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2.5: Transformations of Functions

Learn the graphs of these frequently encountered functions.

Constant function $f(x) = c$

Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $\{c\}$

Is it odd or even? even function (symmetric about y-axis)

Ex. $f(x) = -2$

x	f(x)
-3	$f(-3) = -2 \Rightarrow (-3, -2)$
-2	$f(-2) = -2 \Rightarrow (-2, -2)$
-1	$f(-1) = -2$
0	$f(0) = -2$
1	$f(1) = -2$
2	$f(2) = -2$
3	$f(3) = -2$

Identity function $f(x) = x$

Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Is it odd or even? odd function (symmetric about origin)

ordered pairs:

$(0,0), (1,1), (2,2), (3,3)$
 $(-2,-2), (-3,-3)$

or, using $y = mx + b$

$$y = x$$

$$y = 1x + 0 \Rightarrow \text{slope } m = 1 = +\frac{1}{1}$$

$$y\text{-int: } b = 0 \Rightarrow (0,0)$$

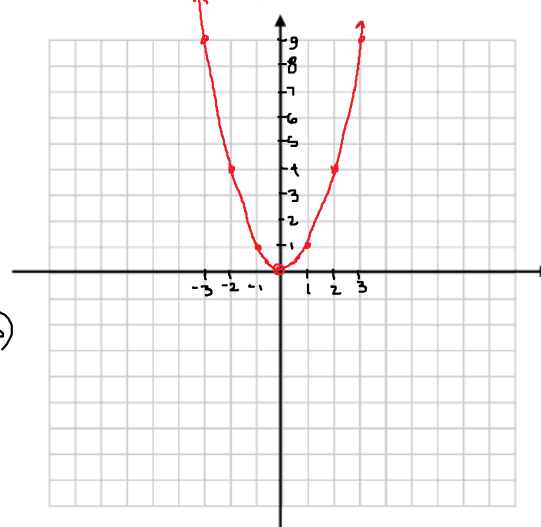
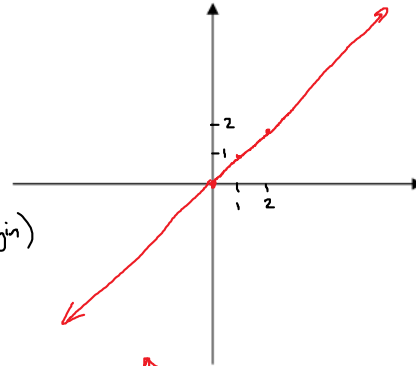
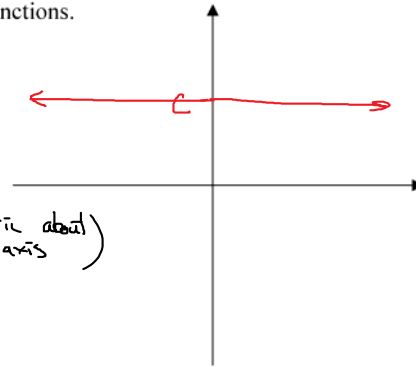
Standard quadratic function $f(x) = x^2$

Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $[0, \infty)$

Is it odd or even? even function (symmetric around y-axis)

x	f(x) = x ²
-3	$(-3)^2 = 9$
-2	$(-2)^2 = 4$
-1	$(-1)^2 = 1$
0	$(0)^2 = 0$
1	$(1)^2 = 1$
2	$(2)^2 = 4$
3	$(3)^2 = 9$



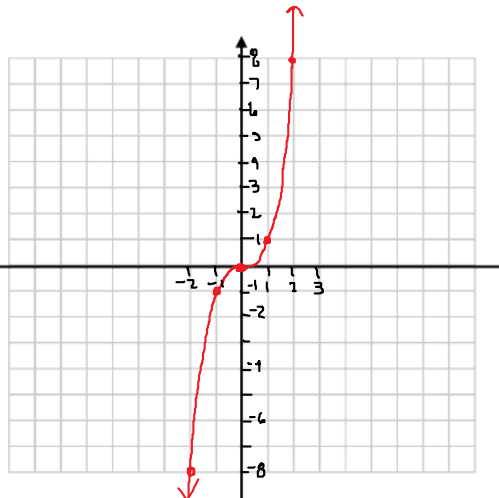
Standard cubic function $f(x) = x^3$

Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Is it odd or even? odd function
(symmetric about the origin)

x	$f(x) = x^3$
-3	$(-3)^3 = -27$
-2	$(-2)^3 = -8$
-1	$(-1)^3 = -1$
0	$(0)^3 = 0$
1	$(1)^3 = 1$
2	$(2)^3 = 8$
3	$(3)^3 = 27$



