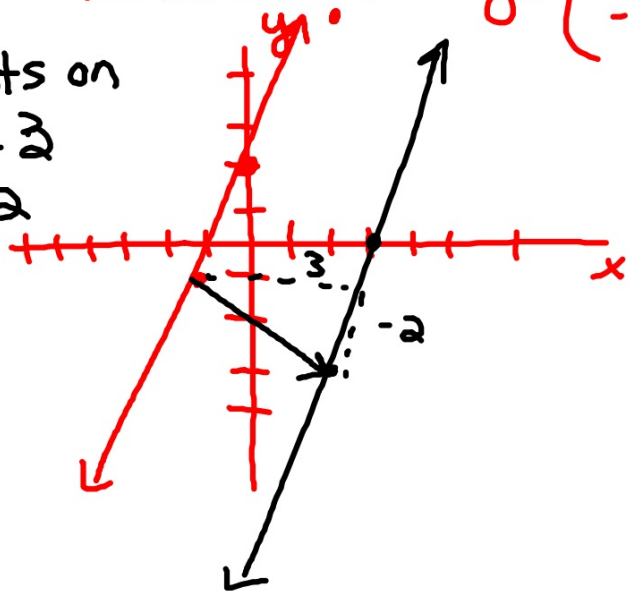
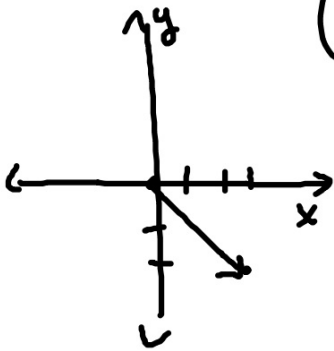
\uparrow (inside) change is \leftrightarrow and opposite what it looks like

translation vector

translations can be represented by vectors in the form $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ where a is the horizontal (x) and b is the vertical (y).

Ex) translate $f(x) = 3x + 2$ by $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

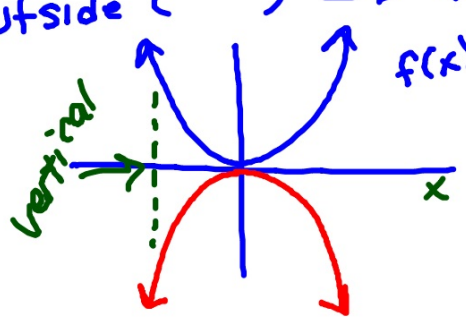
$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ all points on
f go right 3
and down 2



Reflections

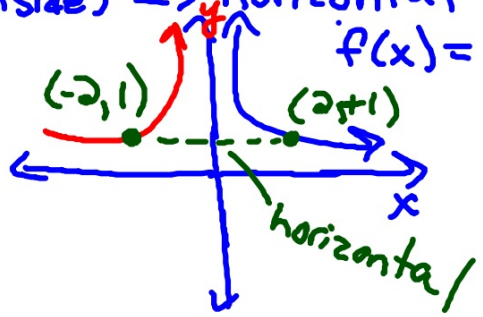
- $f(x)$ reflects $f(x)$ about (or in) the x-axis

outside () \Rightarrow vertical change



$f(-x)$ reflects $f(x)$ about/over/in the y-axis

(inside) \Rightarrow horizontal



$f(x) = \text{something rational}$

Stretches/compressions

$p f(x)$ stretches or compresses $f(x)$
by a factor of p .

outside \Rightarrow vertical change

$f(qx)$ stretches or compresses $f(x)$
by a factor of $\frac{1}{q}$

(inside) \Rightarrow horizontal and
backwards what it looks
like

ex) $f(x) = (3x)^3$

is a compression of $\frac{1}{3}$

In which order do I graph transformations of functions?

- Vertical Shifts.
- Horizontal Shifts.
- Reflection about the x-axis.
- Reflection about the y-axis.
- Vertical ~~shifting~~ or stretching.
compress
- Horizontal ~~shifting~~ or stretching.
shrink

Ex) $f(x) = -7(-3(x+2))^3 + 4$

- up 4
- Right 6 $(-3x-6)^3$
- reflect over x-axis
- reflect over y
- Stretch \downarrow by factor of 7
- shrink \leftrightarrow by $\frac{1}{3}$



Ex 2 functions g , s and t are transformations of $f(x)$. write each transformation in terms of $f(x)$.

$$f(x) = |x|$$

$s(x)$ - horizontal shift
left 4 units

$$s(x) = |x + 4|$$

$g(x)$ - vertical shift
up 2 units

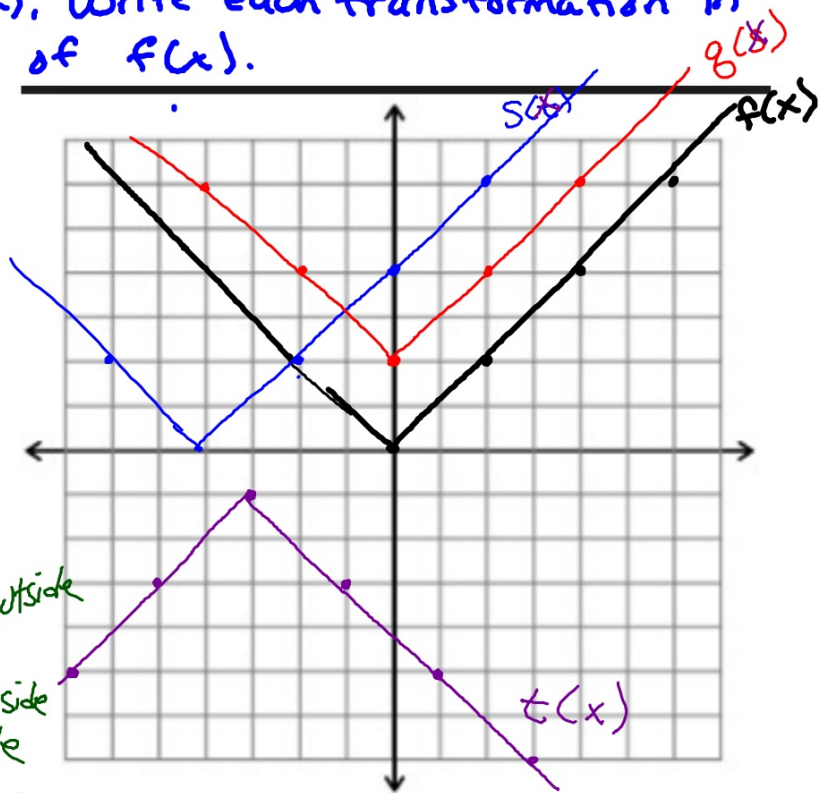
$$g(x) = |x| + 2$$

$t(x)$ = reflect over x } outside
(vertical) }

left 3 units - inside

down 1 - outside

$$t(x) = -|x + 3| - 1$$



Ex) DESCRIBE THE CHANGE THAT
TAKES $f(x)$ TO $g(x)$

$$f(x) = x^2; \quad g(x) = -(2x)^2 - 4$$

- vertical reflection over x-axis
- horizontal shrink by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$
- vertical translation (shift) down 4