

1 BASIC CONCEPTS

Definition 1. A **function** f from a set D to a set Y is a rule that assigns a *unique* element $f(x) \in Y$ to each element $x \in D$.

- (1) D is the ⁽¹⁾ of the function.
- (2) The set of all output values of $f(x)$ as x varies throughout D is the ⁽²⁾ of the function.
- (3) The **graph** of f is ⁽³⁾.
- (4) Write down the example of a piecewise defined function you gave in your pre-class activity:

Definition 2. A function $y = f(x)$ is **even** if ⁽⁴⁾. It is **odd** if ⁽⁵⁾.

- (1) Can a function be even and odd at the same time? ⁽⁶⁾
- (2) Which functions from your pre-class activity are even? Which ones are odd?

Definition 3. A function p is a **polynomial** if

$$p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

where n is a nonnegative integer and the numbers $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ are real constants (called the **coefficients** of the polynomial).

- (1) Which functions from your pre-class activity are polynomials?

Definition 4. A **rational function** is a quotient $f(x) = p(x)/q(x)$, where p and q are polynomials. The domain of a rational functions is the set of all real x for which $q(x) \neq 0$.

- (1) Which functions from your pre-class activity are rational?

2 SHIFTING AND SCALING FUNCTIONS

- (1) If $k > 0$ and $g(x) = f(x) + k$, how are the graphs of f and g related? What if $k < 0$?

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- (2) If $k > 0$ and $g(x) = f(x + k)$, how are the graphs of f and g related? What if $k < 0$?

 ⁽⁸⁾

- (3) Look at Figure 1 and assign to each graph the corresponding function.

(a) $y = (x - 1)^2 - 4$. ⁽⁹⁾

(b) $y = (x - 2)^2 + 2$. ⁽¹⁰⁾

(c) $y = (x + 2)^2 + 2$. ⁽¹¹⁾

(d) $y = (x + 3)^2 - 2$. ⁽¹²⁾

- (4) Use Figure 2 (where all kinds of things are done to $y = \sqrt{x}$) as a reference to review what you read about scaling and reflecting graphs. For example, if $c > 1$, then $y = cf(x)$ stretches the graph of f vertically by a factor of c . Write down what happens to

(a) $c > 1$ and $y = \frac{1}{c}f(x)$. ⁽¹³⁾ .

(b) $c > 1$ and $y = f(cx)$. ⁽¹⁴⁾ .

(c) $c > 1$ and $y = f(x/c)$. ⁽¹⁵⁾ .

(d) $c = -1$ and $y = -f(x)$. ⁽¹⁶⁾ .

(e) $c = -1$ and $y = f(-x)$. ⁽¹⁷⁾ .

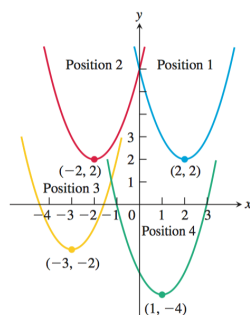


Figure 1: Shifting

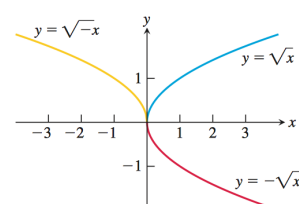
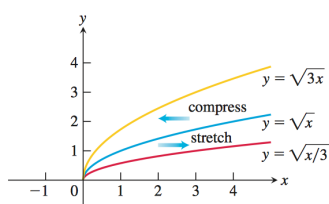
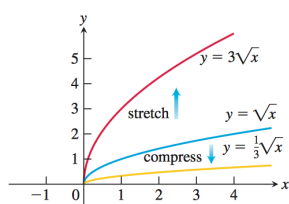


Figure 2: Scaling and reflecting

3 TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

1. Draw a right triangle and define the six basic trigonometric functions: sine, cosine, tangent, secant, cosecant and cotangent. If the hypotenuse of this triangle has length 1, what relation do you get between sine and cosine?
2. In the picture below, we have a rectangle and a right triangle “inside” it. Compute l_1 through l_6 . What have you just proved (perhaps without noticing)?

