

4 Evaluate  $f^{-1}(5)$  where

a  $f(x) = 6 - x$

b  $f(x) = \frac{10}{x+7}$

c  $f(x) = \frac{2}{4x-3}$

5 If  $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-2}$ , find  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

### EXAM-STYLE QUESTION



6 a Draw the graph of  $f(x) = 2^x$  by making a table of values and plotting several points.

b Draw the line  $y = x$  on the same graph.

c Draw the graph of  $f^{-1}$  by reflecting the graph of  $f$  in the line  $y = x$ .

d State the domain and range of  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$ .



7 The function  $f(x) = x^2$  has no inverse function. However, the square root function  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$  does have an inverse function. Find this inverse.

By comparing the range and domain explain why the inverse of  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$  is not the same as  $f(x) = x^2$ .

8 Prove that the graphs of a linear function and its inverse can never be perpendicular.

Note that the image of point  $(a, -b)$  after a reflection in the line  $y = x$  is the point  $(b, -a)$ .

Extension material on CD:  
Worksheet 1 - Polynomials



## 1.6 Transforming functions



### Investigation – functions

You should use your GDC to sketch all the graphs in this investigation.

1 Sketch  $y = x$ ,  $y = x + 1$ ,  $y = x - 4$ ,  $y = x + 4$  on the same axes.  
Compare and contrast your functions.  
What effect do the constant (number) terms have on the graphs of  $y = x + b$ ?

2 Sketch  $y = x + 3$ ,  $y = 2x + 3$ ,  $y = 3x + 3$ ,  
 $y = -2x + 3$ ,  $y = 0.5x + 3$  on the same axes.  
Compare and contrast your functions.  
What effect does changing the x-coefficient have?

3 Sketch  $y = |x|$ ,  $y = |x + 2|$ ,  $y = |x - 3|$  on the same axes.  
Compare and contrast your functions.  
What effect does changing the values of  $h$  have on the graphs of  $y = |x + h|$ ?

4 Sketch  $y = x^2$ ,  $y = -x^2$ ,  $y = 2x^2$ ,  $y = 0.5x^2$  on the same axes.  
Compare and contrast your functions.  
What effect does the negative sign have on the graph?  
What effect does changing the value of  $a$  have on the graphs of  $y = ax^2$ ?

You will also find this standard equation of a line written as  $y = mx + b$  or  $y = mx + c$

The coefficient of  $x$  is the number that multiplies the  $x$ -value.

$|x|$  means the modulus of  $x$ . See chapter 18 for more explanation.

In the investigation you should have found that your graphs in parts 1, 2 and 3 were all the same shape but the position of the graphs changed. The graphs in part 4 should have been reflected or changed by stretching.

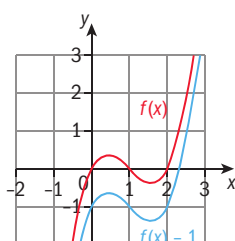
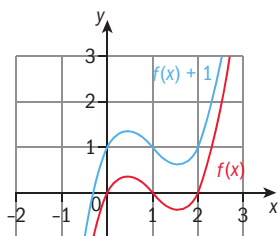
These are examples of ‘transformations’ of graphs. We will now look at these transformations in detail.

## Translations

### Shift upward or downward

→  $f(x) + k$  translates  $f(x)$  vertically a distance of  $k$  units upward.

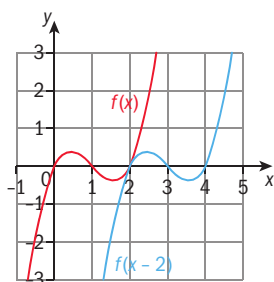
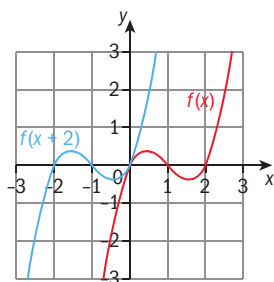
→  $f(x) - k$  translates  $f(x)$  vertically a distance of  $k$  units downward.



### Shift to the right or left

→  $f(x + k)$  translates  $f(x)$  horizontally  $k$  units to the **left**, when  $k > 0$ .

