

**Reference: Reflections, shifts, stretches and compressions**  
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Reflections

$y = -f(x)$  Reflection across  $x$  axis

$y = f(-x)$  Reflection across  $y$  axis

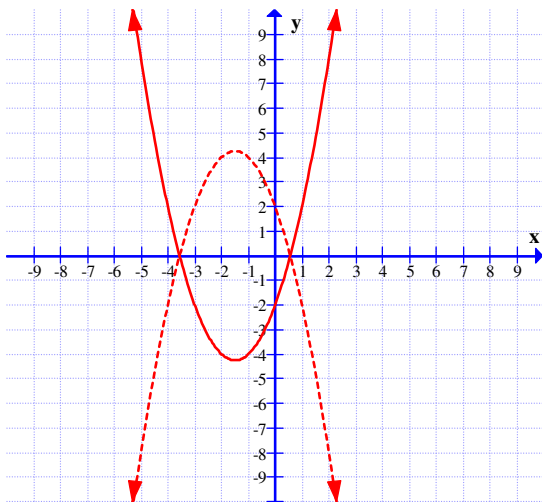
$y = -f(-x)$  Reflection across origin

If  $f(x) = f(-x)$ , the function is *even* and symmetrical about the  $y$  axis.

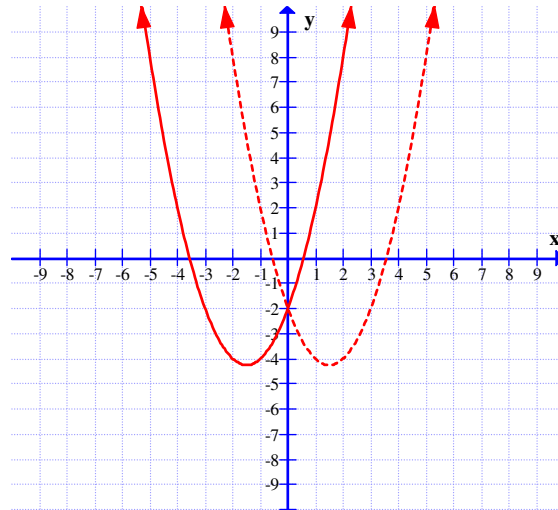
If  $f(-x) = -f(x)$ , the function is *odd* and symmetrical about the origin.

**Example 1:** The reflection of  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 2$  over the  $x$ -axis is  $g(x) = -x^2 - 3x + 2$ , since  $-f(x) = -x^2 - 3x + 2$ .

**Example 2:** The reflection of  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 2$  over the  $y$ -axis is  $h(x) = x^2 - 3x - 2$ , since  $f(-x) = (-x)^2 + 3(-x) - 2 = x^2 - 3x - 2$ .



**Example 1**



**Example 2**

## Shifts

$$y = f(x) + k$$

Shift up by  $k$  units (outside change)

$$y = f(x + k)$$

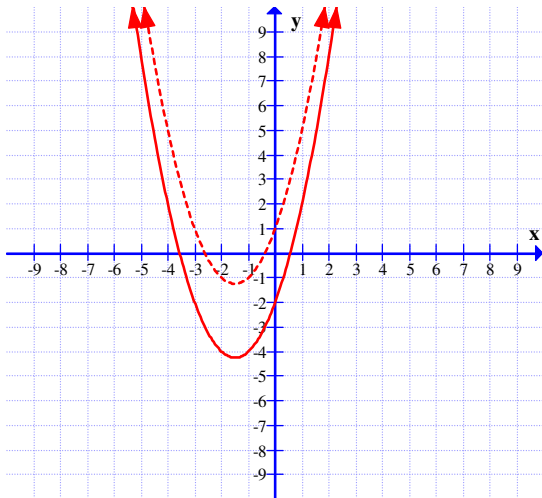
Shift left by  $k$  units (inside change)

**Example 3:** The function  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 2$  shifted up by 3 units is  $g(x) = x^2 + 3x + 1$ , since

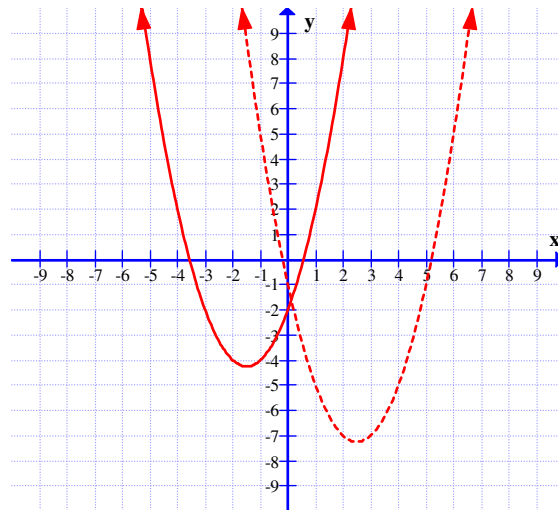
$$\begin{aligned} f(x) + 3 &= x^2 + 3x - 2 + 3 \\ &= x^2 + 3x + 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 4:** The function  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 2$  shifted down by three units and right by four units is  $h(x) = x^2 - 5x - 1$ , since:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x-4) - 3 &= (x-4)^2 + 3(x-4) - 2 - 3 \\ &= (x^2 - 8x + 16) + (3x - 12) - 5 \\ &= x^2 - 5x - 1 \end{aligned}$$



**Example 3**



**Example 4**

## Stretches and compressions

The function  $y = k \cdot f(x)$  is  $y = f(x)$ :