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Square root function $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

Domain: $[0, \infty)$

Range: $[0, \infty)$

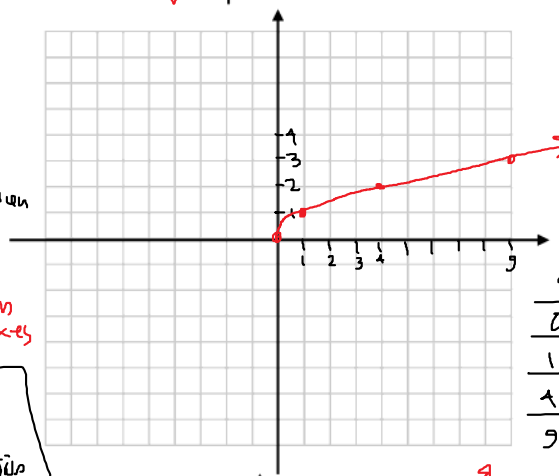
Is it odd or even? neither odd nor even

x	$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$
-3	$\sqrt{-3} = i\sqrt{3}$ not a real number
-2	not real
-1	not real
0	$f(0) = \sqrt{0} = 0$
1	$f(1) = \sqrt{1} = 1$
4	$f(4) = \sqrt{4} = 2$
9	$f(9) = \sqrt{9} = 3$

not
valid
inputs

cannot be
used for
graphing on
x and y axes

In sections on graphing
functions, we will only
consider real-valued functions



know these

x	$f(x)$
0	0
1	1
4	2
9	3

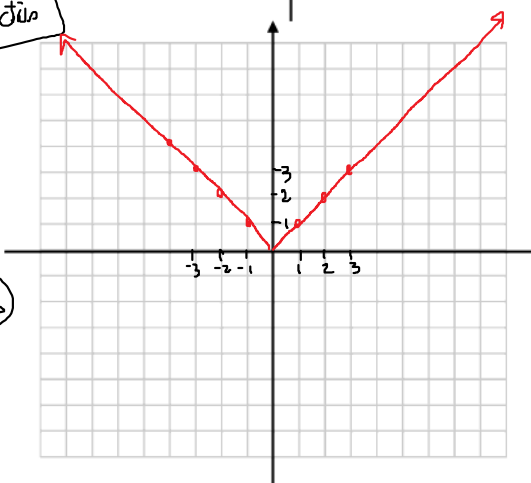
Absolute value function $f(x) = |x|$

Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $[0, \infty)$

Is it odd or even?
even function
(symmetric around y-axis)

x	$f(x) = x $
-3	$ -3 = 3$
-2	$ -2 = 2$
-1	$ -1 = 1$
0	$ 0 = 0$
1	$ 1 = 1$
2	$ 2 = 2$
3	$ 3 = 3$



If the graph of a function is known, similar functions can be graphed by varying them in several ways.

- Vertical translation (shifting vertically)
- Horizontal translation (shifting horizontally)
- Reflecting about the x -axis
- Reflecting about the y -axis
- Vertical stretching and shrinking

Translation of functions:

To *translate* a graph means to shift it horizontally, vertically, or both.

Horizontal Translation:

- Replacing x by $x - c$, with c positive, shifts the graph c units to the right.
- Replacing x by $x + c$, with c positive, shifts the graph c units to the left.

Note: $x + c = 0 \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} x - c = 0 \\ x = -c \end{array} \right. \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} x - c = 0 \\ x = c \end{array} \right.$

Vertical Translation:

- Adding a positive number d to the function shifts the graph upward by d units.
- Subtracting a positive number d from the function shifts the graph downward by d units.

