

MATHEMATICS I

FIRST SEMESTER

Lec. 02

Functions and Their
Graphs

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• Functions

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

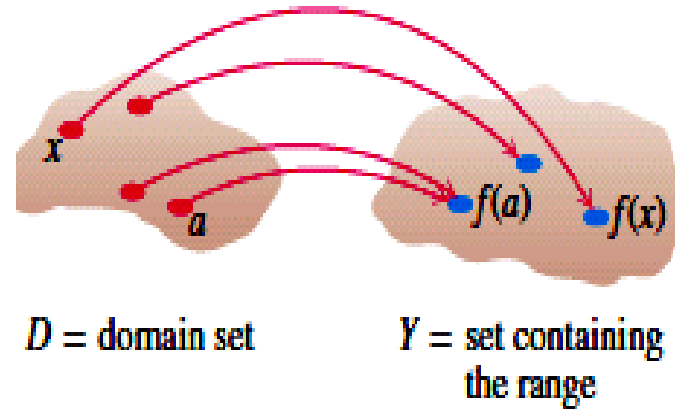
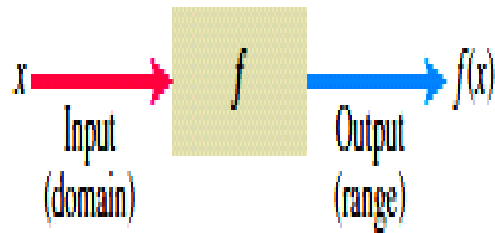
”A symbolic way to say “ y is a function of x ” is by writing
 $y = f(x)$ (“ y equals f of x ”).

The symbol f represents the function. The letter x , called the **independent variable**, represents the input value of f , and y , the **dependent variable**, represents the corresponding output **value** of f at x .

• Domain and Range

Domain: The set from which the value of x can be chosen is called the **domain** of the function.

Range: The set of all values of y is called the **range** of the function.



Example 1:

1. Given $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x^2+2}$, find (a) $f(0)$; (b) $f(-1)$; (c) $f(2a)$; (d) $f(1/x)$; (e) $f(x+h)$.

$$(a) f(0) = \frac{0-1}{0+2} = -\frac{1}{2} \qquad (b) f(-1) = \frac{-1-1}{1+2} = -\frac{2}{3} \qquad (c) f(2a) = \frac{2a-1}{4a^2+2}$$

$$(d) f(1/x) = \frac{1/x-1}{1/x^2+2} = \frac{x-x^2}{1+2x^2} \qquad (e) f(x+h) = \frac{x+h-1}{(x+h)^2+2} = \frac{x+h-1}{x^2+2hx+h^2+2}$$

2. Determine the domains of the functions

$$(a) y = \sqrt{4-x^2}; \qquad (b) y = \sqrt{x^2-16}; \qquad (c) y = \frac{1}{x-2};$$

$$(d) y = \frac{1}{x^2-9}; \qquad (e) y = \frac{x}{x^2+4}.$$

(a) Since y must be real, $4-x^2 \geq 0$, or $x^2 \leq 4$. The domain is the interval $-2 \leq x \leq 2$.

(b) Here, $x^2-16 \geq 0$, or $x^2 \geq 16$. The domain consists of the intervals $x \leq -4$ and $x \geq 4$.

(c) The function is defined for every value of x except 2.

(d) The function is defined for $x \neq \pm 3$.

(e) Since $x^2+4 \neq 0$ for all x , the domain is the set of all real numbers.

EXAMPLE 2

Determine the domains and ranges of these functions.

$$y = x^2$$

$$y = 1/x$$

$$y = \sqrt{x}$$

$$y = \sqrt{4 - x}$$

$$y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$



Function	Domain (x)	Range (y)
$y = x^2$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	$[0, \infty)$
$y = 1/x$	$(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$	$(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$
$y = \sqrt{x}$	$[0, \infty)$	$[0, \infty)$
$y = \sqrt{4 - x}$	$(-\infty, 4]$	$[0, \infty)$
$y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$	$[-1, 1]$	$[0, 1]$

Solution: "The formula $y = x^2$ gives a real y -value for any real number x , so the domain is $(-\infty, \infty)$ The range is $[0, \infty)$ because the square of any real number is nonnegative .

"The formula $y = \frac{1}{x}$ gives a real y -value for every x except $x = 0$, *We cannot divide any number by zero.* so the domain and range same are $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$.

" The formula $y = \sqrt{x}$ gives a real y -value only if $x \geq 0$, so the domain and range same are $[0, \infty)$.

"in $y = \sqrt{4 - x}$, the quantity $4 - x$ cannot be negative. That is, $4 - x \geq 0$, or $x \leq 4$.

so the domain is $(-\infty, 4]$. The range is $[0, \infty)$, the set of all nonnegative numbers.

" The formula $y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$ gives a real y -value for every x in the closed interval

From -1 to 1 . so the domain is $[-1, 1]$. the range of is $[0, 1]$.

EXERCISES 2.1: find the domain and range of each function.

1. $f(x) = 1 + x^2$

2. $f(x) = 1 - \sqrt{x}$

3. $F(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$

4. $F(t) = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{t}}$

5. $g(z) = \sqrt{4 - z^2}$

6. $g(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 - z^2}}$

• Graphs of Functions

If f is a function with domain D , its **graph** consists of the points in the Cartesian plane whose coordinates are the input-output pairs for f . In set notation, the graph is $\{(x, f(x)) \mid x \in D\}$. To graph the function we need,

1. Make a table of *xy-pairs that satisfy the function rule*.

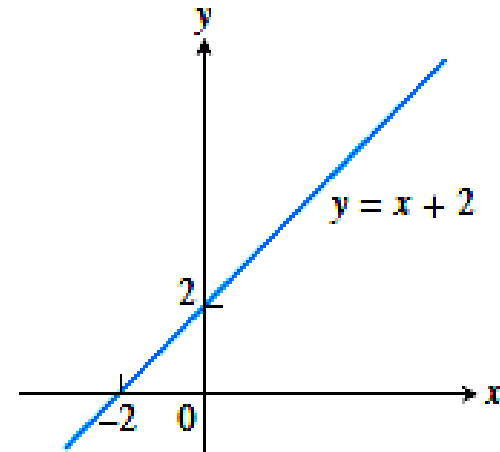
2. Plot the points (x, y) .

