

## 1. Transformations of functions

In this section, we'll discuss some ways to graph more complicated popular functions. For example, we will find a quick way to graph the function  $f(x) = -(x+2)^2 + 5$  just by knowing that this graph is the graph of  $x^2$  (which we call the **parent** or **basic** function) transformed in some way. These transformation can be rigid or non-rigid.

A **rigid transformation** changes the location of the function in a coordinate plane, but leaves the size and shape of the graph unchanged.

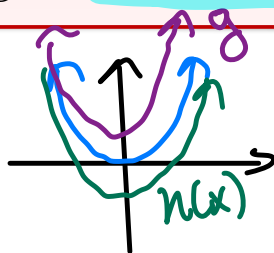
A **non-rigid transformation** changes the size and/or shape of the graph.

Recall:

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

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

$$h(x) = x^2 - 1$$



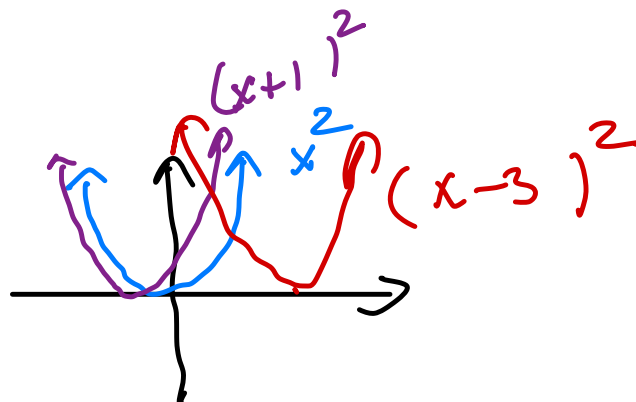
up/down

Left or right

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

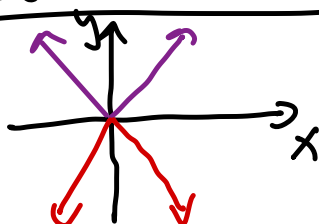
$$g(x) = (x+1)^2$$

↳ left one unit



$$h(x) = (x-3)^2 \text{ right 3 units}$$

Reflection over x axis

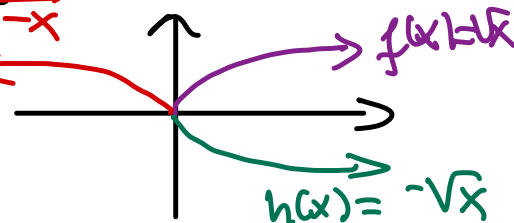


$$f(x) = |x|$$

$$f(x) = -|x|$$

Reflection over y axis

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



$$h(x) = \sqrt{-x}$$

# 1 Stretching (non-rigid transformation)

## Horizontal stretch/shrink

For any function  $f(x)$ , if  $c$  is multiplied to the variable of the function then the graph of the function will undergo a horizontal stretching or compression.

