

Chapter 1: TRANSFORMATIONS AND FUNCTIONS

1.2 – Reflections and Stretches

Reflection: A mirror image on, over, or about a line, called the line of reflection.

Reflections do not change the shape of the graph, but they may change the orientation.

Invariant Point : A point on a graph that remains **unchanged** after a transformation is applied to it. (i.e. A point that does not move)

Reflection of a graph in the x-axis

- Given $y = f(x)$, a reflection of the graph in the x-axis is described by $y = -f(x)$

- The image point on the graph of $y = -f(x)$ have the same x-coordinates, but different y-coordinates.

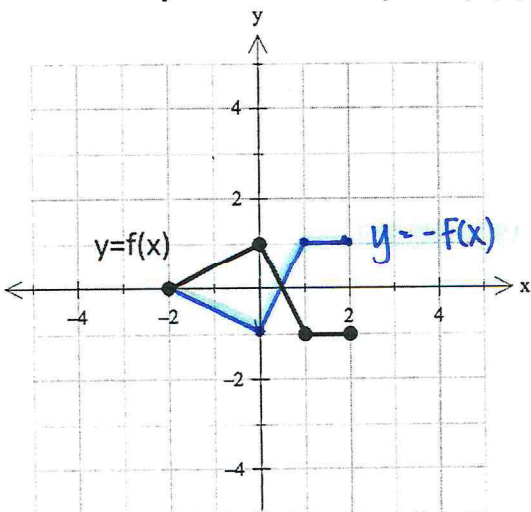
- The y-coordinates are multiplied by -1

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (x, -y)$$

Example #1

The graph of $y = f(x)$ is given.

Graph the function $y = -f(x)$ on the same grid. List any **invariant points**.



↳ Reflection over the x-axis

↳ Multiply all y-values by -1

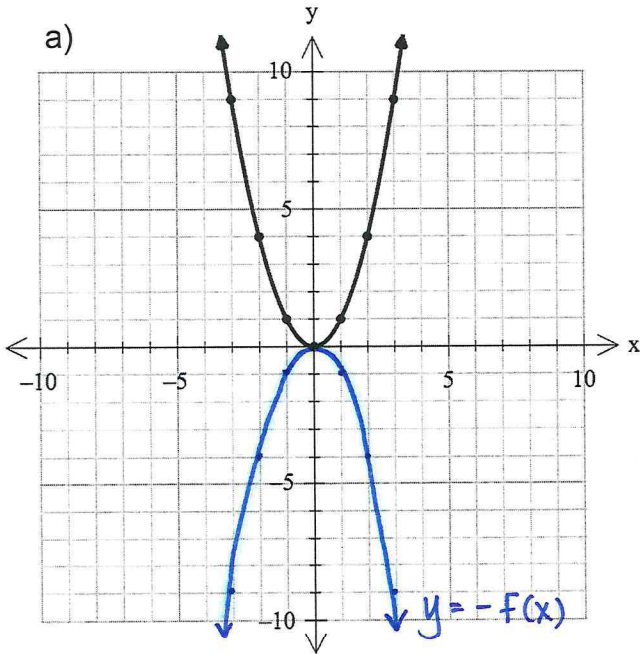
↳ invariant point : $(-2, 0)$

Example #2

The graph of $y = f(x)$ is given.

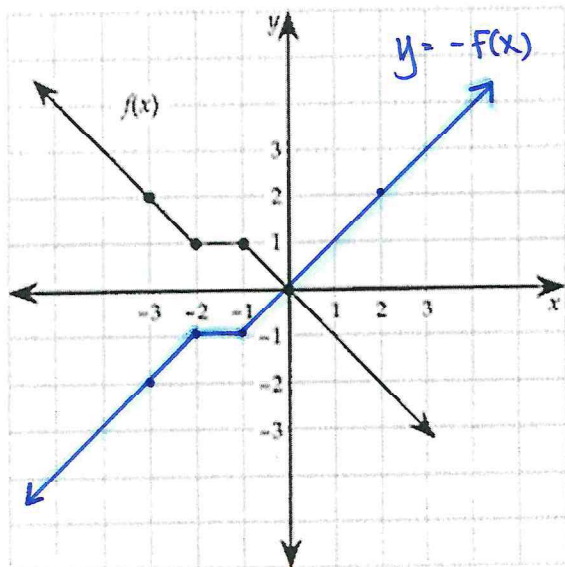
Graph the function $y = -f(x)$ on the same grid. List any invariant points.

