

Section 2.1: Graphing Functions: Increasing, Decreasing

Some definitions:

Suppose that the function f is defined on an open interval I .

- ▶ f is *increasing* on I if for each a, b in I , if $a < b$, then $f(a) < f(b)$.
- ▶ f is *decreasing* on I if for each a, b in I , if $a < b$, then $f(a) > f(b)$.
- ▶ f is *constant* on I if $f(a) = f(b)$ for each a, b in I .

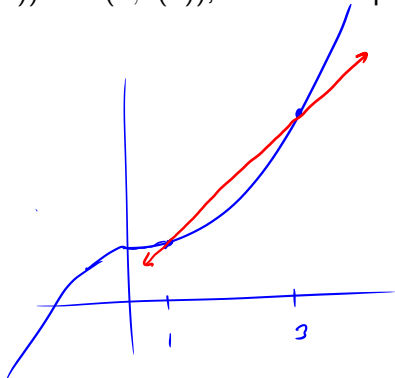
Note that going from left to right, the graph of f

- ▶ goes upward if f is increasing
- ▶ goes downward if f is decreasing
- ▶ is horizontal if f is constant.

Question

Suppose f is a function that is increasing on $(-\infty, \infty)$. If we draw a straight line through the points $(1, f(1))$ and $(3, f(3))$, then the slope of this line would be

- (a) positive, and I'm confident
- (b) positive, but I'm not sure
- (c) negative, and I'm confident
- (d) negative, but I'm not sure
- (e) there's not enough information to determine whether the slope would be positive, negative, or zero



Relative Extrema

Some definitions:

Suppose f is a function and c is in the interior of the domain of f . Then

↙ not on end point

- ▶ $f(c)$ is a **relative maximum** if there exists an open interval I containing c such that $f(x) < f(c)$ for all x in I different from c ,
↙ a y-value
- ▶ $f(c)$ is a **relative minimum** if there exists an open interval I containing c such that $f(x) > f(c)$ for all x in I different from c .
↙ a y-value

An **extremum** is a maximum or a minimum. The plurals of these three terms are extrema, maxima, and minima. The word *relative* can be replaced with the word **local**.

Relative Extrema

Relative extrema are the y -values for local highest or lowest points on a graph.

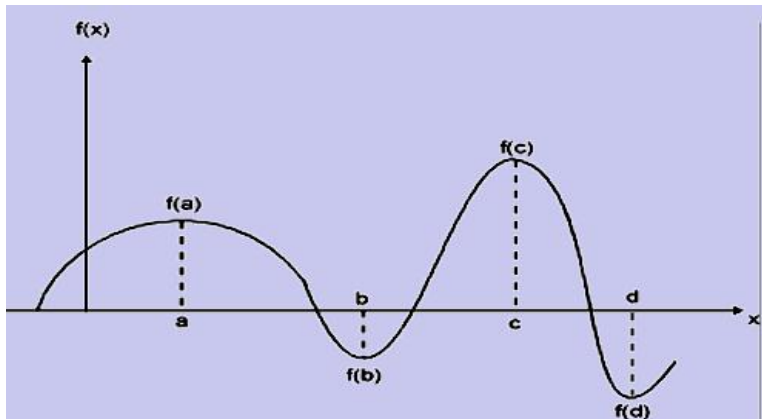


Figure: f has relative maxima $f(a)$ and $f(c)$ and relative minima $f(b)$ and $f(d)$

Minute Exercise

Draw the graph of a function f with domain $[0, 5]$ having the following properties:

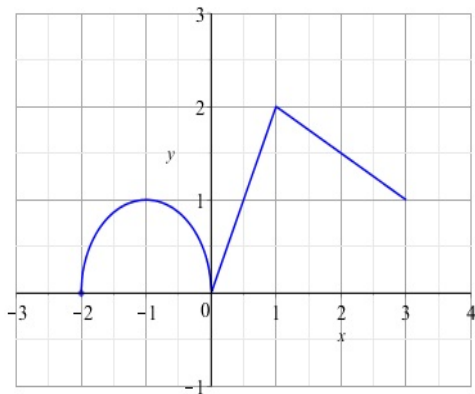
- ▶ $f(0) = 1$ and $f(5) = 5$
- ▶ f is decreasing on $(0, 2)$, increasing on $(2, 4)$, and decreasing on $(4, 5)$
- ▶ f has relative minimum 0 when $x = 2$ and relative maximum 7 when $x = 4$.

