Section 1.3

Function Notation

Writing functions in an equation form.

Example 1

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

a) Find $f(2)$

$f(2) = 2^2 - 3(2) + 4 = 4 - 6 + 4 = 2$

b) $f(-3)$

$f(-3) = (-3)^2 - 3(-3) + 4 = 9 + 9 + 4 = 22$

c) $f(2d)$

$f(2d) = (2d)^2 - 3(2d) + 4 = 4d^2 - 6d + 4$

Composition of two functions

$f \circ g(x) = f(g(x))$

$g \circ f(x) = g(f(x))$

Example 2

Given $f(x) = x^2 + 4x$ and $g(x) = 3x - 4$, find the following functions.

a) Find $g(2)$

$g(2) = 3(2) - 4 = 6 - 4 = 2$

b) Find $f(-3)$

$f(-3) = (-3)^2 + 4(-3) = 9 - 12 = -3$

c) Find $g(3a)$

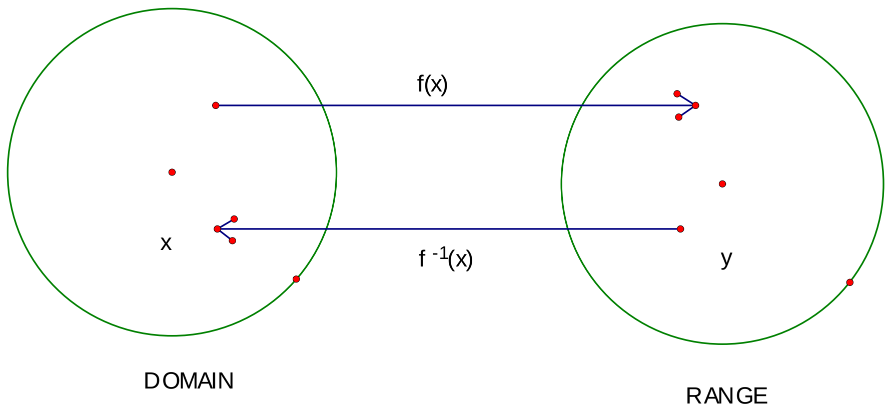
$g(3a) = 3(3a) - 4 = 9a - 9$

d) Find $f \circ g(x)$

$f \circ g(x) = f(g(x))$
$f \circ g(x) = f(3x - 4)$
$f \circ g(x) = (3x - 4)^2 + 4(3x - 4)$
$f \circ g(x) = (3x - 4)(3x - 4) + 12x - 16$
$f \circ g(x) = 9x^2 - 12x - 12x + 16 + 12x - 16$
$f \circ g(x) = 9x^2 - 12x$

Inverse Functions

An **inverse function** $f^{-1}(x)$ of a function $f(x)$ is function that maps each point range back to the domain where $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$ and $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$



Find the inverse function of the function $f = \{(1,4), (2,6), (3,4), (4,5)\}$

Solution: Just switch the x and y components.

Thus, the inverse function would be $f^{-1} = \{(4,1), (6,2), (4,3), (5,4)\}$

Example 3 Find the inverse function of $f(x) = 3x - 4$

Solution: Replace $f(x)$ with y, switch x and y, and then solve for y:

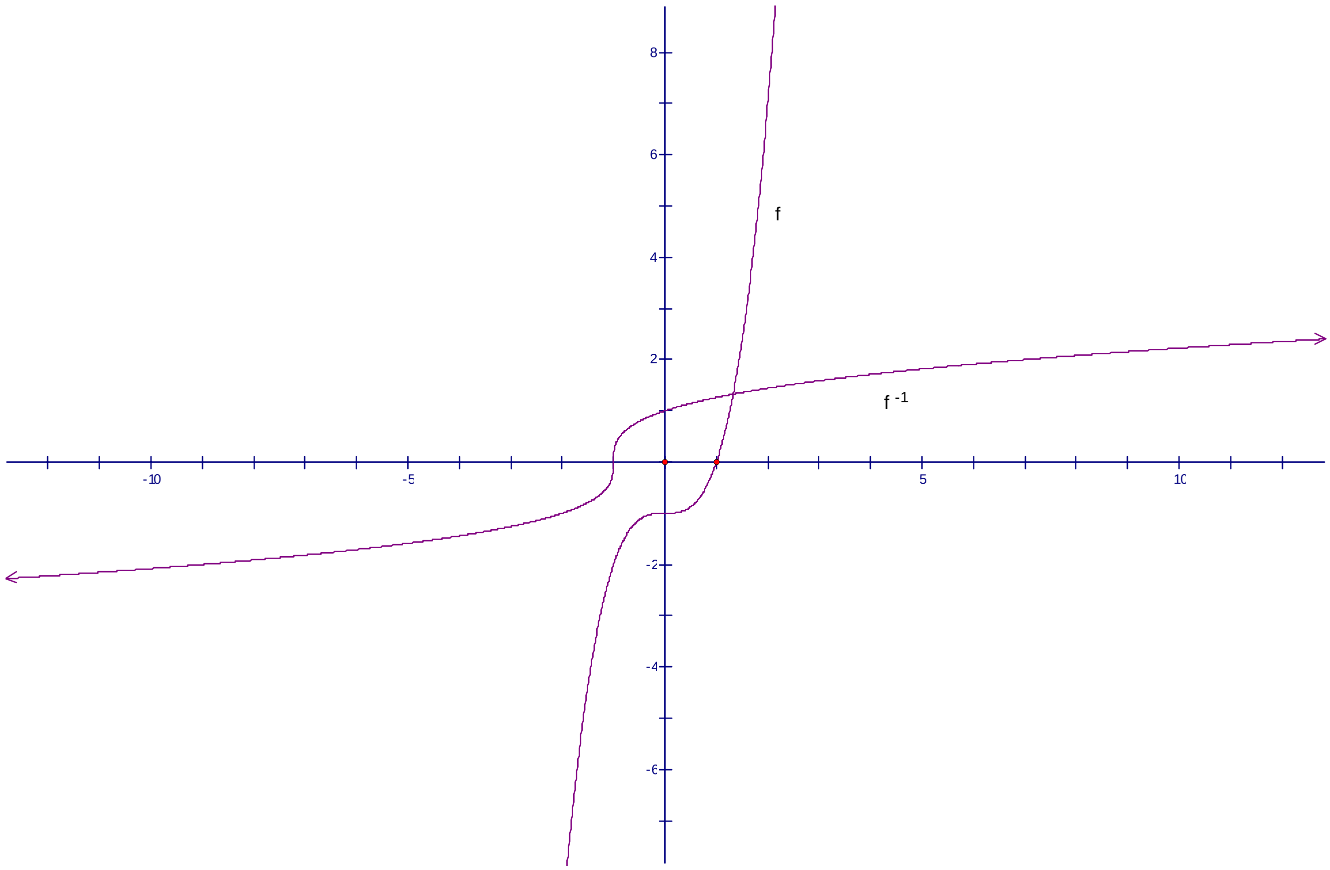
$$f(x) = 3x - 4 \;\Rightarrow y = 3x - 4$$
$$\textit{Switch x and y} \Rightarrow x = 3y - 4$$
$$\textit{Solve for y}$$
$$x = 3y - 4$$
$$x + 4 = 3y - 4 + 4$$
$$x + 4 = 3y$$
$$\frac{x+4}{3} = \frac{3y}{3}$$
$$\frac{x+4}{3} = y \Rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+4}{3}$$

Example 4

Find the inverse function of $f(x) = x^3 - 1$ and then sketch a graph of $f(x)$ and $f^{-1}(x)$

$$f(x) = x^3 - 1 \;\Rightarrow y = x^3 - 1$$
$$\textit{Switch x and y} \Rightarrow x = y^3 - 1$$
$$\textit{Solve for y}$$
$$x = y^3 - 1$$
$$x + 1 = y^3 - 1 + 1$$
$$x + 1 = y^3$$
$$\sqrt[3]{x+1} = \sqrt[3]{y^3}$$
$$\sqrt[3]{x+1} = y \Rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{x+1}$$

Graph of $f(x)$ and $f^{-1}(x)$



Example 5

Find the inverse function of $f(x) = x^2 + 3$

$$f(x) = x^2 + 3 \;\; \Rightarrow y = x^2 + 3$$
$$Switch\ x\ and\ y \Rightarrow x = y^2 + 3$$
$$Solve\ \ for\ \ y$$
$$x = y^2 + 3$$
$$x - 3 = y^2 + 3 - 3$$
$$x - 3 = y^2$$
$$\sqrt{x-3} = \sqrt{y^2}$$
$$\Rightarrow \pm\sqrt[2]{x+1} = y \quad However, \pm\sqrt{x-3}\ is\ not\ a\ \ function$$

Therefore, f does not have an inverse function

Graphing Equations

Sketching Graphs

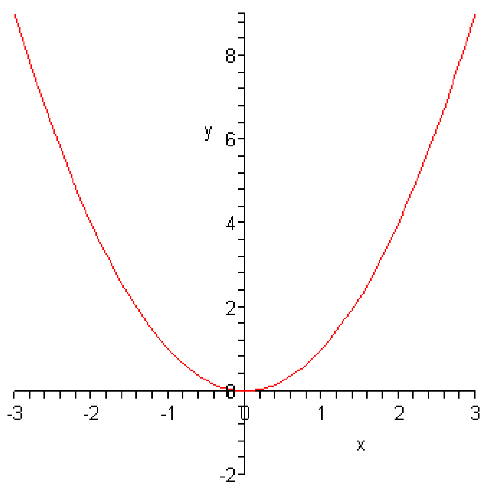
Basic Families of Graphs

Example 1 (The Standard Parabola)

Graph $y = x^2$

x	y
-2	$(-2)^2 = 4$
-1	$(-1)^2 = 1$
0	$(0)^2 = 0$
1	$(1)^2 = 1$
2	$(2)^2 = 4$

Plot the following values (-2,4),(-1,1),(0,0),(1,1),(2,4) from the table will give the following graph.