Note:

- Adding a positive number d to the function (upward shift) is equivalent to replacing y by $y - d$.

$$y = f(x) + d$$

$$y - d = f(x)$$

- Subtracting a positive number d (downward shift) from the function is equivalent to replacing y by $y + d$.

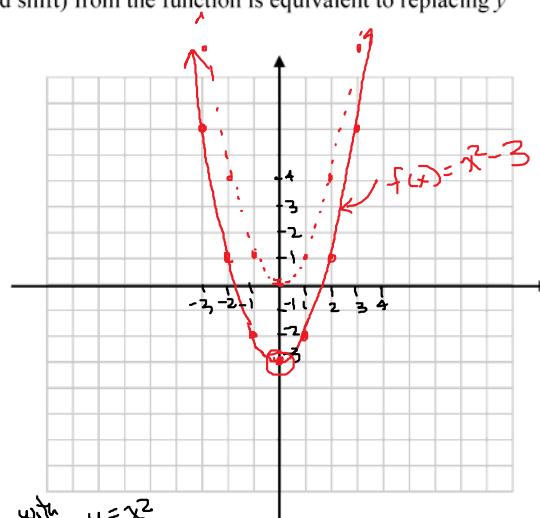
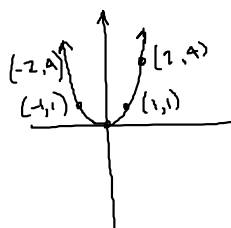
$$y = f(x) - d$$

$$y + d = f(x)$$

Example 1: Sketch the graph of $f(x) = x^2 - 3$.

Determine the "parent function"
this is created from

$$\begin{array}{r} y = x^2 \\ x \mid y = x^2 \\ \hline 3 \mid 9 \\ 2 \mid 4 \\ 1 \mid 1 \\ 0 \mid 0 \\ -1 \mid 1 \\ -2 \mid 4 \\ -3 \mid 9 \end{array}$$

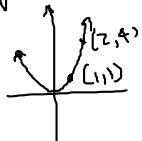


Start with $y = x^2$
Shift (translate) it Down 3

Example 2: Sketch the graph of $g(x) = (x+2)^2$.

Parent function:

$$y = x^2, (3, 9)$$



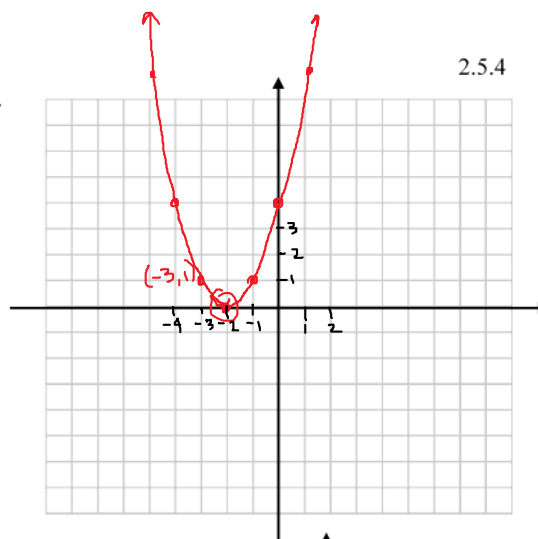
Start with $y = x^2$.

Then shift it
left 2.

Why move left?

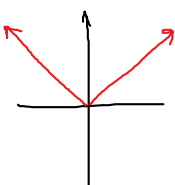
$$x+2=0$$

$$x = -2$$



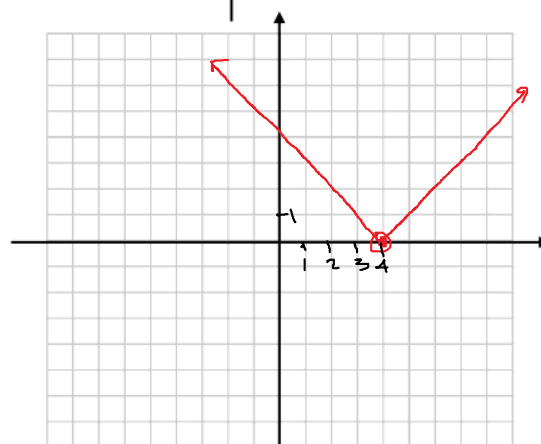
Example 3: Sketch the graph of $f(x) = |x-4|$.