3. Draw a smooth curve through the plotted points. Label the curve with its equation.

Example 3: Sketching a Graph

1. Graph the function $f(x) = x + 2$

Solution: The graph of the function $f(x) = x + 2$ is the set of points with coordinates (x, y) for which $y = x + 2$. Its graph is sketched in Figure.



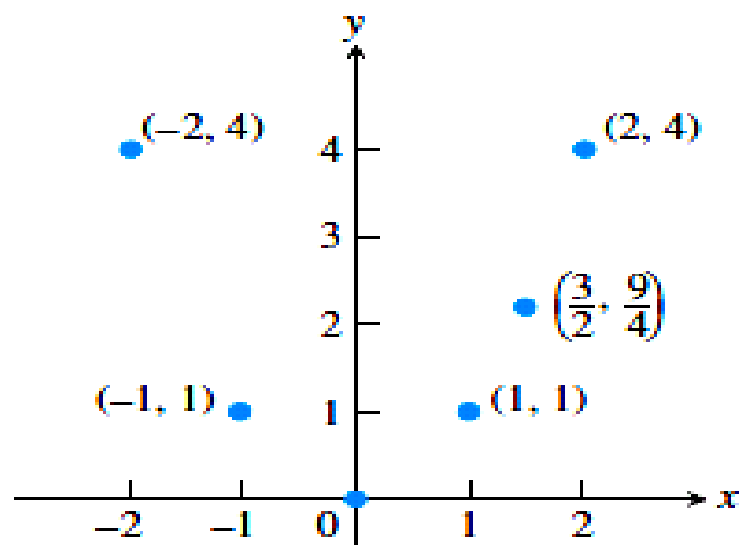
2. Graph the function $Y = x^2$ over the interval $[-2, 2]$.

Solution:

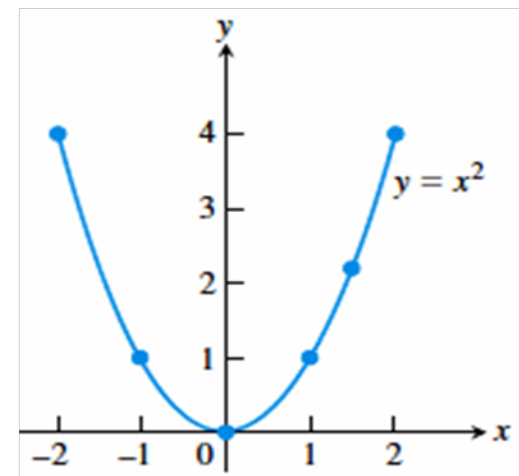
1. Make a table of xy -pairs that satisfy the function rule,

x	$y = x^2$
-2	4
-1	1
0	0
1	1
$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{9}{4}$
2	4

2. Plot the points (x, y) whose coordinates appear in the table.



3. Draw a smooth curve through the plotted points.

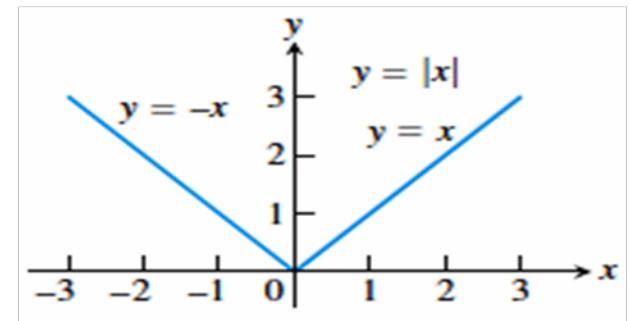


• Piecewise-Defined Functions

Sometimes a function is described by using different formulas on different parts of its domain. One example is the **absolute value function**

$$|X| = \begin{cases} X, & X \geq 0 \\ -X, & X < 0, \end{cases}$$

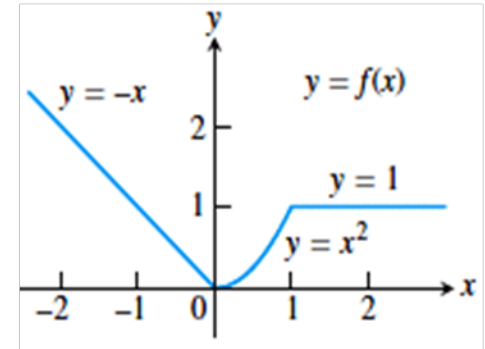
whose graph is given in Figure.



EXAMPLE 4 Graphing Piecewise-Defined Functions, The function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -x, & x < 0 \\ x^2, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

The values of f are given by: $y = -x$ when $x < 0$, $y = x^2$ when $0 \leq x \leq 1$, and $y = 1$ when $x > 1$. Figure shows the graph.



EXAMPLE 5: Write a formula for the function $y = f(x)$ whose graph consists of the two line segments in Figure shows the graph.

Solution: We find formula for the segment from

$(0, 0)$ to $(1, 1)$ The line through $(0, 0)$ and $(1, 1)$ has slope

$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{(1-0)}{(1-0)} = 1, \quad \text{and } y\text{-intercept } b = 0. \text{ Its slope-intercept equation is } y = x.$$

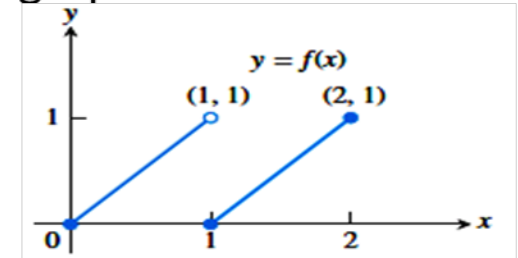
"The Segment from $(1, 0)$ to $(2, 1)$ The line through $(1, 0)$ and $(2, 1)$ has slope

$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{(1-0)}{(2-1)} = 1, \text{ and passes through the point } (1, 0). \text{ The point slope equation for}$$

the line is $y = 0 + 1(x - 1)$, or $y = x - 1$.

Piecewise formula Combining the formulas for the two pieces of the graph, obtain

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ x - 1 & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases} \quad \dots$$



EXERCISES 2.2

1) Find the domain and graph of each functions.