a)



↳ invariant point : (0,0)

b)



↳ invariant point : (0,0)

Reflection of a graph in the y-axis

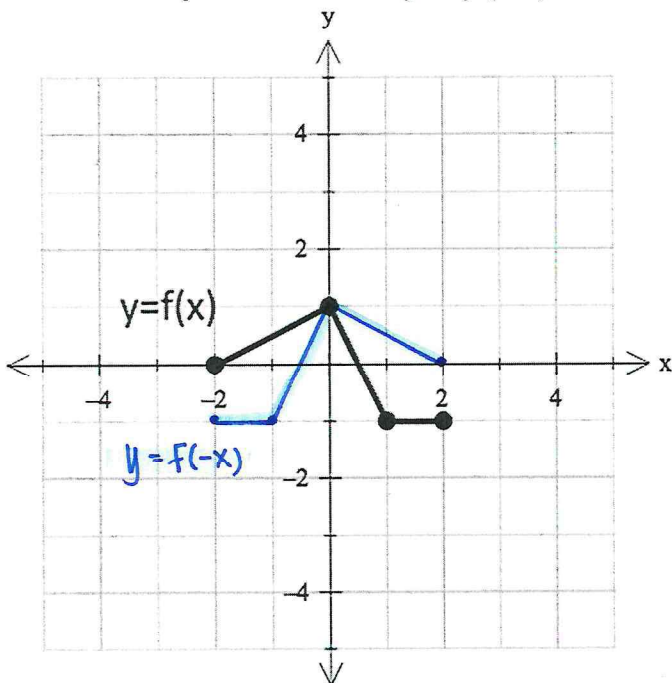
- Given $y = f(x)$, a reflection of the graph in the y-axis is described by $y = f(-x)$
- The image point on the graph of $y = f(-x)$ have the same y-coordinates, but different x-coordinates.
- The x-coordinates are multiplied by -1

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (-x, y)$$

Example #3

The graph of $y = f(x)$ is given.

Graph the function $y = f(-x)$ on the same grid. List any **invariant points**.



↳ Reflection over the y-axis

↳ Multiply the x-values by -1

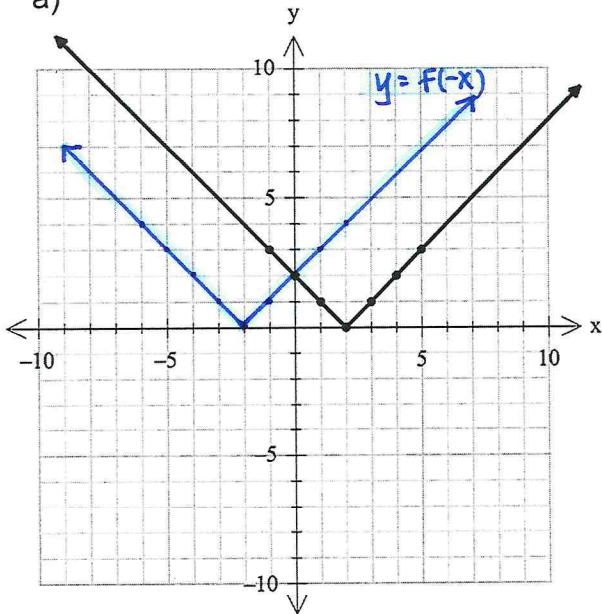
↳ invariant point : $(0, 1)$

Example #4

The graph of $y = f(x)$ is given.

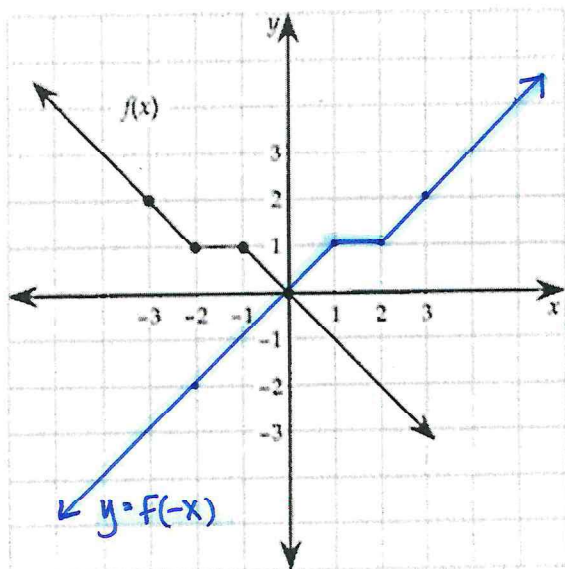
Graph the function $y = f(-x)$ on the same grid. List any **invariant points**.