Parent function: $y = |x|$



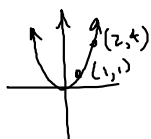
Start with $y = |x|$ then shift it
right 4

(because $x-4=0$
 $x=4$)



Example 4: Sketch the graph of $f(x) = (x+2)^2 + 1$.

Parent function: $y = x^2$
shift it left 2, up 1



$$y = (x+2)^2 + 1$$

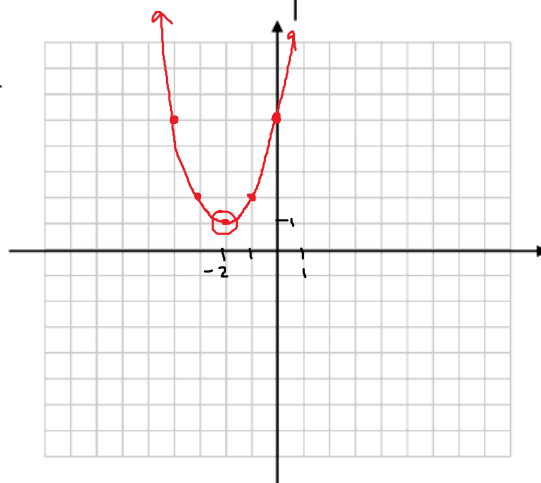
$$y-1 = (x+2)^2$$

$$x+2=0$$

$$x = -2$$

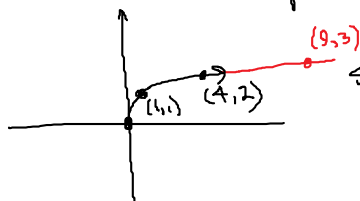
$$y-1=0$$

$$y = 1$$



Example 5: Sketch the graph of $y = \sqrt{x-2} - 3$.

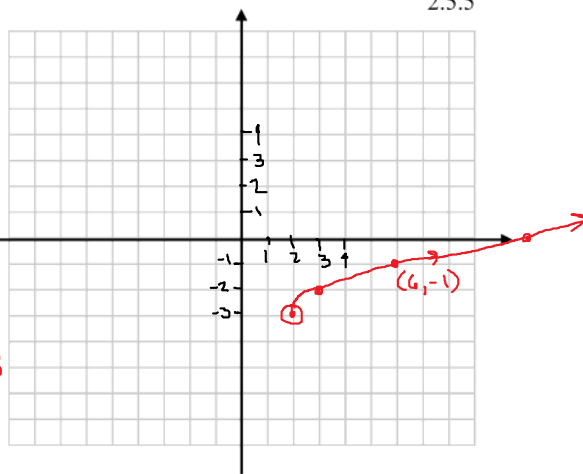
Parent function: $y = \sqrt{x}$



Shift it: right 2
Now: $x-2=6$
 $x=2$

down 3

Check. Is $(6, -1)$ on the graph of $y = \sqrt{x-2} - 3$
 $x=6 \Rightarrow y = \sqrt{6-2} - 3$
 $y = \sqrt{4} - 3$
 $y = 2 - 3$
 $y = -1 \Rightarrow$ yes $(6, -1)$ on graph



Reflection of functions:

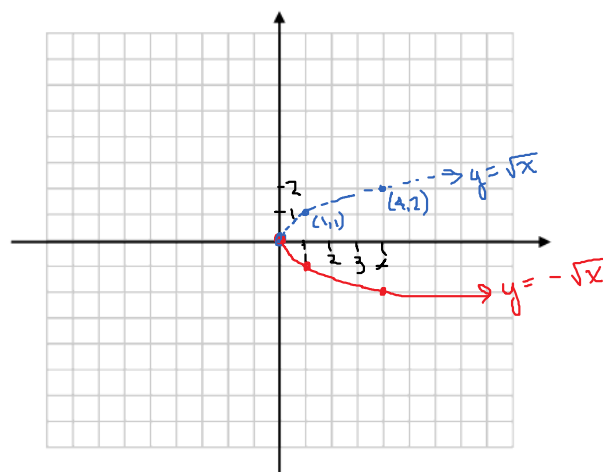
A reflection is the "mirror-image" of graph about the x -axis or y -axis.