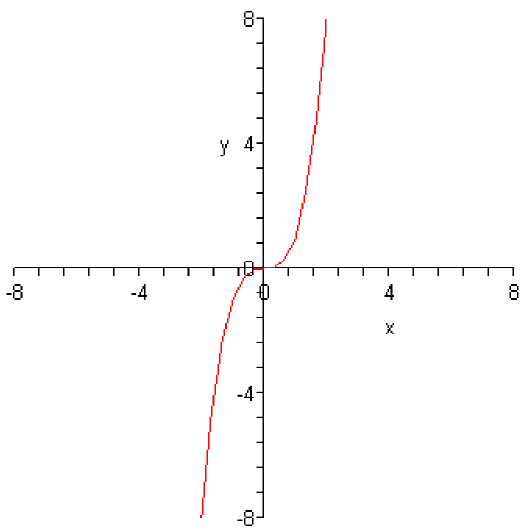


Example 2 (The standard "cubic" graph)

Graph $y = x^3$

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

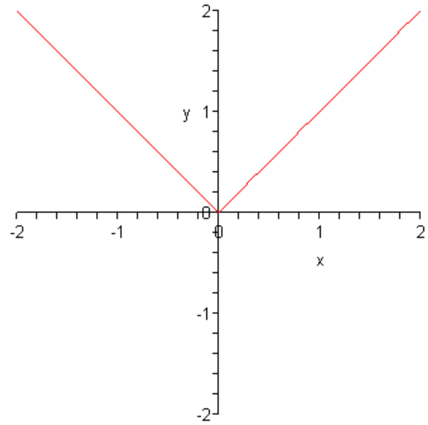
Plot the values from the table will result in the following graph



Example 3 (The Standard Absolute Value Graph)
Graph $y = |x|$

x	$y = \|x\|$
-2	$\|-2\| = 2$
-1	$\|-1\| = 1$
0	$\|0\| = 0$
1	$\|1\| = 1$
2	$\|2\| = 2$

Plot the values from the table will give you a v-shaped graph

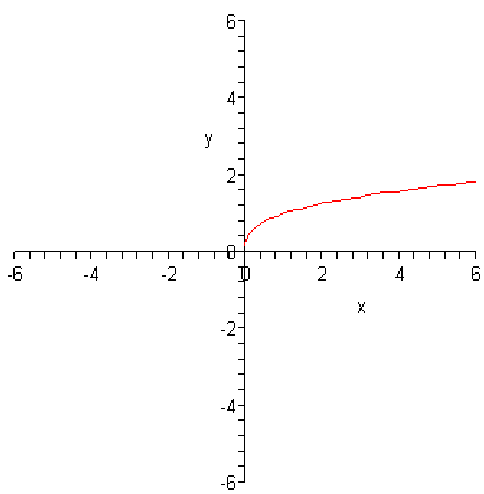


Example 4 (Standard Square Root Graph)

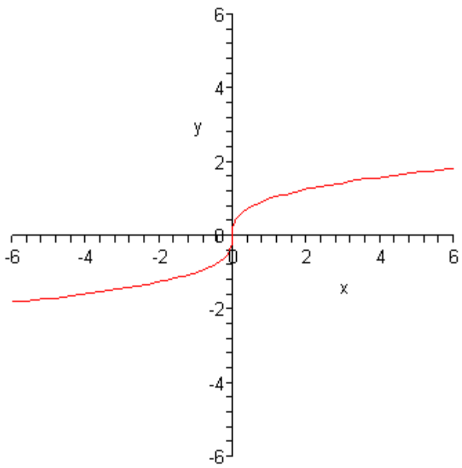
Graph $y = \sqrt{x}$
Again, use a table of values to make a graph of the equation

x	$y = \sqrt{x}$
0	$\sqrt{0} = 0$
1	$\sqrt{1} = 1$
4	$\sqrt{4} = 2$
9	$\sqrt{9} = 3$

Resulting Graph



Example 5
The graph of $y = \sqrt[3]{x}$



Horizontal and Vertical Translations (Shifts)

Horizontal Translation: An operation that moves the graph of an equation to the left or right while at the same time preserves the shape of the graph.