Section 2.5: Basic Transformations

From a small library of known function plots, we can graph a variety of functions if they can be determined as simple transformations. We'll consider the following transformations:

- ▶ **Translations** shifting a graph up or down (vertical) or to the left or right (horizontal)
- ▶ **Reflections** taking the *mirror* image in the x or y axis
- ▶ **Scaling** stretching or shrinking a graph in either of the vertical or horizontal orientations

Vertical Translation: $y = f(x) + b$ or $y = f(x) - b$



x	$f(x)$
-2	0
-1	1
0	0
1	2
2	$\frac{3}{2}$
3	1

here $b > 0$

Figure: The graph of $y = f(x)$ is shown along with a table of select points. Let's consider the plots of $y = f(x) + 1$ and $y = f(x) - 1$.

Vertical Translation: $y = f(x) + b$ or $y = f(x) - b$

x	$f(x)$	x	$f(x) + 1$	x	$f(x) - 1$
-2	0	-2	$0 + 1 = 1$	-2	$0 - 1 = -1$
-1	1	-1	$1 + 1 = 2$	-1	$1 - 1 = 0$
0	0	0	1	0	-1
1	2	1	3	1	1
2	$\frac{3}{2}$	2	$\frac{5}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	1	3	2	3	0

Figure: Complete the tables of values.

Vertical Translation: $y = f(x) + b$ or $y = f(x) - b$

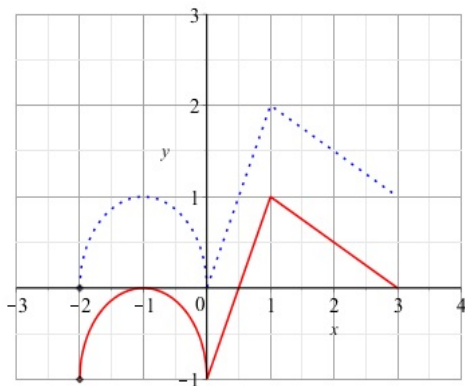
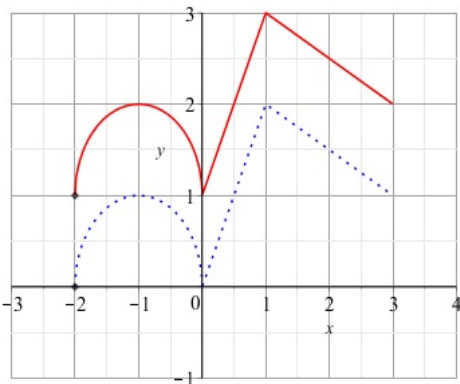
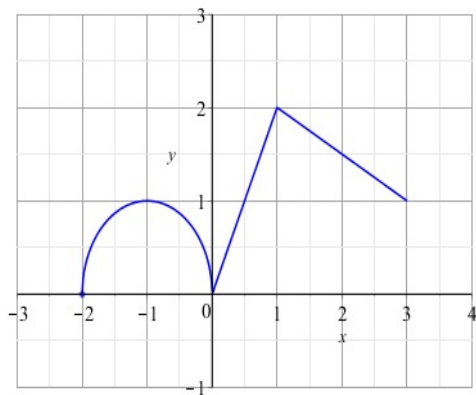


Figure: Left: $y = f(x)$ (blue dots), compared to $y = f(x) + 1$ (red)
Right: $y = f(x)$ (blue dots), compared to $y = f(x) - 1$ (red)

Horizontal Translation: $y = f(x - d)$ or $y = f(x + d)$



x	$f(x)$
-2	0
-1	1
0	0
1	2
2	$\frac{3}{2}$
3	1

Figure: The graph of $y = f(x)$ is shown along with a table of select points. Let's consider the plots of $y = f(x - 1)$ and $y = f(x + 1)$.