- Changing $f(x)$ to $-f(x)$ (multiplying $f(x)$ by -1 reflects the graph about the x -axis.
(e.g. changing $y = \sqrt{x}$ to $y = -\sqrt{x}$)
- Changing $f(x)$ to $f(-x)$ (replacing x by $-x$) reflects the graph about the y -axis.
(e.g. changing $y = \sqrt{x}$ to $y = \sqrt{-x}$)

Example 6: Sketch the graph of $f(x) = -\sqrt{x}$.

Parent Function: $y = \sqrt{x}$

Reflect it across x -axis

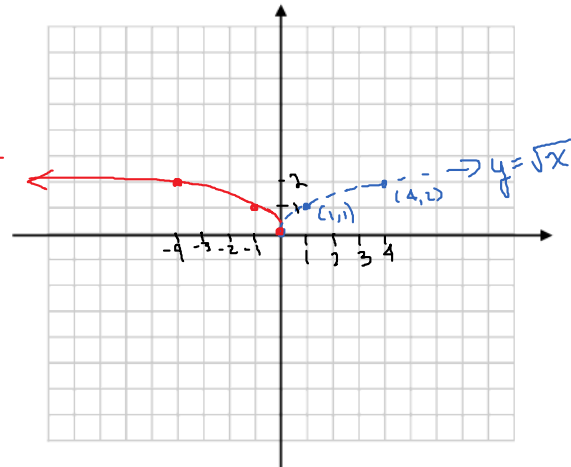


Example 7: Sketch the graph of $f(x) = \sqrt{-x}$.

Parent function: $y = \sqrt{x}$

Reflect it around the y -axis

Domain of $f(x) = \sqrt{-x} : (-\infty, 0]$
 Range of $f(x) = \sqrt{-x} : [0, \infty)$



Vertical stretching and shrinking:

Multiplying a function by a number a will multiply all the y -values by a .

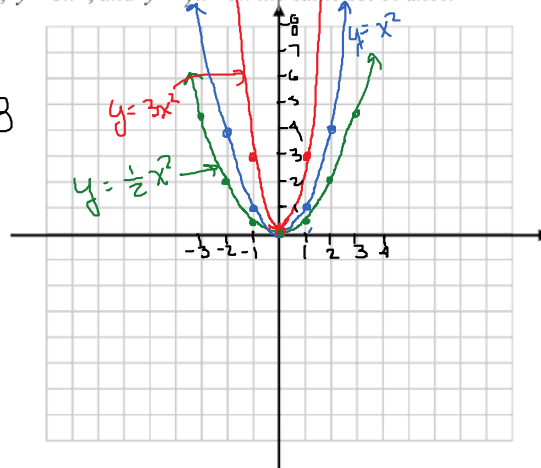
- Multiplying a function by a , with $a > 1$, "stretches" the graph vertically.
- Multiplying a function by a , with $0 < a < 1$, "shrinks" the graph vertically.

Example 8: Sketch the graphs of $y = x^2$, $y = 3x^2$, and $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ on the same set of axes.

All have parent function $y = x^2$

For $y = 3x^2$: multiply the y -values by 3

For $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$, start with $y = x^2$
 and multiply the y -values by $\frac{1}{2}$



Combinations of transformations:

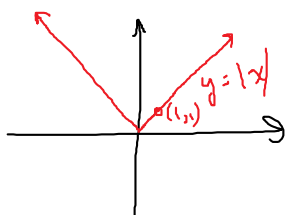
Recommended order for transformations:

1. Stretching and shrinking
2. Reflection about x -axis.
3. Translations (horizontal and vertical).
4. Reflection about y -axis. (important to do this last!)

This is not the only order that works, but it is safest, and avoids having to perform algebraic manipulation of negative signs, etc.

Example 9: Sketch the graph of $f(x) = 4|x-3|+1$.