a)



↳ invariant point : (0,2)

b)



↳ invariant point : (0,0)

Stretch/Compression: changes the shape of the graph

- A transformation where the distance from the line of reflection is multiplied by a scale factor.

↳ scale factors greater than 1 : stretch

↳ scale factors between 0 and 1 : compress

Vertical Stretches and Compressions

- For a function $y = f(x)$, the graph of a function $y = af(x)$ is a **vertical stretch/compression** of the graph about the x – axis by a factor of $|a|$

- $y = af(x)$ is obtained by multiplying the y – value of each coordinate point on the graph of $y = f(x)$ by $|a|$

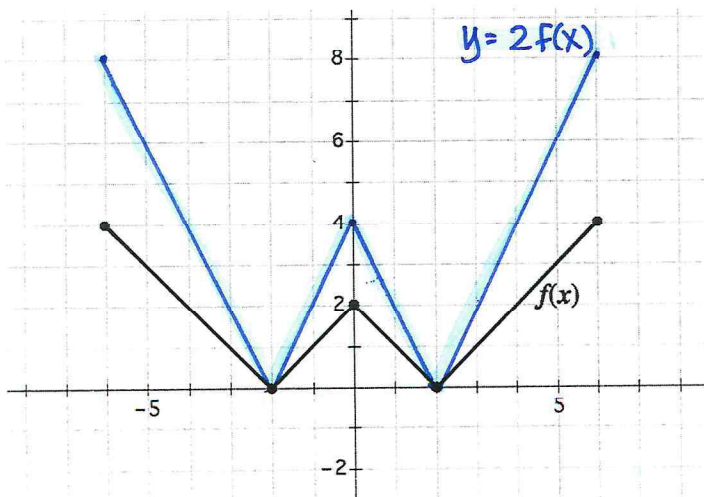
$$(x, y) \rightarrow (x, ay)$$

Example #5

The graph of $y = f(x)$ is given.

Sketch the following graphs. List any **invariant points**. State the **domain** and **range**.

a) $y = 2f(x)$



↳ Vertical stretch by a factor of 2

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (x, 2y)$$

↳ invariant points @

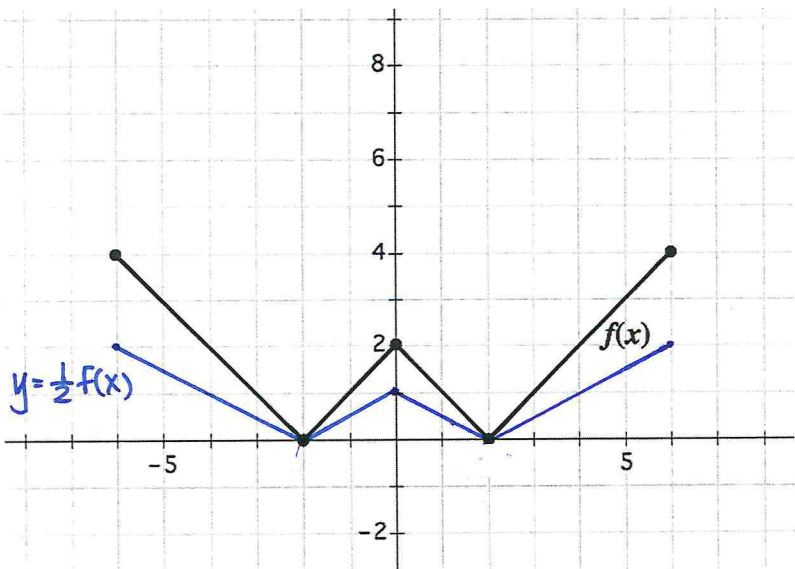
$(-2, 0)$ and $(2, 0)$

Domain : $[-6, 6]$

Range : $[0, 8]$

→ a

$$b) y = \frac{1}{2}f(x)$$



↳ Vertical stretch by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (x, \frac{1}{2}y)$$

↳ invariant points @

$$(-2, 0) \text{ and } (2, 0)$$

$$\text{Domain: } [-6, 6]$$

$$\text{Range: } [0, 2]$$

Example #6

The graph of $y = f(x)$ is given.