Horizontal Translation: $y = f(x - d)$ or $y = f(x + d)$

x	$f(x)$	x	$f(x - 1)$	x	$f(x + 1)$
-3	undef.	-3	$f(-4)$ - undef	-3	$f(-2) = 0$
-2	0	-2	$f(-3)$ - undef	-2	$f(-1) = 1$
-1	1	-1	$f(-2) = 0$	-1	0
0	0	0	1	0	2
1	2	1	0	1	$3/2$
2	$3/2$	2	2	2	1
3	1	3	$3/2$	3	undef.
4	undef.	4	1	4	undef.

Figure: Complete the tables of values.

Horizontal Translation: $y = f(x - d)$ or $y = f(x + d)$

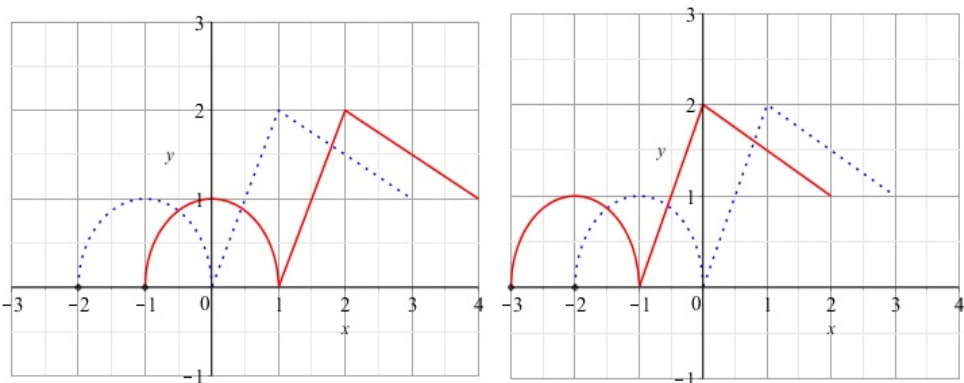


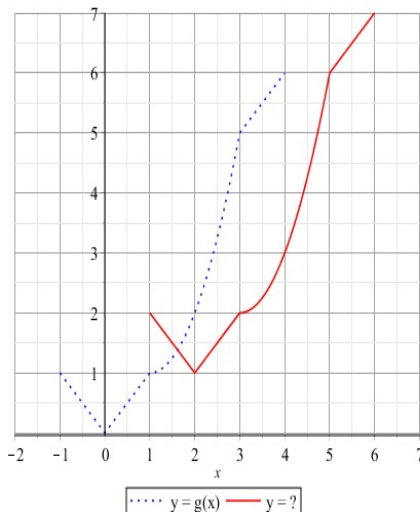
Figure: Left: $y = f(x)$ (blue dots), compared to $y = f(x - 1)$ (red)
Right: $y = f(x)$ (blue dots), compared to $y = f(x + 1)$ (red)

Vertical and Horizontal Translations

For $b > 0$ and $d > 0$

- ▶ the graph of $y = f(x) + b$ is the graph of $y = f(x)$ shifted up b units,
- ▶ the graph of $y = f(x) - b$ is the graph of $y = f(x)$ shifted down b units,
- ▶ the graph of $y = f(x - d)$ is the graph of $y = f(x)$ shifted right d units,
- ▶ the graph of $y = f(x + d)$ is the graph of $y = f(x)$ shifted left d units,

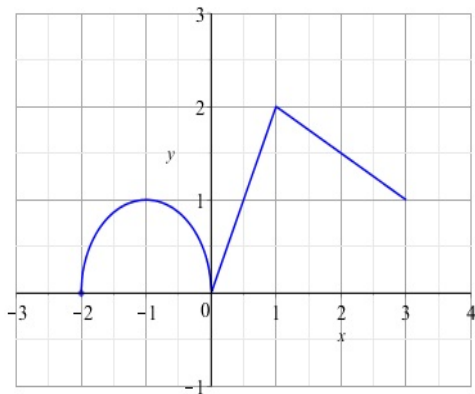
Question



The blue dotted curve is $y = g(x)$. The red solid curve is the graph of $y =$

- (a) $g(x - 2) + 1$
- (b) $g(x + 2) + 1$
- (c) $g(x - 2) - 1$
- (d) $g(x + 2) - 1$
- (e) can't be determined without more information