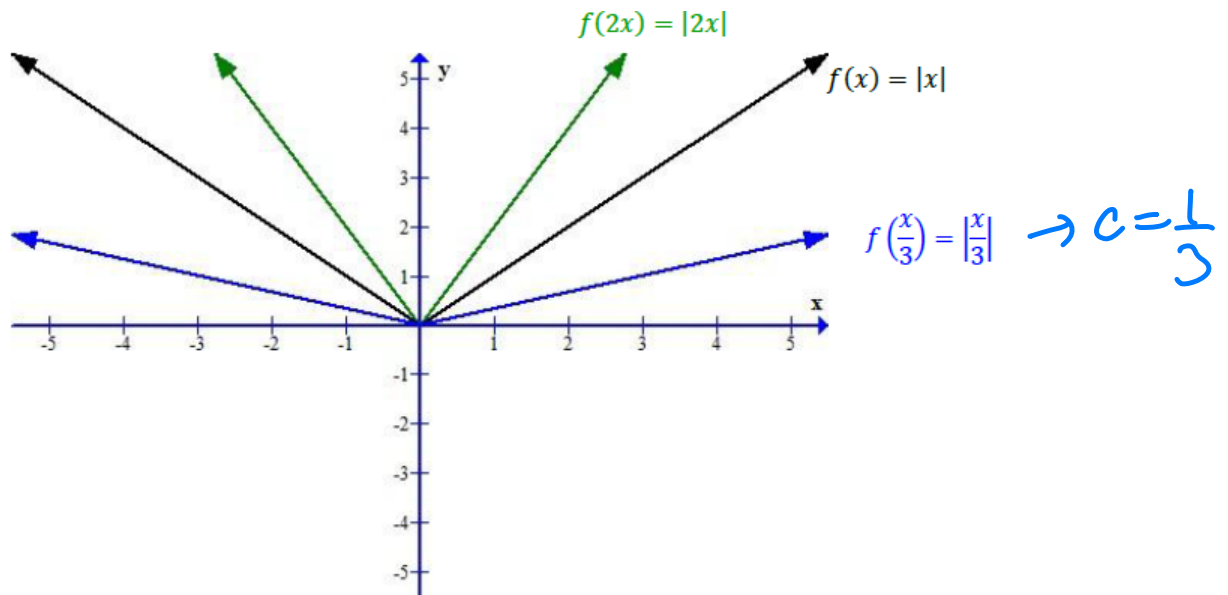
$$f(x) = |x|$$

$$f(2x)$$

- When the function becomes  $y = f(cx)$  and  $0 < c < 1$ , a horizontal stretching of the graph will occur.  $f(\frac{1}{2}x)$
- Graphically, a horizontal stretching pulls the graph of  $y = f(x)$  away from the  $y$ -axis.
- When  $c > 1$  in the function  $y = f(cx)$ , a horizontal shrinking of the graph of  $y = f(x)$  will occur.
- A horizontal shrinking pushes the graph of toward the  $y$ -axis.
- In general, a horizontal stretching or shrinking means that every point  $(x, y)$  on the graph of is transformed to  $(\frac{x}{c}, y)$  on the graph of  $y = f(cx)$ .

### Example 1.

#### Horizontal Stretch and shrink

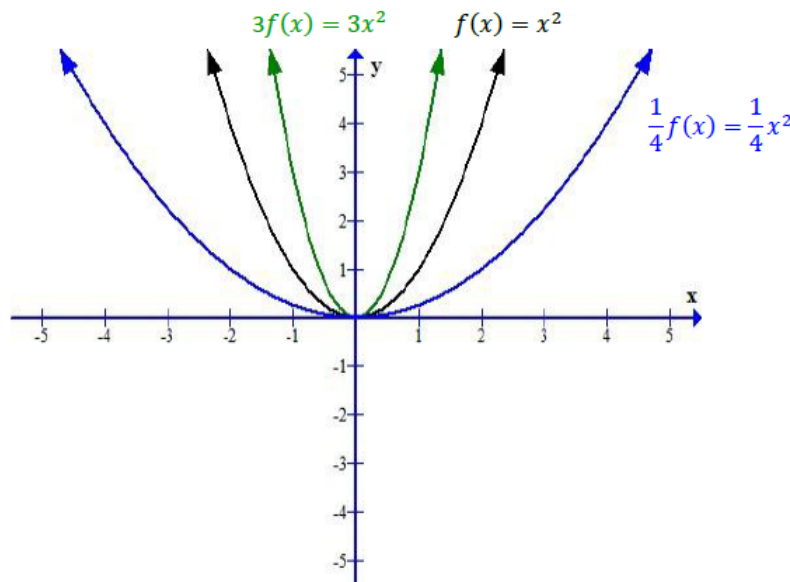


## Vertical stretching and shrinking: non-rigid

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

$$g(x) = 2x^2$$
$$h(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^2$$

- If  $c$  is multiplied to the function then the graph of the function will undergo a vertical stretching or compression.
- So when the function becomes  $y = cf(x)$  and  $0 < c < 1$ , a vertical shrinking of the graph will occur.  
*compress*
- Graphically, a vertical shrinking pulls the graph of  $y = f(x)$  toward the  $x$ -axis.
- When  $c > 1$  in the function  $y = cf(x)$ , a vertical stretching of the graph of  $y = f(x)$  will occur.
- A vertical stretching pushes the graph of  $y = f(x)$  away from the  $x$ -axis.
- In general, a vertical stretching or shrinking means that every point  $(x, y)$  on the graph of  $f(x)$  is transformed to  $(x, cy)$  on the graph of  $y = cf(x)$ .