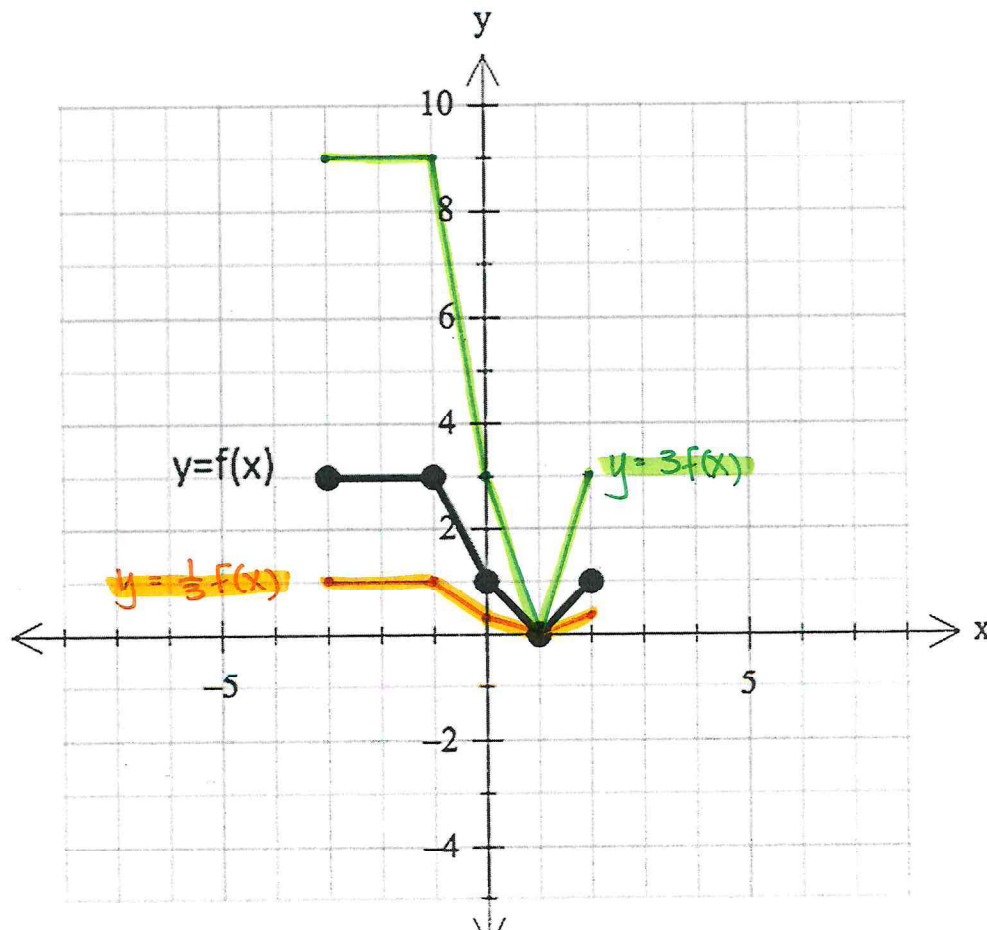
Sketch the following graphs on the same grid. Label each of your functions.

$$a) y = 3f(x)$$

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (x, 3y)$$

$$b) y = \frac{1}{3}f(x)$$

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (x, \frac{1}{3}y)$$



Horizontal Stretches and Compressions

- For a function $y = f(x)$, the graph of a function $y = f(bx)$ is a **horizontal stretch/compression** of the graph about the y - axis by a factor of $\frac{1}{|b|}$