→  $f(x - k)$  translates  $f(x)$  horizontally  $k$  units to the **right**, when  $k > 0$ .



Translations can be represented by vectors in the form  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$  where  $a$  is the horizontal component and  $b$  is the vertical component.

$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a horizontal shift of 3 units right.  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  is a vertical shift of

2 units down.

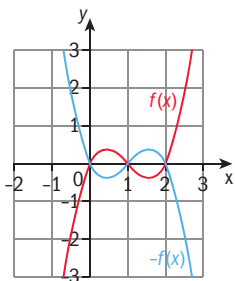
Translation by the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  denotes a horizontal shift of 3 units to the right, and a vertical shift of 2 units down.

Try transforming some functions with different values of  $k$  on your GDC.

## Reflections

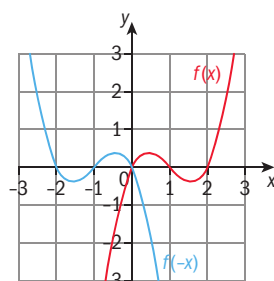
Reflection in the  $x$ -axis

→  $-f(x)$  reflects  $f(x)$  in the  $x$ -axis.



Reflection in the  $y$ -axis

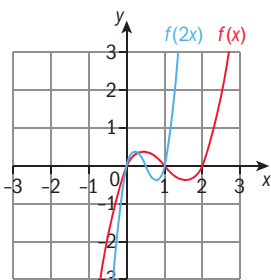
→  $f(-x)$  reflects  $f(x)$  in the  $y$ -axis.



## Stretches

Horizontal stretch (or compress)

→  $f(qx)$  stretches or compresses  $f(x)$  horizontally with scale factor  $\frac{1}{q}$ .



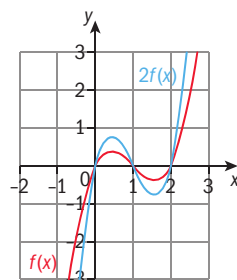
The transformation is a **horizontal stretch of scale factor  $\frac{1}{q}$** .

When  $q > 1$  the graph is compressed towards the  $y$ -axis

When  $0 < q < 1$  the graph is stretched away from the  $y$ -axis.

Vertical stretch (or compress)

→  $pf(x)$  stretches  $f(x)$  vertically with scale factor  $p$ .



The transformation is a **vertical stretch of scale factor  $p$** .

When  $p > 1$  the graph stretches away from the  $x$ -axis.

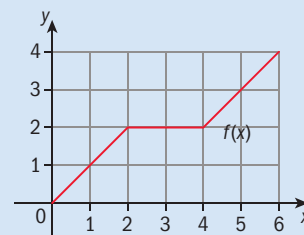
When  $0 < p < 1$  the graph is compressed towards the  $x$ -axis.

A stretch with a scale factor  $p$  where  $0 < p < 1$  will actually compress the graph.

Students often make mistakes with stretches. It is important to remember the different effects of, for example,  $2f(x)$  and  $f(2x)$ .

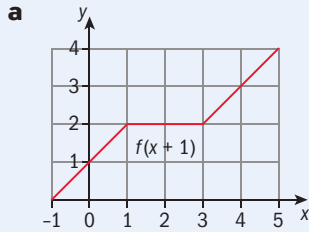
## Example 14

- 1** Given the graph of the function  $f(x)$  shown here, sketch the graphs of:  
**a**  $f(x + 1)$    **b**  $f(x) - 2$    **c**  $f(-x)$    **d**  $-f(x)$    **e**  $2f(x)$

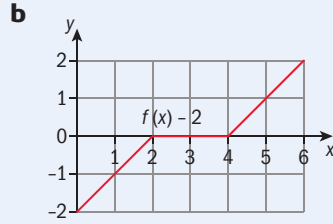


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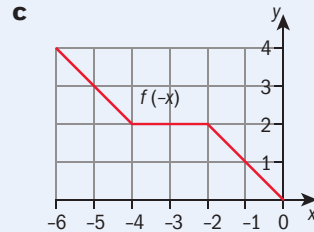
## Answers