Reflections: $y = f(-x)$ or $y = -f(x)$



x	$f(x)$
-2	0
-1	1
0	0
1	2
2	$\frac{3}{2}$
3	1

Figure: The graph of $y = f(x)$ is shown along with a table of select points. Now let's consider graphing $y = f(-x)$ and $y = -f(x)$

Reflections: $y = f(-x)$ or $y = -f(x)$

x	$f(x)$	x	$f(-x)$	x	$-f(x)$
-3	undef.	-3	$f(3) = 1$	-3	undef
-2	0	-2	$f(2) = \frac{3}{2}$	-2	$-f(-2) = -0 = 0$
-1	1	-1	2	-1	$-f(-1) = -1$
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	2	1	1	1	-2
2	$\frac{3}{2}$	2	0	2	$-\frac{3}{2}$
3	1	3	undef	3	-1

Figure: Complete the tables of values.

Reflections: $y = f(-x)$ or $y = -f(x)$

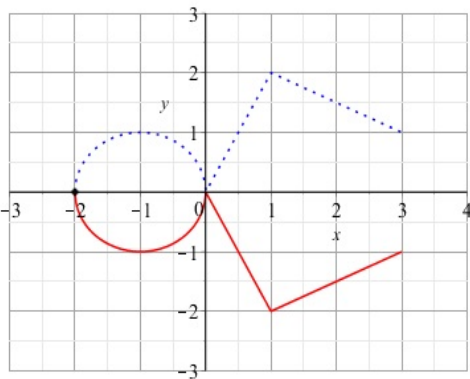
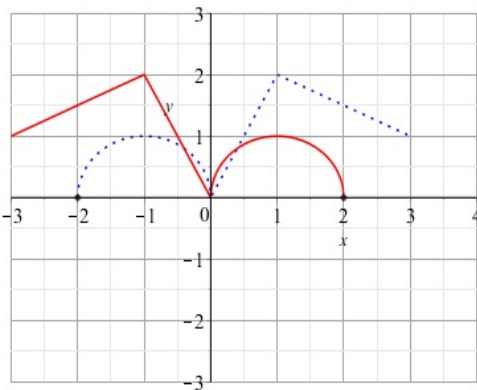


Figure: Left: $y = f(x)$ (blue dots), compared to $y = f(-x)$ (red)
Right: $y = f(x)$ (blue dots), compared to $y = -f(x)$ (red)

Reflection in the coordinate axes

The graph of $y = f(-x)$ is the reflection of the graph of $y = f(x)$ across the y -axis.

The graph of $y = -f(x)$ is the reflection of the graph of $y = f(x)$ across the x -axis.

Note that if (a, b) is a point on the graph of $y = f(x)$, then

(1) the point $(-a, b)$ is on the graph of $y = f(-x)$, and

(2) the point $(a, -b)$ is on the graph of $y = -f(x)$.

Stretching and Shrinking

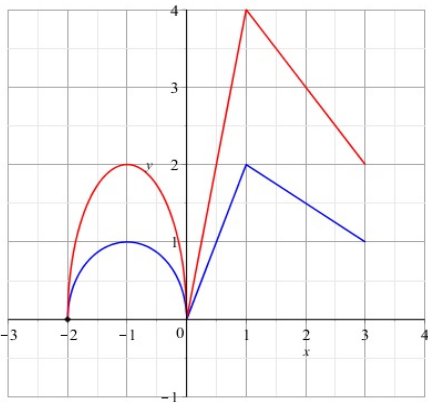
Since we already know that introducing a minus sign as in $f(-x)$ and $-f(x)$ results in a reflection, let's consider a positive number a and investigate the relationship between the graph of $y = f(x)$ and each of

$$y = af(x), \quad \text{and} \quad y = f(ax).$$

The outcome depends on whether $a > 1$ or $0 < a < 1$.