- $y = f(bx)$ is obtained by multiplying the x - value of each coordinate point on the graph of $y = f(x)$ by $\frac{1}{|b|}$

$$(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{b}x, y\right)$$

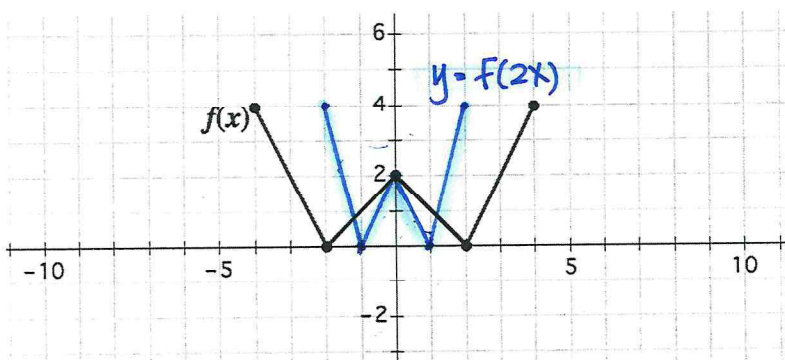
Example #7

The graph of $y = f(x)$ is given.

Sketch the following graphs.

List any **invariant points**. State the **domain** and **range**.

a) $y = f(2x)$



↳ Horizontal stretch by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$

$$(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2}x, y\right)$$

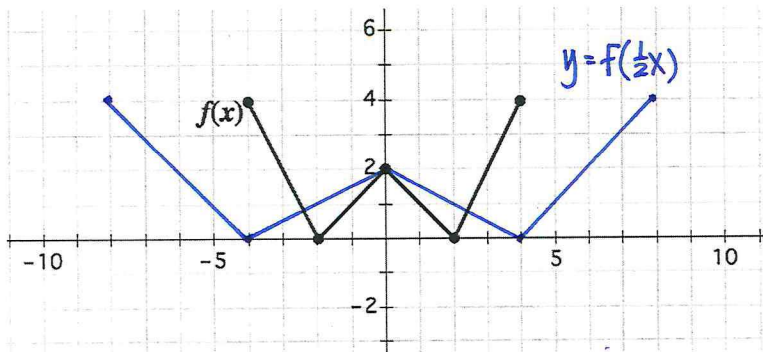
↳ Invariant point

$$\text{e } (0, 2)$$

Domain : $[-2, 2]$

Range : $[0, 4]$

b) $y = f\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)$



↳ Horizontal stretch by a factor of 2

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (2x, y)$$

↳ Invariant point @

$$(0, 2)$$

$$\text{Domain: } [-8, 8]$$

$$\text{Range: } [0, 4]$$

Example #8

The graph of $y = f(x)$ is given.

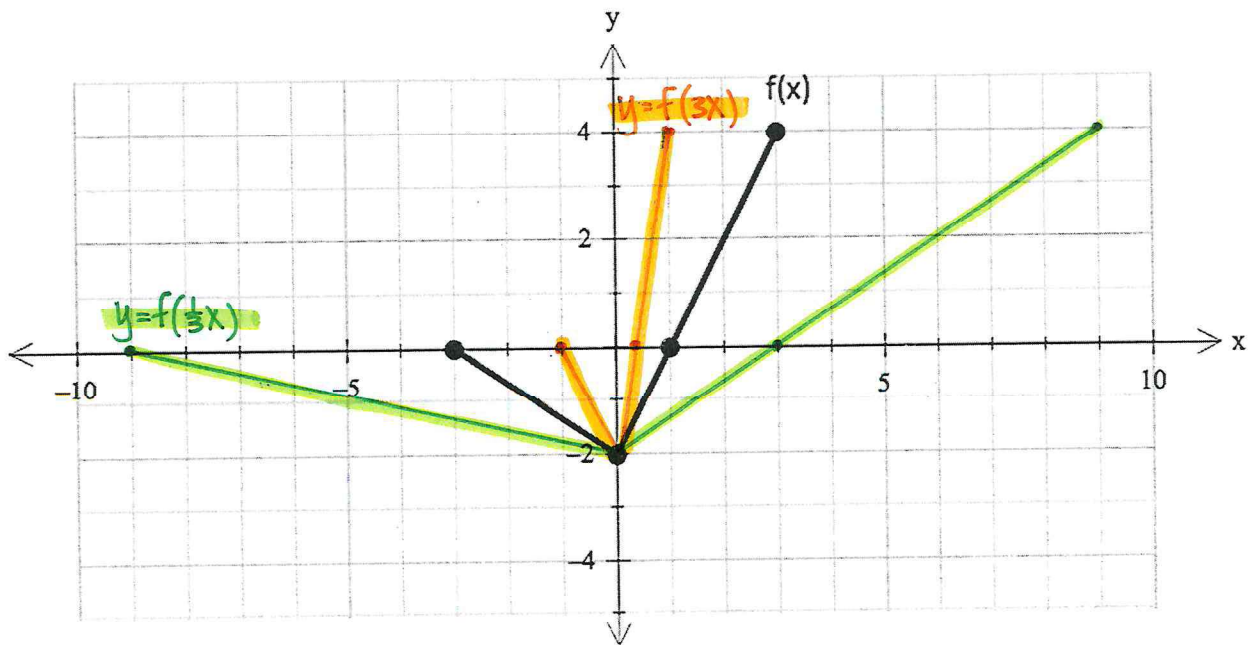
Sketch the following graphs on the same grid. Label each of your functions.