## 2 Using transformations to graph functions

Transformations can be combined within the same function so that one graph can be shifted, stretched, and reflected. If a function contains more than one transformation, **perform the transformations in the following order** to graph the function:

1. Horizontal translation
2. Stretching or shrinking
3. Reflecting
4. Vertical translation

### Summary

| Transformations of the graphs of functions |                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $f(x) + c$                                 | shift $f(x)$ up $c$ units                                                                                                                           |
| $f(x) - c$                                 | shift $f(x)$ down $c$ units                                                                                                                         |
| $f(x + c)$                                 | shift $f(x)$ left $c$ units                                                                                                                         |
| $f(x - c)$                                 | shift $f(x)$ right $c$ units                                                                                                                        |
| $f(-x)$                                    | reflect $f(x)$ about the y-axis                                                                                                                     |
| $-f(x)$                                    | reflect $f(x)$ about the x-axis                                                                                                                     |
| $cf(x)$                                    | When $0 < c < 1$ – vertical shrinking of $f(x)$<br>When $c > 1$ – vertical stretching of $f(x)$<br><b>Multiply the y values by <math>c</math></b>   |
| $f(cx)$                                    | When $0 < c < 1$ – horizontal stretching of $f(x)$<br>When $c > 1$ – horizontal shrinking of $f(x)$<br><b>Divide the x values by <math>c</math></b> |

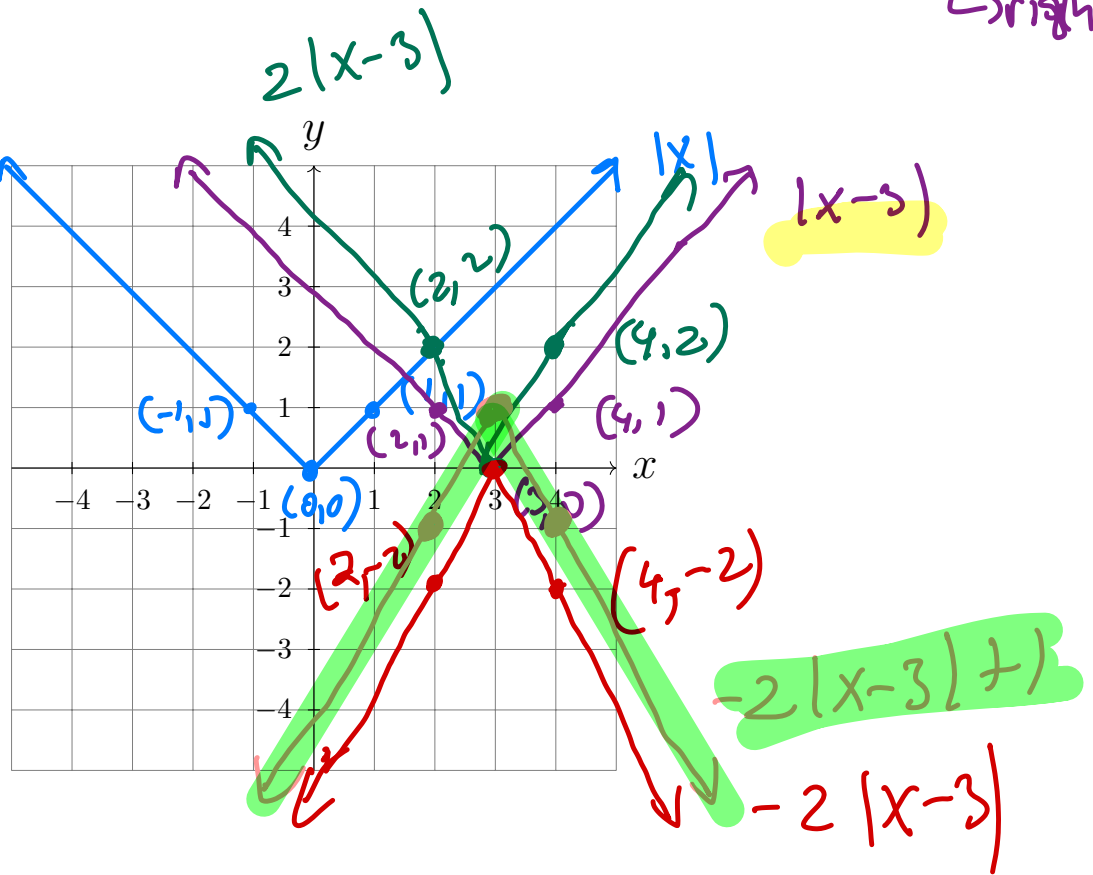
**Practice:** Graph the parent function  $|x|$  and the function  $f(x) = -2|x-3| + 1$

↳ right 3

Follow three points.