1. $f(x) = 1 - 2x - x^2$

2. $g(x) = \sqrt{-x}$

3. $F(t) = \frac{t}{|t|}$

4. $g(x) = \sqrt{|x|}$

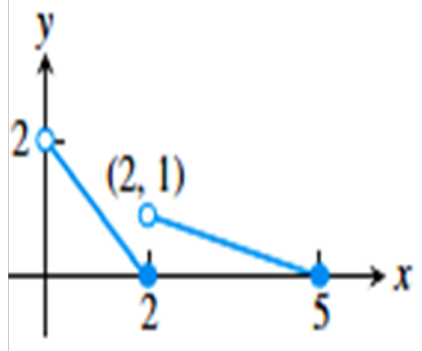
2) Graph the following functions.

1. $g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - x, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 2 - x, & 1 < x \leq 2 \end{cases}$

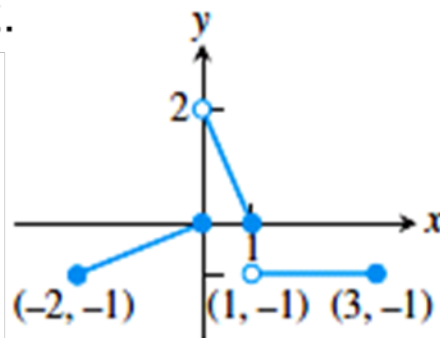
2. $G(x) = \begin{cases} 1/x, & x < 0 \\ x, & 0 < x \end{cases}$

3) Find a formula for each function graphed.

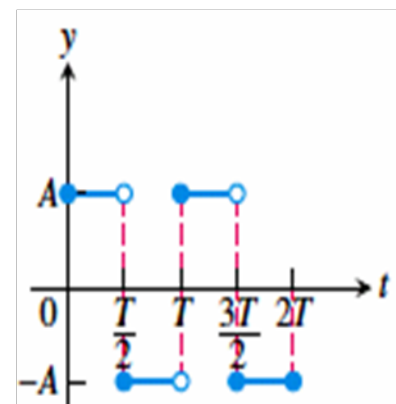
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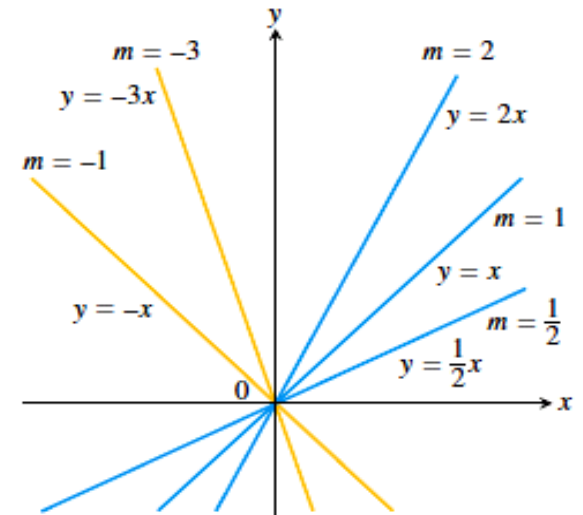


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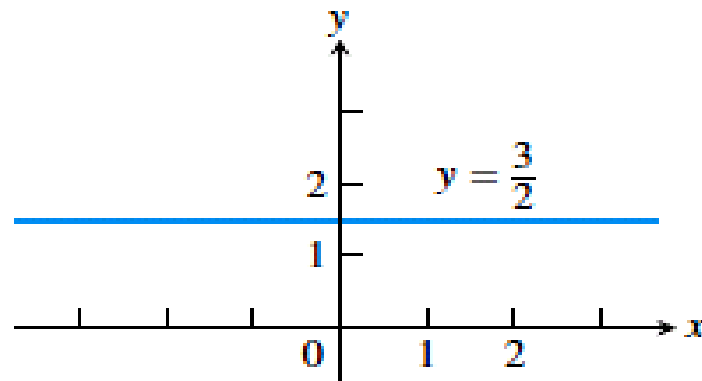


•Types of functions

1. Linear Functions: A function of the form $f(x) = mx + b$ for constants m and b , is called a **linear function**. Figure shows an array of lines $f(x) = mx$ where $b = 0$, so these lines pass through the origin.



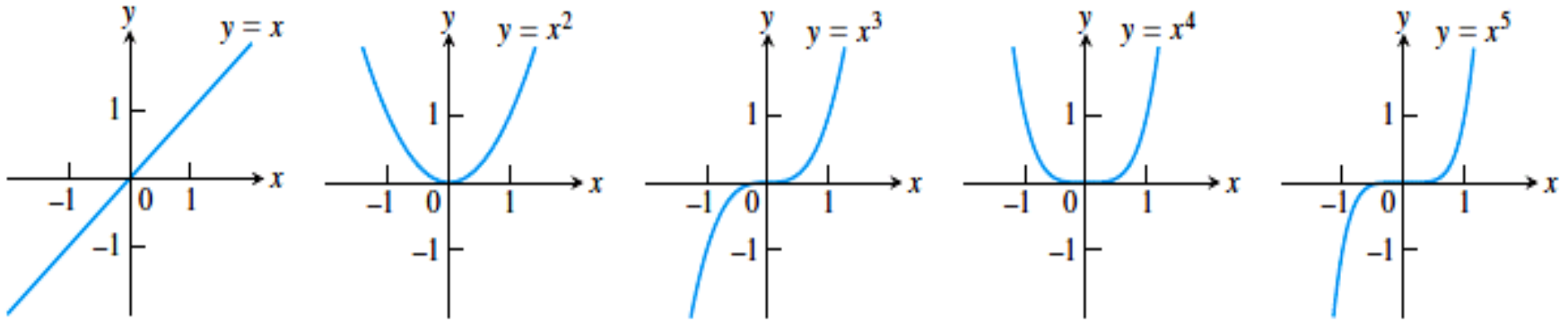
”A Constant functions has slope $m = 0$, Figure shows.



2. Power Functions: A function $f(x) = x^a$, where a is a constant, is called a **power function**. There are several important cases to consider.