a) $y = f(3x)$

$$(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{3}x, y\right)$$

b) $y = f\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right)$

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (3x, y)$$

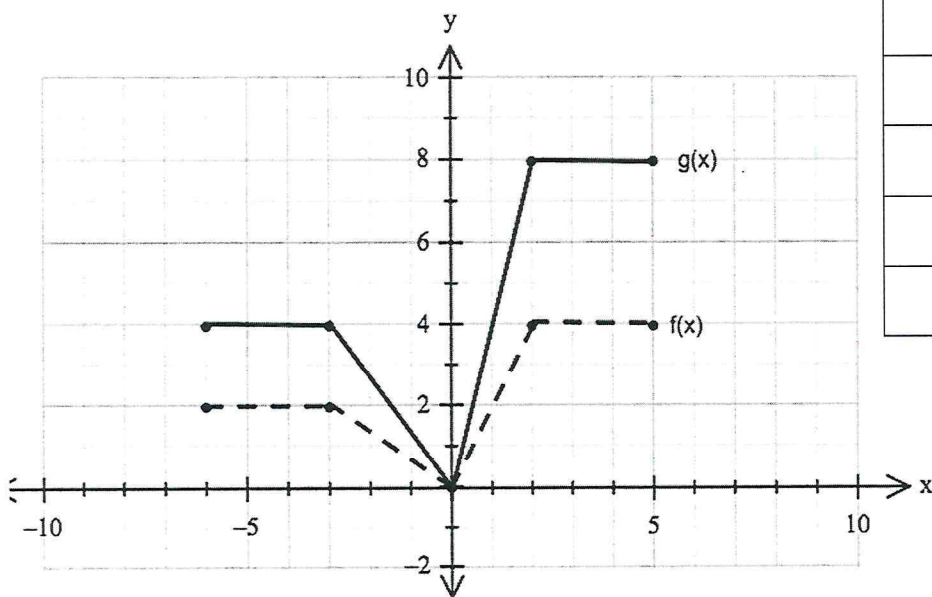


We must also be able to determine the **equation** of a function that has undergone a transformation.

Example #9

The graph of $y = f(x)$ has been transformed.

Write the **equation** of the transformed graph.



x	$y = f(x)$	$y = g(x)$
-6	2	4
3	2	4
0	0	0
2	4	8
5	4	8

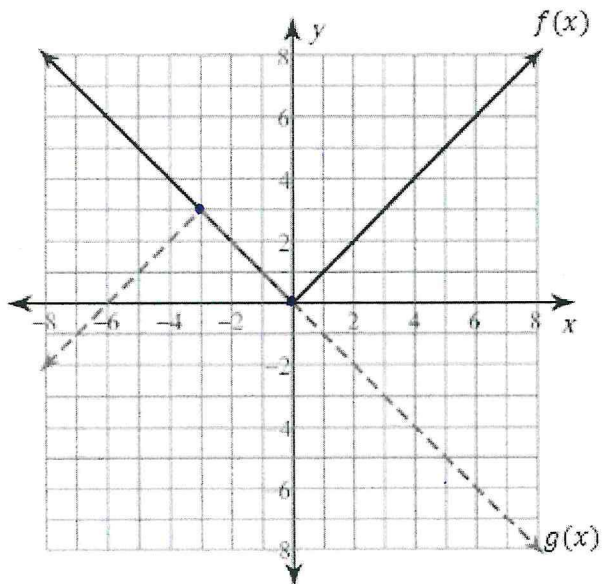
↳ y-values multiplied by 2
 $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, 2y)$

Answer: $g(x) = 2f(x)$

Example #10

The graph of $y = f(x)$ has been transformed.