Order of trans

- 1) Left or Right ✓
- 2) Stretch/Shrink ✓
- 3) Reflection  $x$  axis
- 4) Up/Down  $up$



2) vertical stretch  
with  $c=2$

$$(3, 0) \rightarrow (3, 0 \cdot 2) = (3, 0)$$

$$(4, 1) \rightarrow (4, 2 \cdot 1) = (4, 2)$$

$$(2, 1) \rightarrow (2, 2 \cdot 1) = (2, 2)$$

3) reflection  $x$  axis

$$(3, 0) \rightarrow (3, 0)$$

$$(4, 2) \rightarrow (4, -2)$$

$$(2, 2) \rightarrow (2, -2)$$

4) up 2 unit

$$(3, 0) \rightarrow (3, 1)$$

$$(4, -2) \rightarrow (4, -1)$$

$$(2, -2) \rightarrow (2, -1)$$

### 3 Section 2.7 Analyzing graphs of functions and Piecewise defined functions

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

$$f(x) = 2|x-1|$$

#### 2. Piecewise defined functions

Graph the function

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

(parabola)  
(identity)  
(constant)

First evaluate the following:

$$f(0), f(-1), f(-2), f(3), f(-1)$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

piece 2:  $f(x) = x$

$$f(-1) = (-1)^2 + (2)(-1) = 1 - 2 = -1$$

piece 2:  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x$

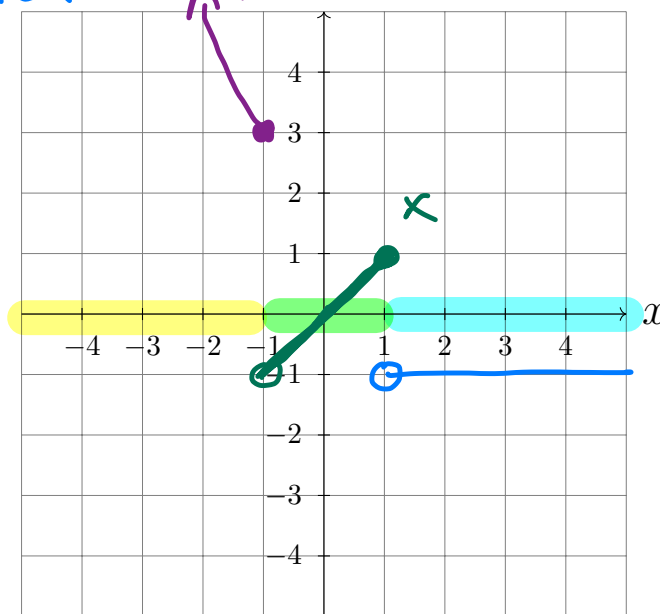
$$f(-2) = (-2)^2 + (2)(-2) = 0$$

piece 2:  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x$

$$f(3) = -1$$

piece 3:  $f(x) = -1$

$$y = x$$



Steps to graph a piecewise function:

1. Graph each piece on its given domain

2. Use solid dots (•) for included endpoints

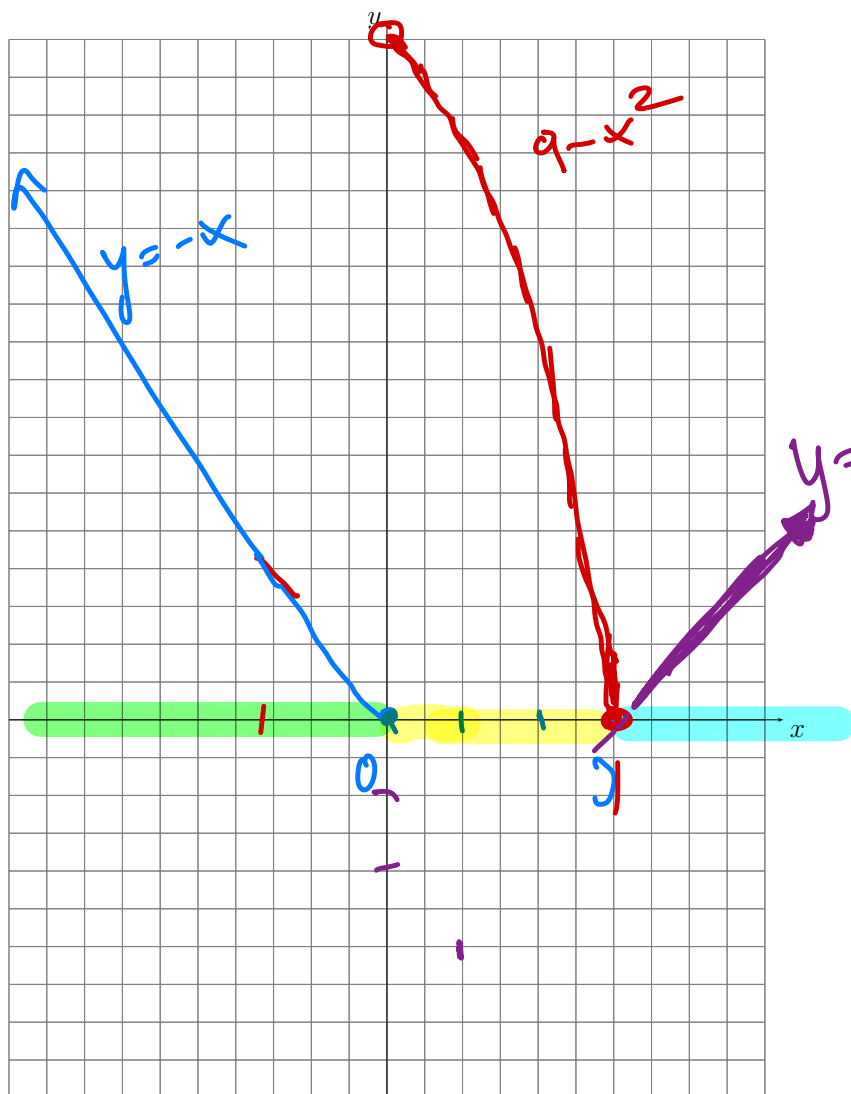
3. Use open dots (○) for excluded endpoints  $1 < x$  (1 is excluded)

4. Check that the pieces connect as specified

**Practice:** Graph the following function by plotting points.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -x & x \leq 0 \\ 9 - x^2 & 0 < x \leq 3 \\ x - 3 & 3 < x \end{cases}$$

line  
parabola  
line

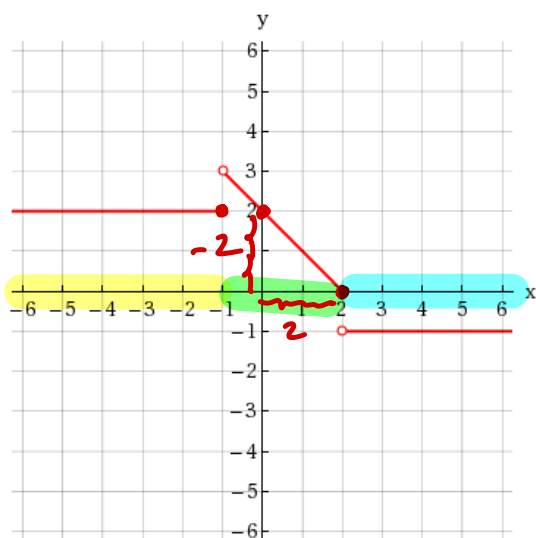


piece 1:  $y = -x$   
line w/ slope -1  
and yint 0.

piece 2:  $y = 9 - x^2$   
 $x^2$  reflect over x axis  
up 9 units

piece 3:  $y = x - 3$   
slope  $m = 1$   
yint = -3

**Practice:** Find a formula for the function and state its domain and range.



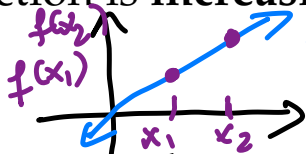
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & , x \leq -1 \\ -x+2 & , -1 < x \leq 2 \\ -1 & , x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= mx + b \\ y &= mx + 2 & m &= \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} \\ y &= -x + 2 & m &= \frac{-2 \text{ (down 2)}}{2 \text{ (right 2)}} \end{aligned}$$

Increasing/decreasing/constant function

Let  $f$  be a function.