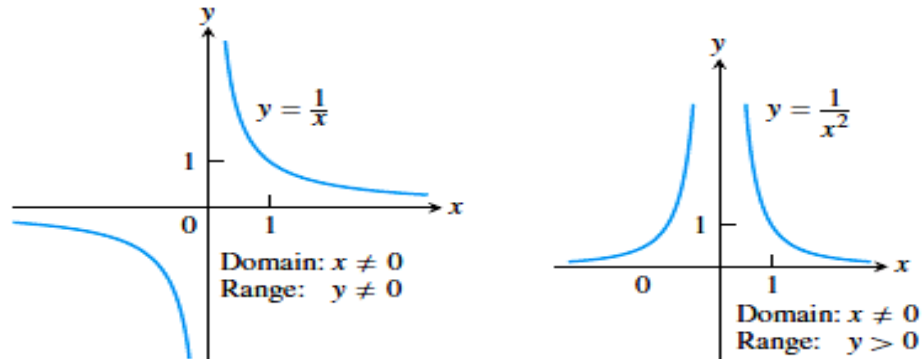
a. n , a positive integer.

The graphs of $f(x) = x^n$, for $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$, defined for $-\infty < x < \infty$. are displayed in Figure



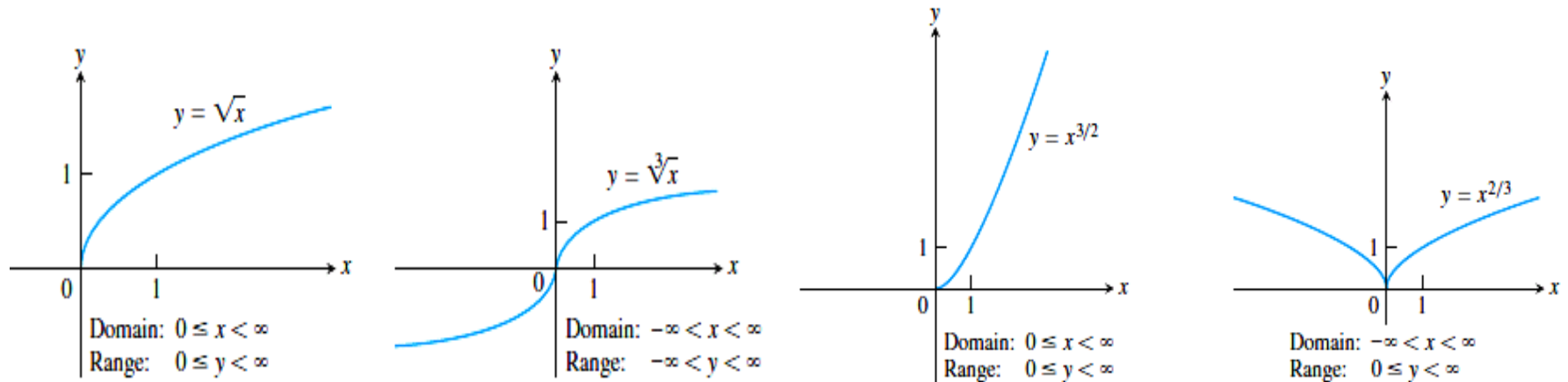
b. $n = -1$ or $n = -2$.

The graphs of the functions $f(x) = x^{-1} = \frac{1}{x}$ and $g(x) = x^{-2} = \frac{1}{x^2}$ are shown in Figure.



c. $n = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{3}{2}, \text{ and } \frac{2}{3}.$

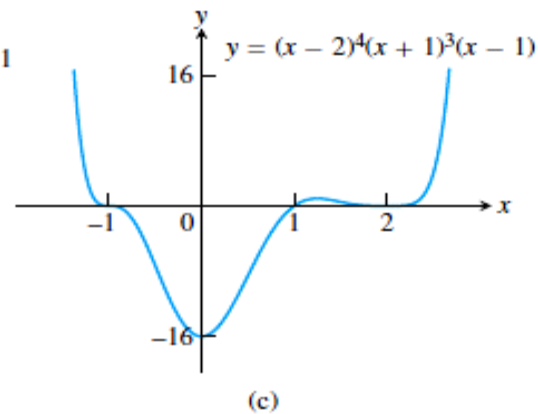
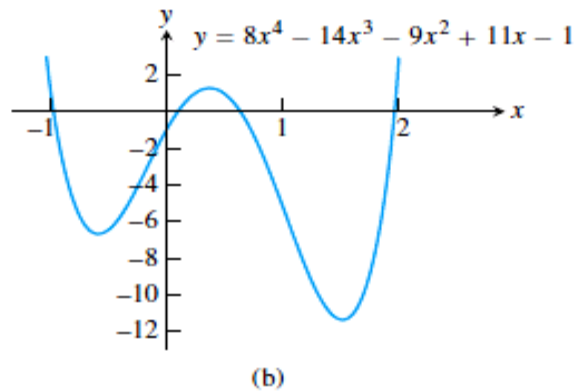
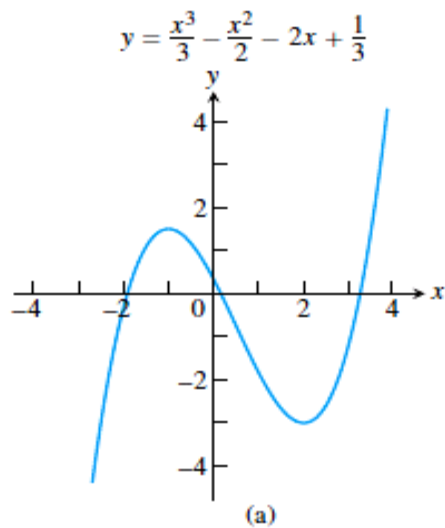
The function $f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{x}$, $g(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{x}$, $y = x^{\frac{3}{2}} = (x^{\frac{1}{2}})^3$, $y = x^{\frac{2}{3}} = (x^{\frac{1}{3}})^2$. The domain of the square root function is $[0, \infty)$, but the cube root function is defined for all real x . Their graphs are displayed in Figure.