Why aren't we bothering with the case $a = 1$?

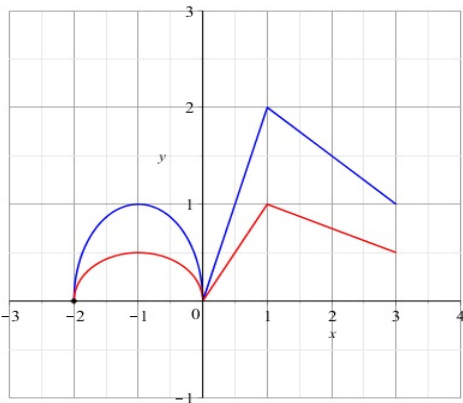
Vertical Stretch or Shrink: $y = af(x)$



x	$f(x)$	x	$2f(x)$
-2	0	-2	$2 \cdot 0 = 0$
-1	1	-1	$2 \cdot 1 = 2$
0	0	0	0
1	2	1	4
2	$\frac{3}{2}$	2	3
3	1	3	2

Figure: $y = f(x)$ is in blue, and $y = 2f(x)$ is in red. Since $a = 2 > 1$, the graph is stretched vertically.

Vertical Stretch or Shrink: $y = af(x)$



x	$f(x)$	x	$\frac{1}{2}f(x)$
-2	0	-2	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 = 0$
-1	1	-1	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{2}$
0	0	0	0
1	2	1	1
2	$\frac{3}{2}$	2	$\frac{3}{4}$
3	1	3	$\frac{1}{2}$

Figure: $y = f(x)$ is in blue, and $y = \frac{1}{2}f(x)$ is in red. Since $a = \frac{1}{2} < 1$, the graph is shrunk vertically.

Vertical Stretch or Shrink: $y = af(x)$

The graph of $y = af(x)$ is obtained from the graph of $y = f(x)$. If $a > 0$, then

$y = af(x)$ is stretched vertically if $a > 1$, and

$y = af(x)$ is shrunk (a.k.a. compressed) vertically if $0 < a < 1$.

If $a < 0$, then the stretch ($|a| > 1$) or shrink ($0 < |a| < 1$) is combined with a reflection in the x -axis.

Horizontal Stretch or Shrink: $y = f(cx)$

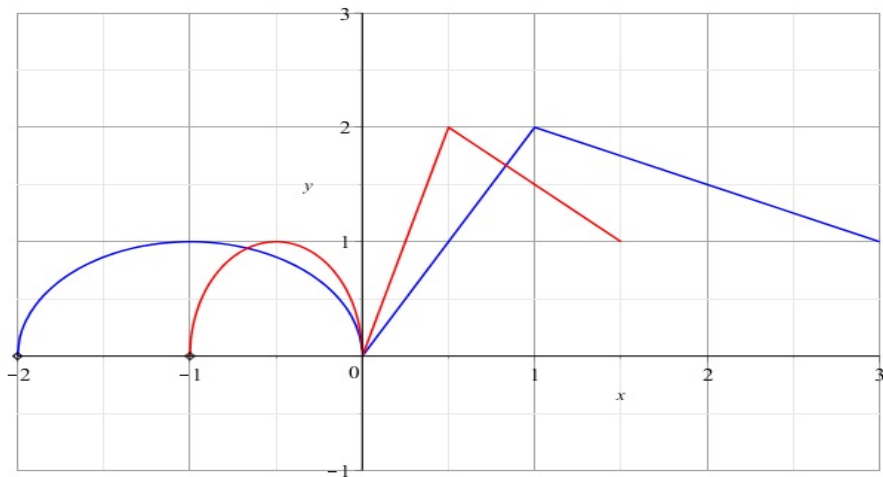


Figure: $y = f(x)$ is in blue, and $y = f(2x)$ is in red. Since $c = 2 > 1$, the graph is shrunk horizontally.