Vertical Translation: An operation that moves the graph of an equation to the up or down while at the same time preserves the shape of the graph.

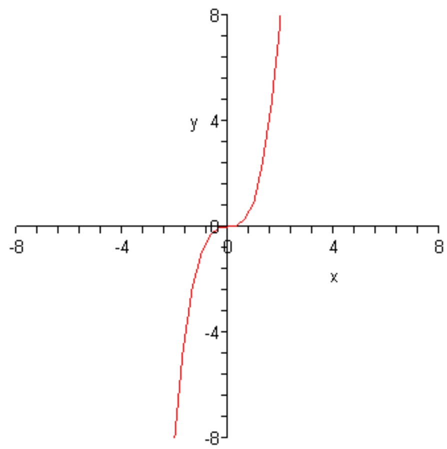
Example 6

Example of a Vertical Translation

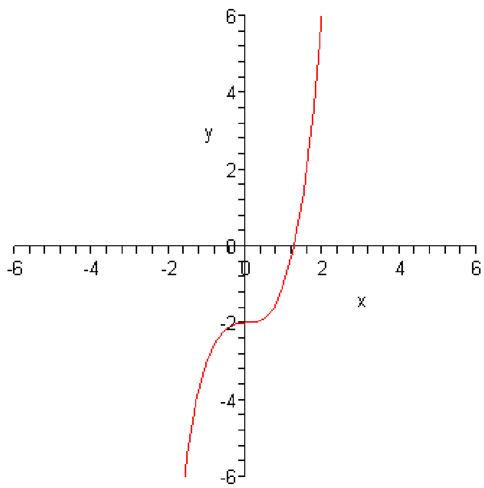
$y = x^3 - 2$

Since the -2 lies outside the x^3 term, the value -2 indicates a vertical translation of 2 units. The negative sign in value of -2 indicates that the translation will move the graph of $y = x^3$ down two units as shown below:

The graph of $y = x^3 - 2$



The graph of $y = x^3 - 2$ shifted down to units



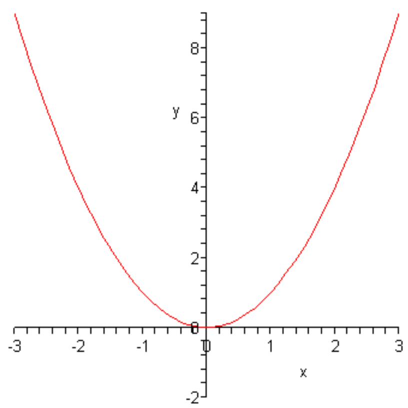
Example 7

Example of a Horizontal Translation

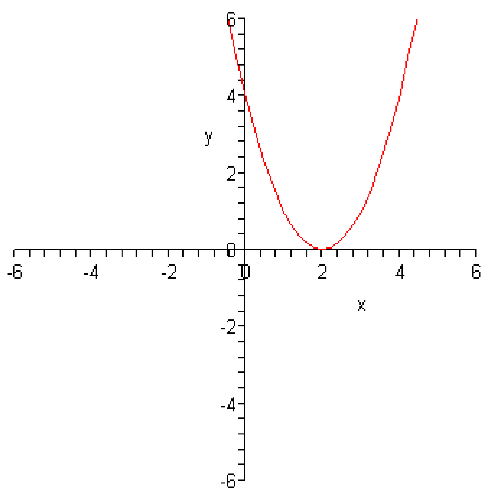
$y = (x - 2)^2$

In this example, the -2 inside the parentheses indicates that there is a horizontal translation of two units to the right. A negative sign inside the parentheses will always result in a shift to the right.

The original graph of $y = x^2$

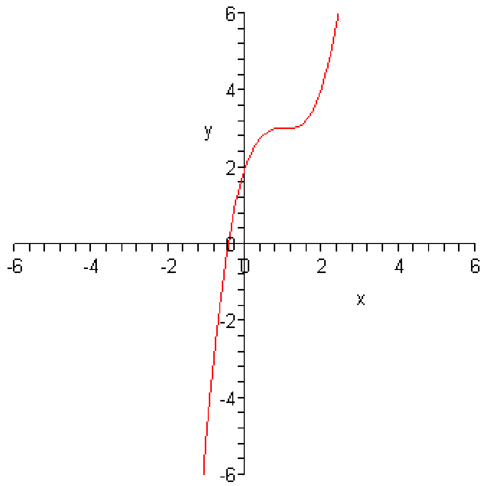


The graph of $y = x^2$ after a horizontal translation of 2 units to the right



Example 8

The graph of $y = (x-1)^3 + 3$



Example 9 The graph of $y = -x^2$

The graph of $y = -x^2$ is the inverted graph of $y = x^2$. The negative sign in front of the x^2 term simple turns the graph of $y = x^2$ upside down.