3. Polynomials: A function p is a polynomial if

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

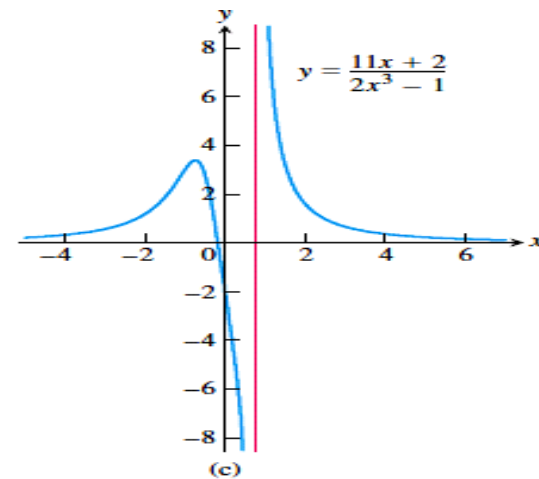
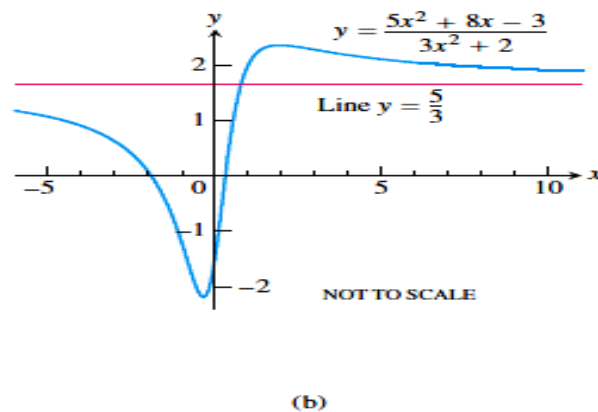
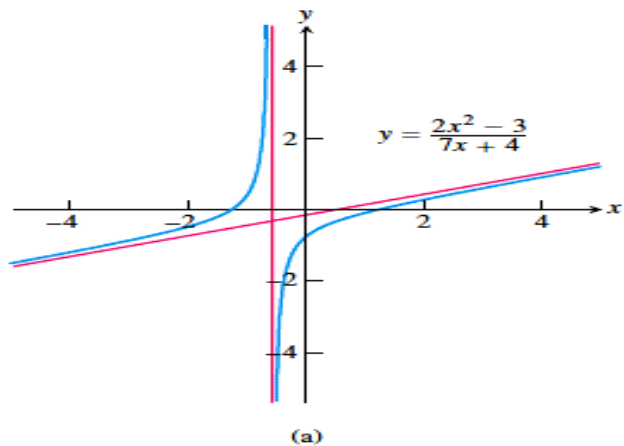
- All polynomials have domain $(-\infty, \infty)$. If the leading coefficient $a_n \neq 0$ and $n > 0$ then n is called the **degree** of the polynomial. Figure shows the graphs of three polynomials.



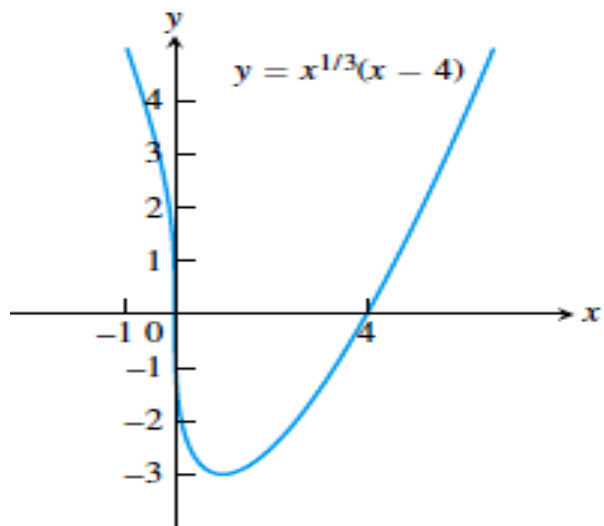
4. Rational Functions: A rational function is a ratio of two polynomials:

$f(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$, The domain of a rational function is the set of all real x for which $q(x) \neq 0$.

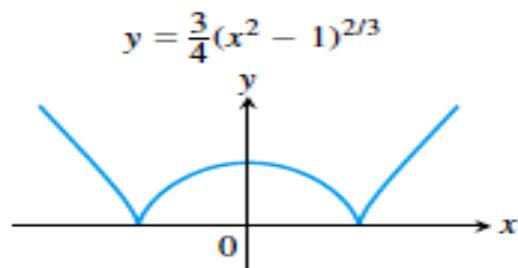
For example, the function is shown in Figure.



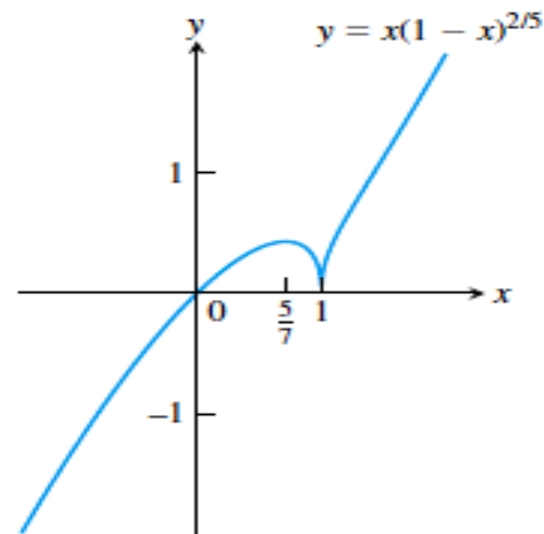
5. Algebraic Functions: An **algebraic function** is a function constructed from polynomials using algebraic operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and taking roots). Rational functions are special cases of algebraic functions. Figure displays the graphs of three algebraic functions.