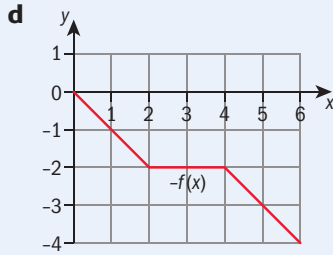
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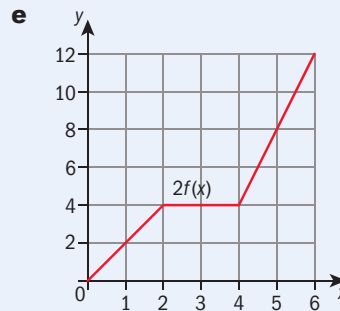
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Reflected in the  $y$ -axis



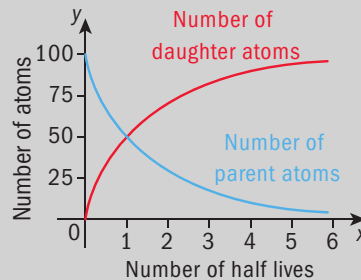
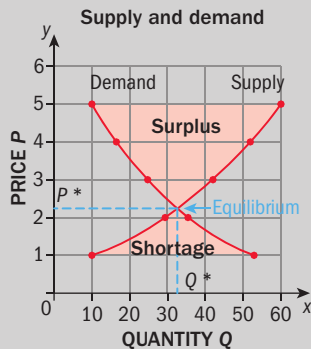
Reflected in the  $x$ -axis



Vertical stretch of scale factor 2

Supply and demand curves in business and economics are reflections.

Radioactive decay curves are reflections.

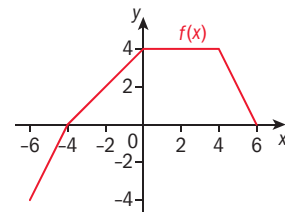


## Exercise 11

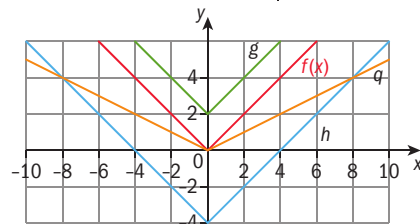
### EXAM-STYLE QUESTION

**1** Copy the graph. Draw these functions on the same axes.

- a**  $f(x) + 4$     **b**  $f(x) - 2$     **c**  $-f(x)$   
**d**  $f(x + 3)$     **e**  $f(x - 4)$     **f**  $2f(x)$   
**g**  $f(2x)$



**2** Functions  $g$ ,  $h$  and  $q$  are transformations of  $f(x)$ . Write each transformation in terms of  $f(x)$ .





3 Find the inverses of these functions.

a  $f(x) = \frac{3x+17}{2}$

b  $g(x) = 2x^3 + 3$

4 Find the inverse of  $f(x) = -\frac{1}{5}x - 1$ . Then graph the function and its inverse.

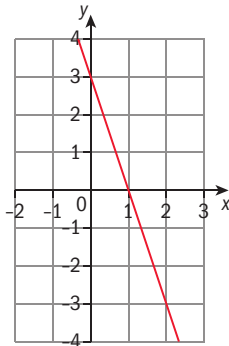
5 Find the inverse functions for

a  $f(x) = 3x + 5$

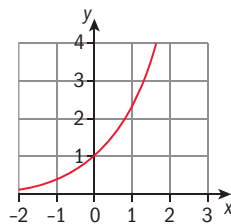
b  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x+2}$

6 Copy each graph and draw the inverse of each function.

a

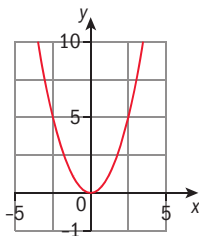


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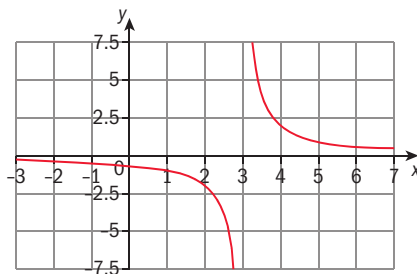