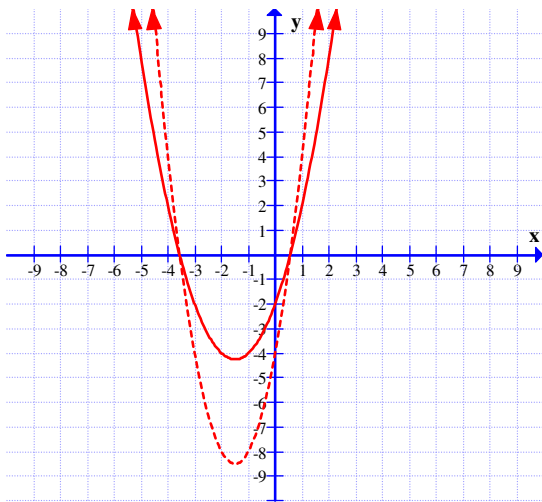
- Vertically stretched by  $k$  if  $k > 1$
- Vertically compressed by  $k$  if  $0 < k < 1$
- Either compressed or stretched by  $|k|$  and reflected across the  $x$  axis if  $k < 0$

The function  $y = f\left(\frac{1}{k}x\right)$  is  $y = f(x)$ :

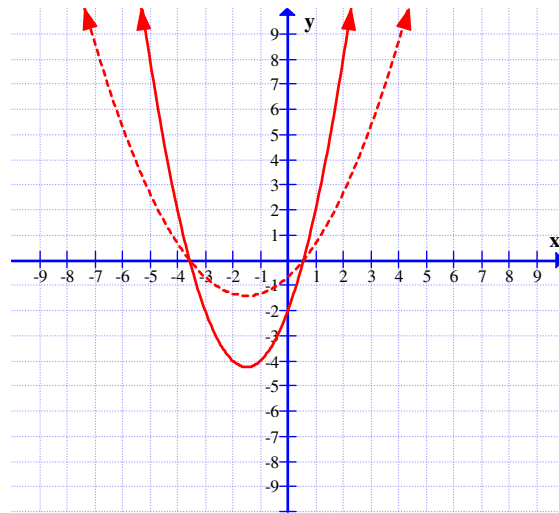
- Horizontally compressed by  $k$  if  $0 < k < 1$
- Horizontally stretched by  $k$  if  $k > 1$
- Either compressed or stretched by  $|k|$  and reflected across the  $x$  axis if  $k < 0$

**Example 5:** The function  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 2$  vertically stretched by a factor of 2 is  $g(x) = 2x^2 + 6x - 4$ , since  $2 \cdot f(x) = 2(x^2 + 3x - 2) = 2x^2 + 6x - 4$ .

**Example 6:** The function  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 2$  vertically compressed by a factor of  $\frac{1}{3}$  is  $h(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^2 + x - \frac{2}{3}$ , since  $\frac{1}{3} \cdot f(x) = \frac{1}{3}(x^2 + 3x - 2) = \frac{1}{3}x^2 + x - \frac{2}{3}$ .



**Example 5**



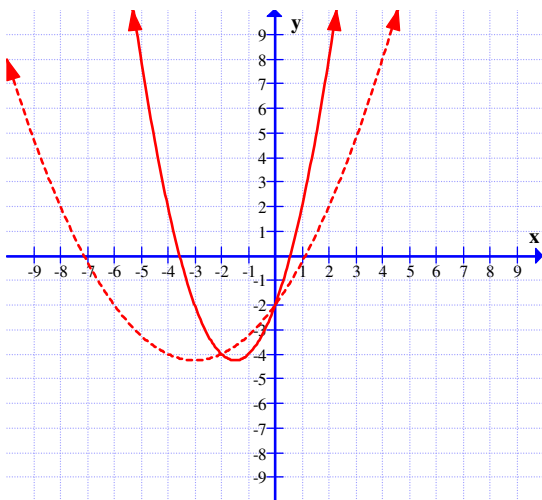
**Example 6**

**Example 7:** The function  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 2$  horizontally stretched by a factor of 2 is  $g(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x - 2$ , since:

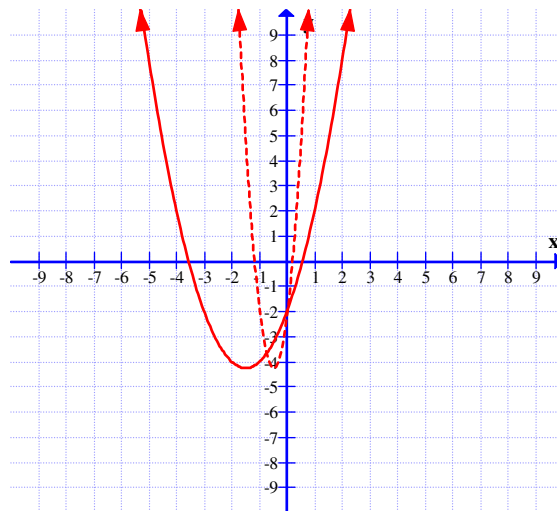
$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right) &= \left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right) - 2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4}x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x - 2 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 8:** The function  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 2$  horizontally compressed by a factor of  $\frac{1}{3}$  is  $h(x) = 9x^2 + 9x - 2$ , since:

$$\begin{aligned} f(3x) &= (3x)^2 + 3(3x) - 2 \\ &= 9x^2 + 9x - 2 \end{aligned}$$



**Example 7**



**Example 8**