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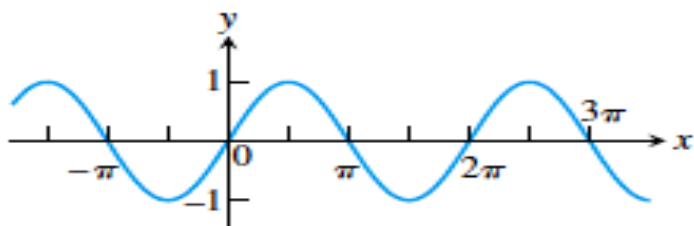


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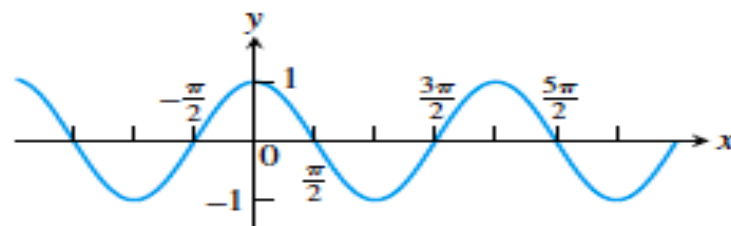


(c)

6. Trigonometric Functions: The graphs trigonometric functions of the sine and cosine functions are shown in Figure.

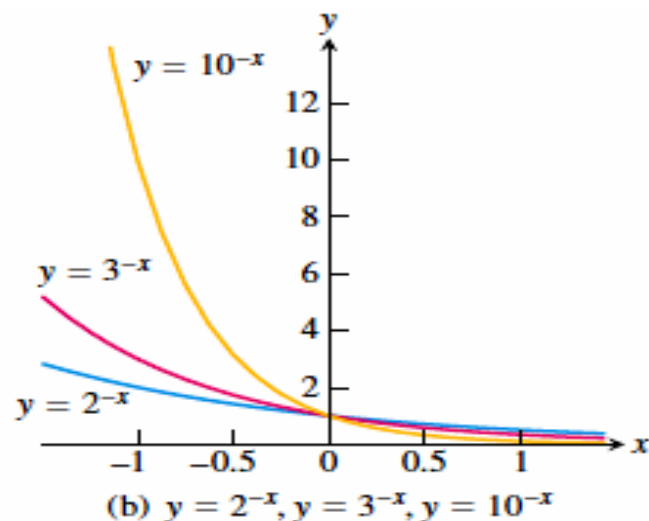
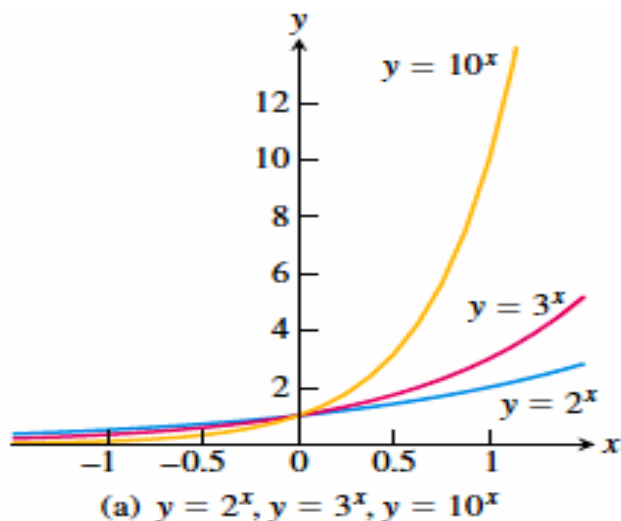


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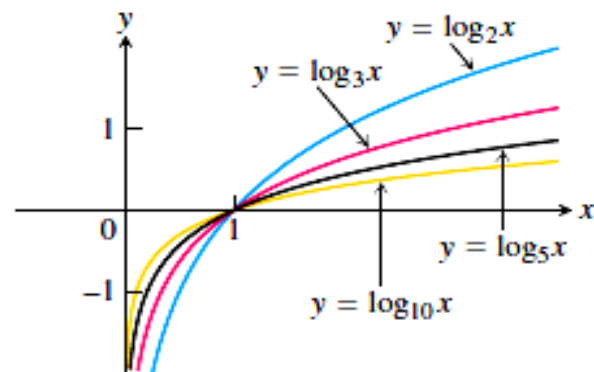


(b)

7. Exponential Functions: Functions of the form $f(x) = a^x$ where the base is $a > 0$ is a positive constant and $a \neq 1$, are called exponential functions. All exponential functions have domain $(-\infty, \infty)$ and range $(0, \infty)$. The graphs of some exponential functions are shown in Figure.



8. Logarithmic Functions: These are the functions $f(x) = \log_a x$, where the base $a \neq 1$ is a positive constant. Figure shows the graphs of four logarithmic functions with various bases. In each case the domain is $(0, \infty)$ and the range is $(-\infty, \infty)$.



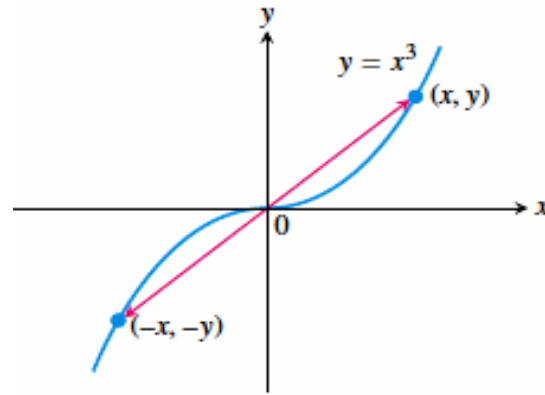
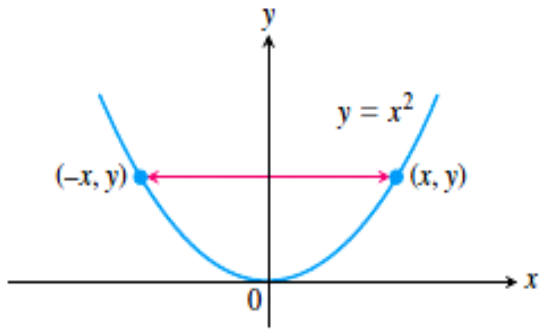
•Even Functions and Odd Functions: Symmetry

A function $y = f(x)$ is an

even function of x if $f(-x) = f(x)$,

odd function of x if $f(-x) = -f(x)$,

for every x in the function's domain.



”A function f is even if and only if the graph off is **symmetric about the y -axis**.

”The graph of an odd function is **symmetric about the origin**.

EXAMPLE 6: Say whether the function is Even, Odd, Functions. or neither.