- A function is **increasing** on an interval if as  $x$  increases,  $f(x)$  increases.



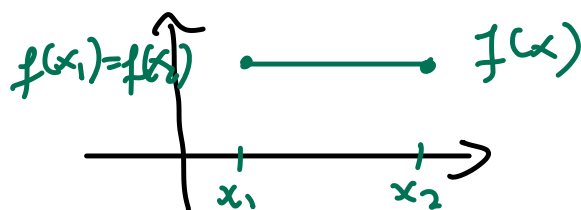
from left to right graph rises.

- A function is **decreasing** on an interval if as  $x$  increases,  $f(x)$  decreases.



from left to right graph falls.

- A function is **constant** on an interval if  $f(x)$  remains the same as  $x$  changes.



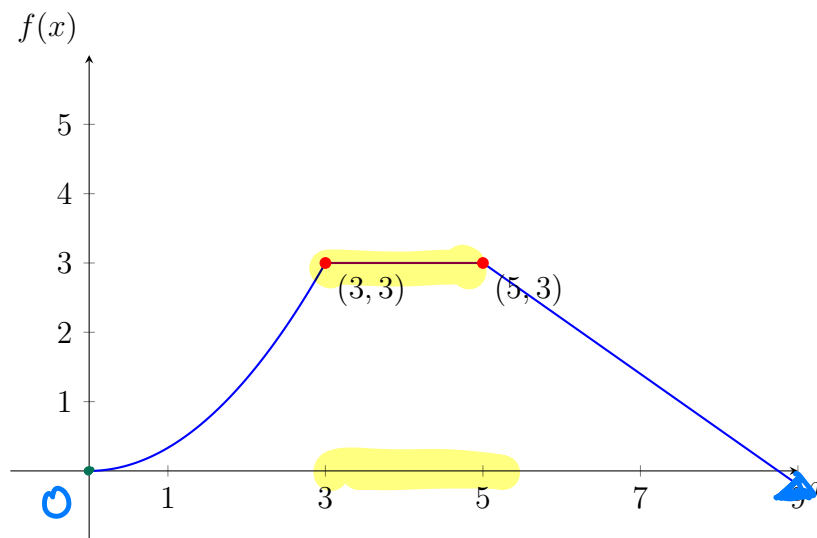


Figure 1: Graph of a function with increasing, constant, and decreasing regions

*x interval*  
**Example 2.** Where is the function increasing/decreasing/constant?

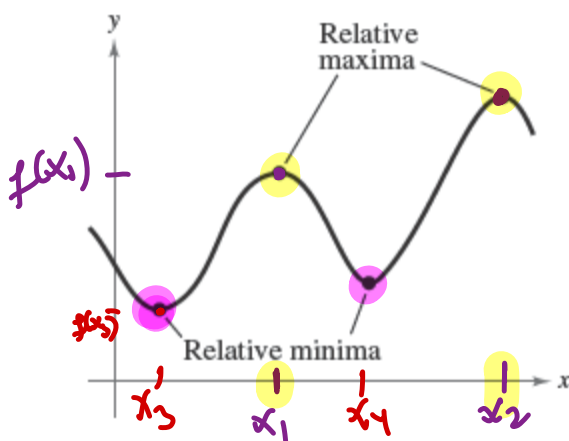
increasing :  $(0, 3)$   
 decreasing :  $(5, \infty)$

constant :  $(3, 5)$

### Relative (local) maxima/minima

For a function  $f$ :

- A point is a **local maximum** if  $f(x)$  is greater at that point than at nearby points.
- A point is a **local minimum** if  $f(x)$  is less at that point than at nearby points



$x_2$  - local max

$x_3$  and  $x_4$  are local minima

At  $x_1$ , we will have a local max and its value is  $f(x_1)$ .