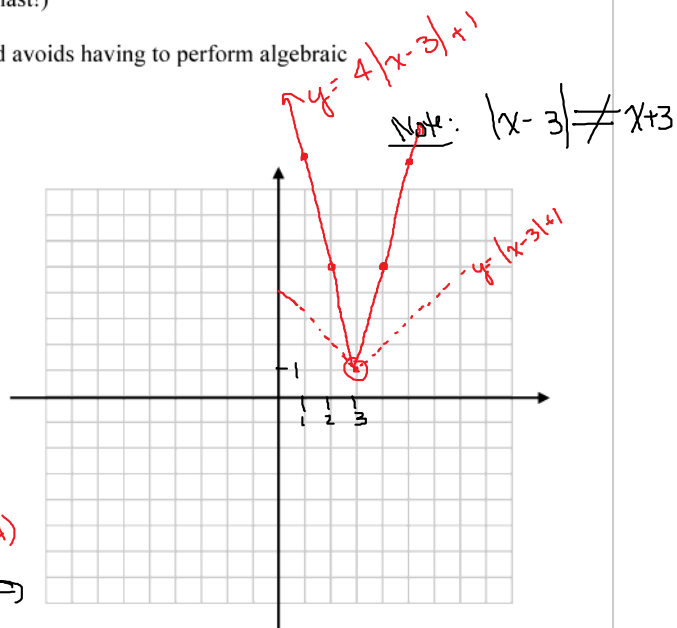
Parent function: $y = |x|$



Multiply y -values by 4: $y = 4|x|$

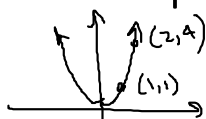


Shift this right 3, up 1



Example 10: Sketch the graph of $f(x) = -(x+2)^2 + 4$.

Parent function: $y = x^2$

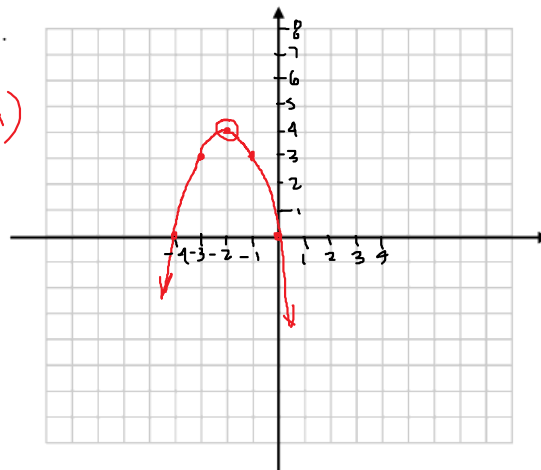


Vertex: $(-2, 4)$

Then reflect it around x -axis



Then shift it left 2, up 4

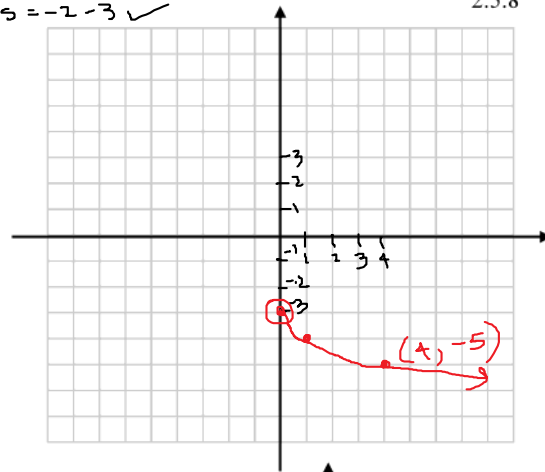
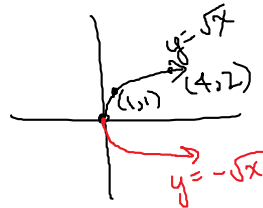


Spot-check: Is $(4, -5)$ on the graph?
 Graph: Set of ordered pairs that make the equation true.
 $y = -\sqrt{x} - 3$
 $-5 = -\sqrt{4} - 3$
 $-5 = -2 - 3$ ✓

Example 11: Sketch the graph of $y = -\sqrt{x} - 3$.