7 Find the domain and range for each of these graphs.

a



b



### EXAM-STYLE QUESTION

8 For each function, write a single equation to represent the given combination of transformations.

a  $f(x) = x$ , reflected in the  $y$ -axis, stretched vertically by a factor of 2, horizontally by a factor of  $\frac{1}{3}$  and translated 3 units left and 2 units up.

b  $f(x) = x^2$ , reflected in the  $x$ -axis, stretched vertically by a factor of  $\frac{1}{4}$ , horizontally by a factor of 3, translated 5 units right and 1 unit down.

9 a Explain how to draw the inverse of a function from its graph.

b Graph the inverse of  $f(x) = 2x + 3$ .

### EXAM-STYLE QUESTION

10 Let  $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3$  and  $g(x) = 3x - 2$ .

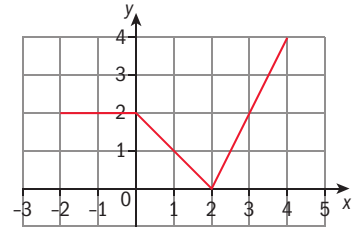
a Find  $g(0)$ .

b Find  $(f \circ g)(0)$ .

c Find  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

### EXAM-STYLE QUESTIONS

- 11** The graph shows the function  $f(x)$ , for  $-2 \leq x \leq 4$ .
- Let  $h(x) = f(-x)$ . Sketch the graph of  $h(x)$ .
  - Let  $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}f(x-1)$ . The point  $A(3, 2)$  on the graph of  $f$  is transformed to the point  $P$  on the graph of  $g$ . Find the coordinates of  $P$ .
- 12** The functions  $f$  and  $g$  are defined as  $f(x) = 3x$  and  $g(x) = x + 2$ .
- Find an expression for  $(f \circ g)(x)$ .
  - Show that  $f^{-1}(12) + g^{-1}(12) = 14$ .
- 13** Let  $g(x) = 2x - 1$ ,  $h(x) = \frac{3x}{x-2}$ ,  $x \neq 2$
- Find an expression for  $(h \circ g)(x)$ . Simplify your answer.
  - Solve the equation  $(h \circ g)(x) = 0$ .



The instruction 'Show that...' means 'Obtain the required result (possibly using information given) without the formality of proof'.

For 'Show that' questions you do not usually need to use a calculator.

A good method is to cover up the right-hand side of the equation and then work out the left-hand side until your answer is the same as the right-hand side.



## Review exercise

- Use your GDC to sketch the function and state the domain and range of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$ .
- Sketch the function  $y = (x+1)(x-3)$  and state its domain and range.
- Sketch the function  $y = \frac{1}{x+2}$  and state its domain and range.

### EXAM-STYLE QUESTIONS

- 4** The function  $f(x)$  is defined as  $f(x) = 2 + \frac{1}{x+1}$ ,  $x \neq -1$ .
- Sketch the curve  $f(x)$  for  $-3 \leq x \leq 2$ .
  - Use your GDC to help you write down the value of the  $x$ -intercept and the  $y$ -intercept.
- 5**
- Sketch the graph of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$
  - For what value of  $x$  is  $f(x)$  undefined?
  - State the domain and range of  $f(x)$ .
- 6** Given the function  $f(x) = \frac{2x-5}{x+2}$
- write down the equations of the asymptotes
  - sketch the function
  - write down the coordinates of the intercepts with both axes.
- 7** Let  $f(x) = 2 - x^2$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 2$ .
- Sketch both functions on one graph with  $-3 \leq x \leq 3$ .
  - Solve  $f(x) = g(x)$ .