## Even/odd functions

- A function is **even** if its graph is symmetric about the y-axis

$$f(-x) = f(x) \text{ for all } x \text{ in the domain}$$

- A function is **odd** if its graph is symmetric about the origin

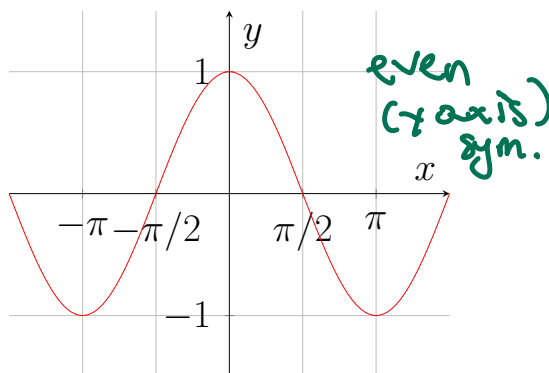
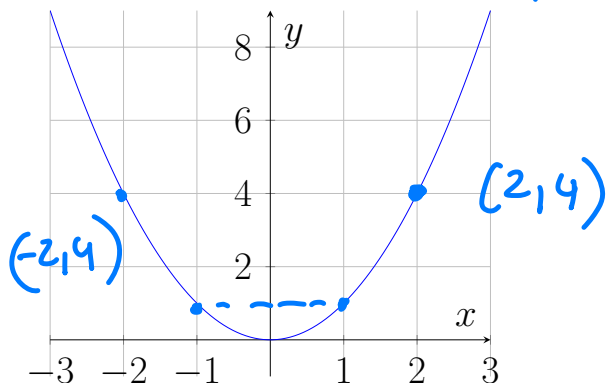
$$f(-1) = -f(1)$$

$$\text{Function: } f_1(x) = x^2$$

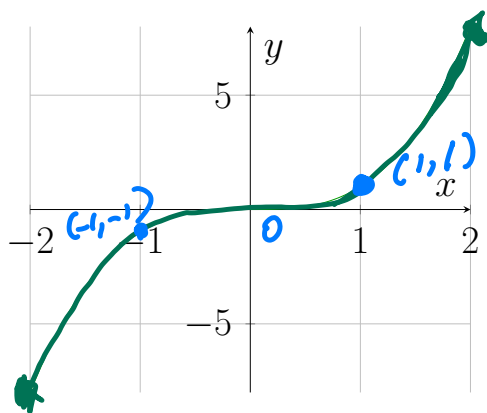
$$f(-x) = -f(x) \text{ for all } x \text{ in the domain}$$

$$f(-2) = -f(2) = -4$$

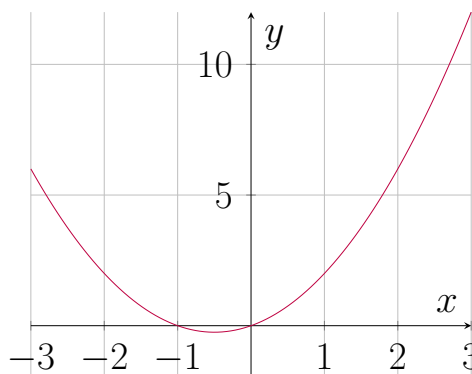
$$\text{Function: } f_2(x) = \cos(x)$$



$$\text{Function: } f_3(x) = x^3$$



$$f_4(x) = x^2 + x$$



$$x^{1/2} = \sqrt{x}$$

**Example 3.** Determine whether the function is even, odd or neither.

1.  $f(x) = x^3 + 4x$

③  $f(-x) = 5(-x)^{2/3} = 5\sqrt[3]{(-x)^2} = 5\sqrt[3]{x^2} = 5x^{2/3} = f(x)$  even

2.  $g(x) = 3x - x^2$

3.  $f(t) = 5t^{2/3}$

To see if a function is odd/even/neither calculate

$f(-x) = (-x)^3 + 4(-x) = -x^3 - 4x = -(x^3 + 4x) = -f(x)$  odd

①  $f(-x) = (-x)^3 + 4(-x) = -x^3 - 4x = -(x^3 + 4x) = -f(x)$  odd

②  $g(-x) = 3(-x) - (-x)^2 = -3x - x^2$  neither