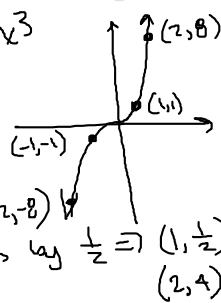
Basic function : $y = \sqrt{x}$
 parent

Reflect around x-axis
 shift it down 3



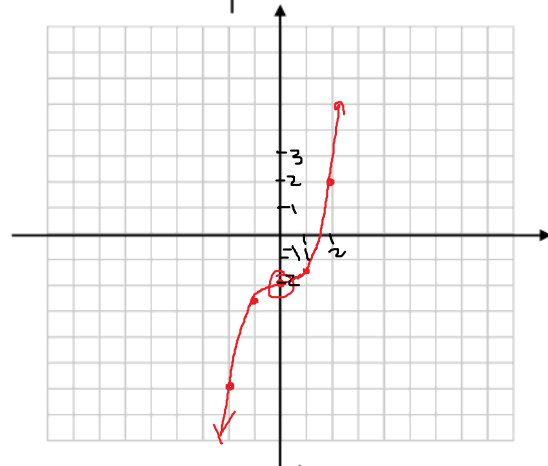
Example 12: Sketch the graph of $y = \frac{1}{2}x^3 - 2$.

Parent function: $y = x^3$

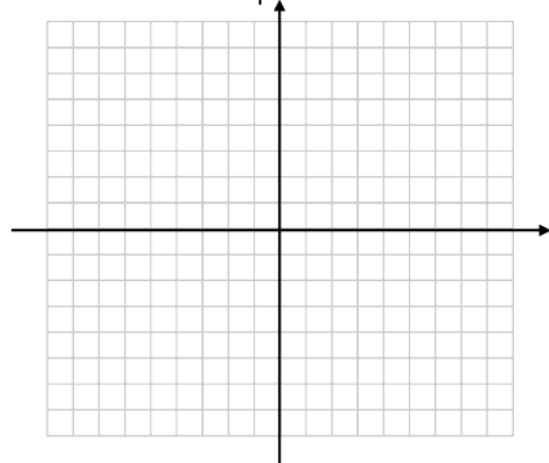


Then multiply our y-values by $\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow (1, \frac{1}{2})$
 $(2, 4)$

Then shift down 2



Example 13: Sketch the graph of $g(x) = -(x+1)^3 - 2$.



Example 14: Sketch the graph of $y = \sqrt{5-x} + 2$.

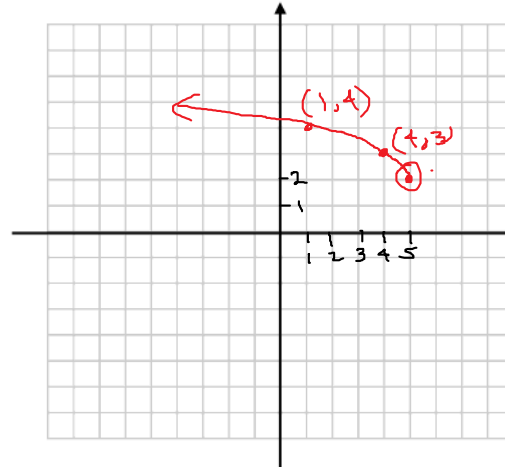
$$y = \sqrt{-x+5} + 2$$

$$y = \sqrt{-(x-5)} + 2$$

Parent function: $y = \sqrt{x}$



If we then replace x by $x-5$,
that shifts it right 5.
The $+2$ at the end shifts it up 2.



spot-check:
Is $(1, 4)$ on graph?

$$y = \sqrt{5-x} + 2$$

$$4 = \sqrt{5-1} + 2$$

$$4 = \sqrt{4} + 2$$

$$4 = 2 + 2 \checkmark$$

Is $(4, 3)$ on graph?

$$y = \sqrt{5-x} + 2$$

$$3 = \sqrt{5-4} + 2$$

$$3 = \sqrt{1} + 2$$

$$3 = 1 + 2$$

$$3 = 3 \checkmark$$

Example 15: Given the graph of $f(x)$, sketch the graph of

a. $-f(x)$

Reflect around x -axis
(we're replacing y by $-y$)

b. $f(-x)$

Reflect $f(x)$ around y -axis

c. $f(x-2)$

Shift $f(x)$ right 2