1. $f(x) = x^2$

2. $f(x) = x^2 + 1$

3. $f(x) = x$

4. $f(x) = x + 1$

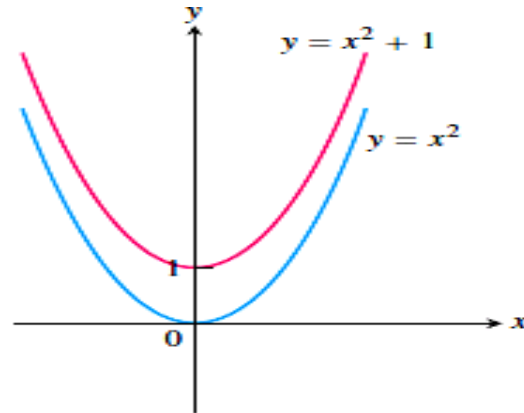
Solution:

1. $f(x) = x^2$

→ Even function $(-x)^2 = x^2$ for all x ; symmetry about y -axis.

2. $f(x) = x^2 + 1$

→ Even function $(-x)^2 + 1 = x^2 + 1$: for all x ; symmetry about y -axis.



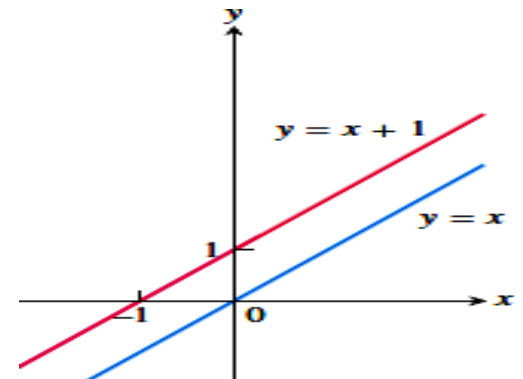
3. $f(x) = x$

→ Odd function $f(-x) = -x$ for all x ; symmetry about the origin.

4. $f(x) = x + 1$

→ Not odd: $f(-x) = -x + 1$, but $-f(x) = -x - 1$. The two are not equal.

Not even: $f(-x) + 1 \neq x + 1$ for all $x \neq 0$



EXERCISES 2.3 Say whether the function is even, odd, or neither. Give reasons for your answer.

18. $f(x) = x^{-5}$

19. $g(x) = x^4 + x^2 - 1$

20. $h(t) = |t^3|$

21. $y = \frac{x^4 + 1}{x^3 - 2x}$

22. $y = \sqrt{x^4 - 1}$

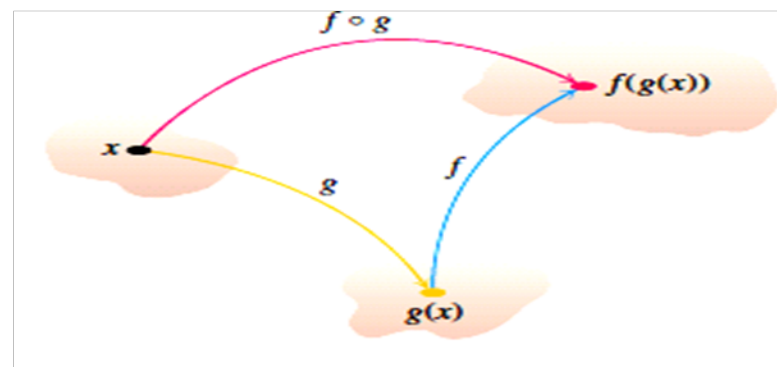
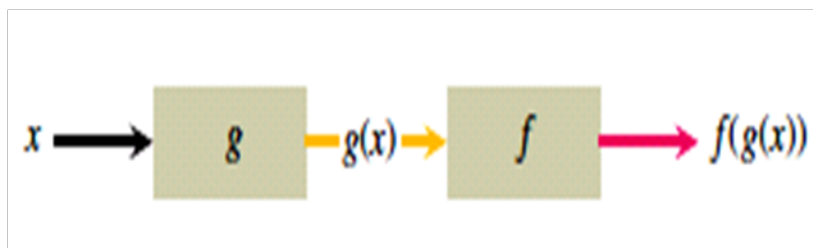
23. $y = x^5 - x^3 - x$

• Composite Functions

If f and g are functions, the **composite** function $f \circ g$ (“ f composed with g ”) is defined by

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

The domain of $f \circ g$ consists of the numbers x in the domain of g for which $g(x)$ lies in the domain of f . To find $(f \circ g)(x)$, *first* find $g(x)$ and *second* find $f(g(x))$.



Arrow diagram for $f \circ g$.

EXAMPLE 7: If $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ and $g(x) = x+1$, find

(a) $(f \circ g)(x)$ (b) $(g \circ f)(x)$ (c) $(f \circ f)(x)$ (e) $(g \circ g)(x)$.

Solution:

Composite	Domain
(a) $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = \sqrt{g(x)} = \sqrt{x+1}$	$[-1, \infty)$
(b) $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = f(x) + 1 = \sqrt{x} + 1$	$[0, \infty)$
(c) $(f \circ f)(x) = f(f(x)) = \sqrt{f(x)} = \sqrt{\sqrt{x}} = x^{\frac{1}{4}}$	$[0, \infty)$
(d) $(g \circ g)(x) = g(g(x)) = g(x) + 1 = (x+1) + 1 = x+2$	$(-\infty, \infty)$

"Notice: that if $f(x) = x^2$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ then $(f \circ g)(x) = (\sqrt{x})^2 = x$. However, the domain of $f \circ g$ is $[0, \infty)$, not $(-\infty, \infty)$

• Shifting a Graph of a Function

Vertical Shifts

$y = f(x) + k$ Shifts the graph of f up k units if $k > 0$
Shifts it down $|k|$ units if $k < 0$

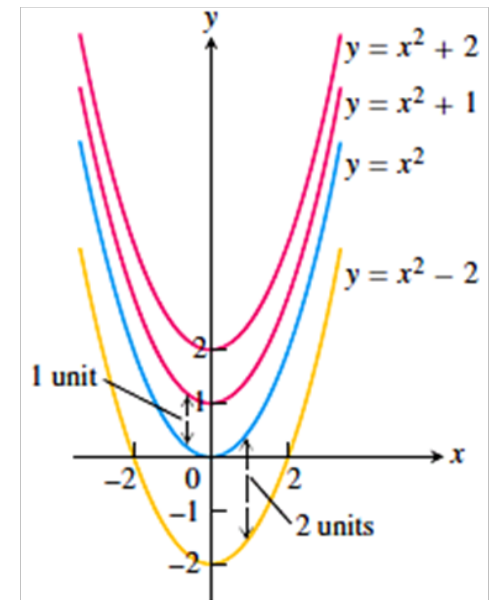
Horizontal Shifts

$y = f(x + h)$ Shifts the graph of f left h units if $h > 0$
Shifts it right $|h|$ units if $h < 0$