Write the **equation** of the transformed graph.



x	$y = f(x)$	$y = g(x)$

Answer: $g(x) = -f(x+3) + 3$

↳ $(0, 0)$ not affected by the reflection, moved left 3 units and up 3 units

↳ Reflection over the x-axis

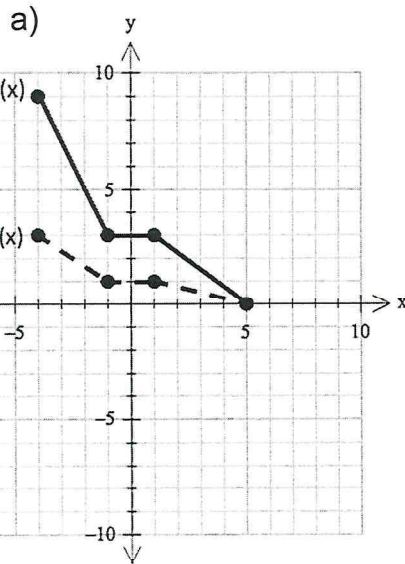
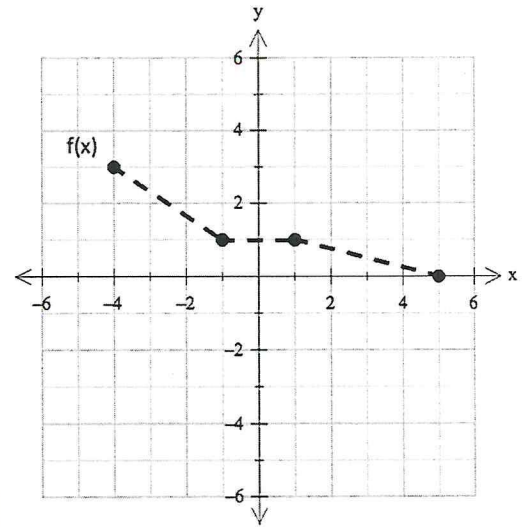
↳ No stretch/compression

Example #11

Each of the represent a stretch/compression of the given function $y = f(x)$.

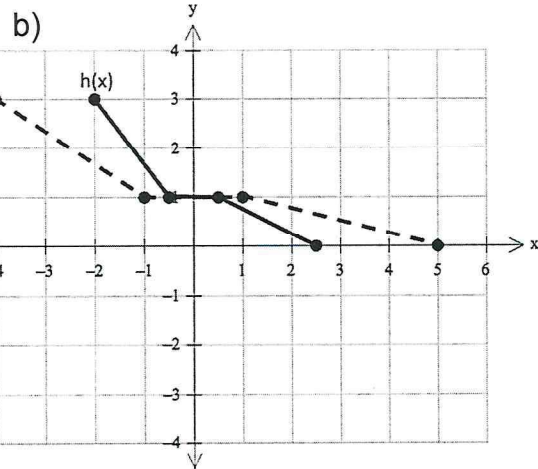
Write the **equation of the transformation** in the form $y = af(bx)$.

↳ work with key points and image points



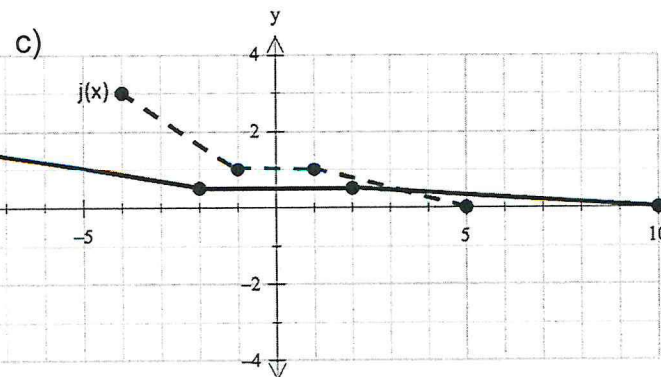
↳ No change in x-values
↳ All y-values are multiplied by 3

Answer: $g(x) = 3f(x)$



↳ No change in y-values
↳ All x-values are multiplied by 1/2

Answer: $h(x) = f(2x)$



↳ x-values multiplied by 2
↳ y-values multiplied by 1/2

Answer: $j(x) = \frac{1}{2}g(\frac{1}{2}x)$