Horizontal Stretch or Shrink: $y = f(cx)$

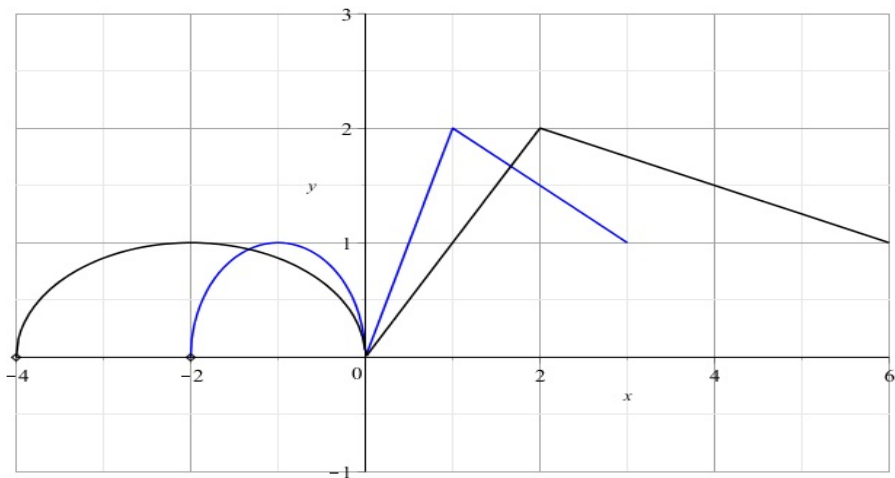


Figure: $y = f(x)$ is in blue, and $y = f\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)$ is in black. Since $c = \frac{1}{2} < 1$, the graph is stretched horizontally.

Horizontal Stretch or Shrink: $y = f(cx)$

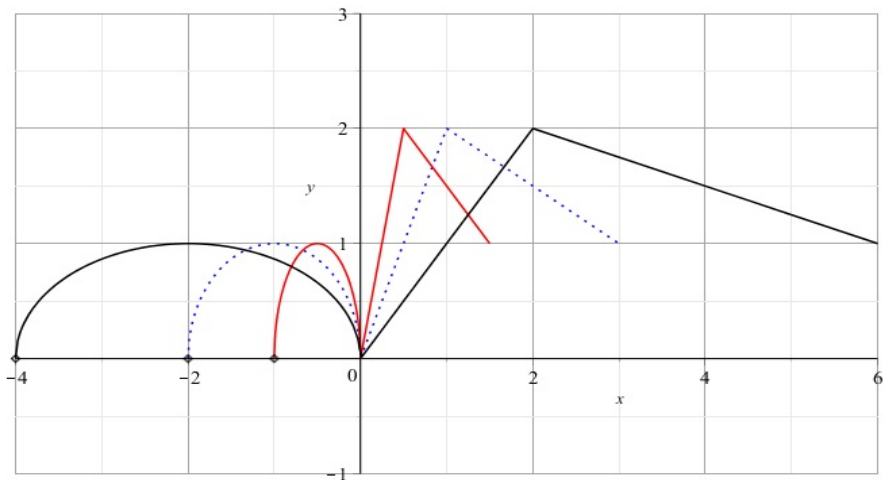


Figure: $y = f(x)$ is in blue dots. The compressed red curve is $y = f(2x)$, and the stretched black curve is $y = f\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)$.

Horizontal Stretch or Shrink: $y = f(cx)$

The examples given generalize except that we did not consider an example with $c < 0$. This combines the stretch/shrink with a reflection. We have the following result:

The graph of $y = f(cx)$ is obtained from the graph of $y = f(x)$. If $c > 0$, then

$y = f(cx)$ is shrunk (a.k.a. compressed) horizontally if $c > 1$, and $y = f(cx)$ is stretched horizontally if $0 < c < 1$.

If $c < 0$, then the shrink ($|c| > 1$) or stretch ($0 < |c| < 1$) is combined with a reflection in the y -axis.