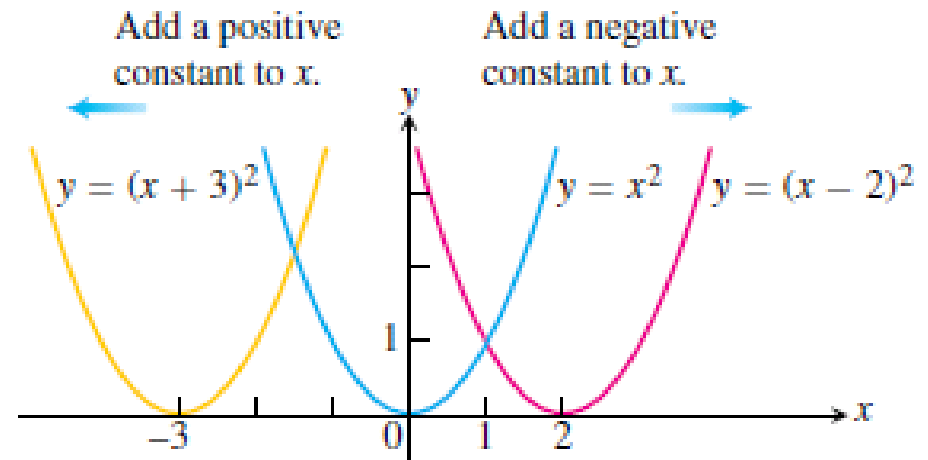
EXAMPLE 8 Shifting a Graph

(a) Adding 1 to the right-hand side of the formula $y = x^2$ to get $y = x^2 + 1$ shifts the graph up 1 unit (shows in Figure).

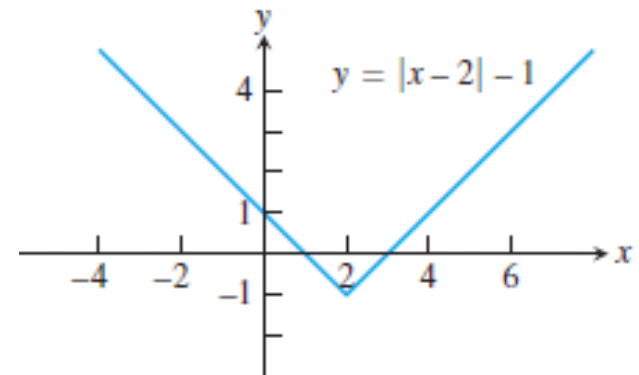
(b) Adding -2 to the right-hand side of the formula $y = x^2$ to get $y = x^2 - 2$ shifts the graph down 2 units (shows in Figure).



(c) Adding 3 to x in $y = x^2$ to get $y = (x + 3)^2$ shifts the graph 3 units to the left (shows in Figure).



(d) Adding -2 to x in $y = |x|$, and then adding -1 to the result, gives $y = |x - 2| - 1$ and shifts the graph 2 units to the right and 1 unit down (shows in Figure).



EXERCISES 2.3

1. If $f(x) = x+5$ and $g(x) = x^2 - 3$, find the following.

a. $f(g(0))$ b. $g(f(x))$ c. $f(f(-5))$

2. If $f(x) = x - 1$ and $g(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$, find the following.

a. $f(g(1/2))$ b. $g(f(x))$ c. $f(f(2))$

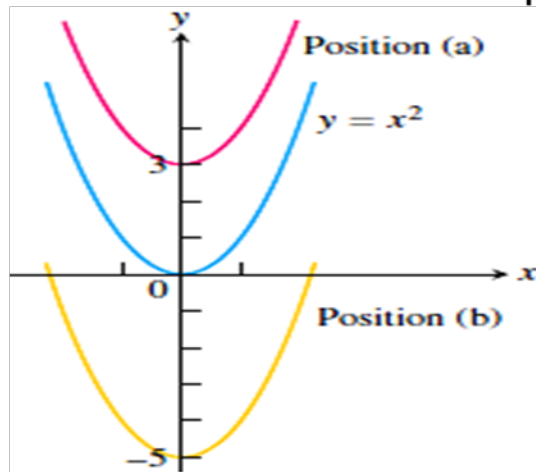
3. If $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ and $g(x) = \frac{x}{4}$ and $h(x) = 4x - 8$, find formulas for the following.

a. $h(g(f(x)))$ b. $g(f(h(x)))$ c. $f(h(g(x)))$

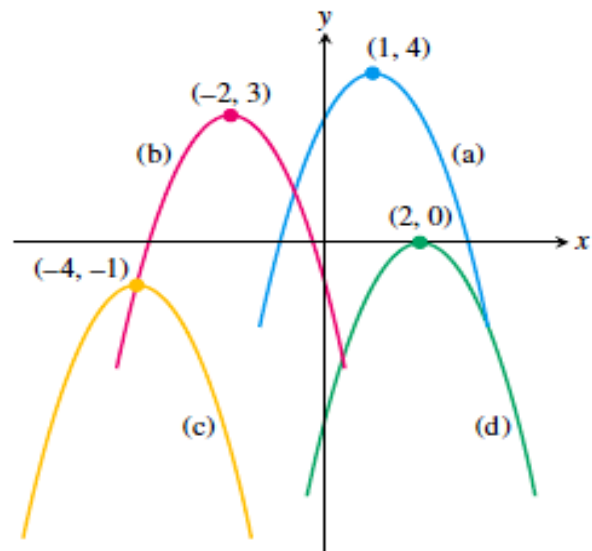
4. write a formula for $f \circ g$ and $g \circ f$ and find the domain and range of each.

$f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$, $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

5. figure shows the graph of $y = -x^2$ shifted to two new positions. Write equations for the new graphs.



6 figure shows the graph of $y = -x^2$ shifted to four new positions. Write an equation for each new graph.



7 Match the equations listed in parts (a)–(d) to the graphs in the accompanying figure.

- a. $y = (x - 1)^2 - 1$ b. $y = (x - 2)^2 + 2$
 c. $y = (x + 2)^2 + 2$ c. $y = (x + 3)^2 - 2$