## EXAM-STYLE QUESTIONS

- 8 Let  $f(x) = x^3 - 3$ .
- Find the inverse function  $f^{-1}(x)$ .
  - Sketch both  $f(x)$  and  $f^{-1}(x)$  on the same axes.
  - Solve  $f(x) = f^{-1}(x)$ .
- 9  $f(x) = e^{2x-1} + \frac{2}{x+1}$ ,  $x \neq -1$ .
- Sketch the curve of  $f(x)$  for  $-5 \leq x \leq 2$ , including any asymptotes.
- 10 Consider the functions  $f$  and  $g$  where  $f(x) = 3x - 2$  and  $g(x) = x - 3$ .
- Find the inverse function,  $f^{-1}$ .
  - Given that  $g^{-1}(x) = x + 3$ , find  $(g^{-1} \circ f)(x)$ .
  - Show that  $(f^{-1} \circ g)(x) = \frac{x-1}{3}$ .
  - Solve  $(f^{-1} \circ g)(x) = (g^{-1} \circ f)(x)$

Let  $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ ,  $x \neq 2$ .

- Sketch the graph of  $h$  for  $-6 \leq x \leq 10$  and  $-4 \leq y \leq 10$ , including any asymptotes.
- Write down the **equations** of the asymptotes.

When IB exams have words in **bold** script, it means that you must do exactly what is required. For example the equation could be given as  $x = 3$  but not just as 3.

## CHAPTER 1 SUMMARY

### Introducing functions

- A **relation** is a set of ordered pairs.
- The **domain** is the set of all the first numbers ( $x$ -values) of the ordered pairs.
- The **range** is the set of the second numbers ( $y$ -values) in each pair.
- A **function** is a relation where every  $x$ -value is related to a unique  $y$ -value.
- A relation is a function if any vertical line drawn will not intersect the graph more than once. This is called the **vertical line test**.

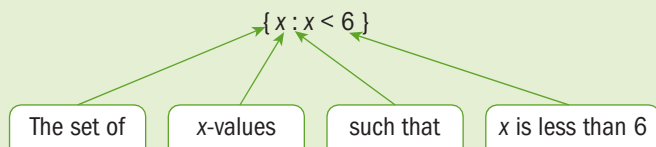
### The domain and range of a relation on a Cartesian plane

#### Interval notation:

Use round brackets (, ) if the value is not included in the graph or when the graph is undefined at that point (a hole or **asymptote**, or a jump).

Use square brackets [ , ] if the value is included in the graph.

- Set notation:



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## Function notation

- $f(x)$  is read as 'f of x' and means 'the value of function  $f$  at  $x$ '.

## Composite functions

- The composition of the function  $f$  with the function  $g$  is written as  $f(g(x))$ , which is read as 'f of g of x', or  $(f \circ g)(x)$ , which is read as 'f composed with g of x'.
- A **composite function** applies one function to the result of another and is defined by  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$ .

## Inverse functions

- The **inverse** of a function  $f(x)$  is  $f^{-1}(x)$ . It reverses the action of the function.
- Functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are inverses of one another if:  
 $(f \circ g)(x) = x$  for all of the  $x$ -values in the domain of  $g$  and  
 $(g \circ f)(x) = x$  for all of the  $x$ -values in the domain of  $f$ .
- You can use the **horizontal line test** to identify inverse functions. If a horizontal line crosses a function more than once, there is no inverse function.

## The graphs of inverse functions

- The graph of the inverse of a function is a reflection of that function in the line  $y = x$ .
- To find the inverse function algebraically, replace  $f(x)$  with  $y$  and solve for  $y$ .
- The function  $I(x) = x$  is called the identity function. It leaves  $x$  unchanged.  
So  $f \circ f^{-1} = I$ .

## Transformations of functions

- $f(x) + k$  translates  $f(x)$  vertically a distance of  $k$  units upward.
- $f(x) - k$  translates  $f(x)$  vertically a distance of  $k$  units downward.
- $f(x + k)$  translates  $f(x)$  horizontally  $k$  units to the left, where  $k > 0$ .
- $f(x - k)$  translates  $f(x)$  horizontally  $k$  units to the right, where  $k > 0$ .
- $-f(x)$  reflects  $f(x)$  in the  $x$ -axis.
- $f(-x)$  reflects  $f(x)$  in the  $y$ -axis.
- $f(qx)$  stretches  $f(x)$  horizontally with scale factor  $\frac{1}{q}$ .
- $pf(x)$  stretches  $f(x)$  vertically with scale factor  $p$ .