## Sections 6.1-6.5 – Function Transformations

Example 1	Consider	the function	f(x)	$= x^2 - 4x + 4.$
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Transformation	Formula	Graph	Description
y = f(x) + 2			
y = f(x) - 2			
y = f(x+2)			
y = f(x - 2)			
y = f(-x)			
y = -f(x)			

**Example 2.** Let y = f(x) be the function whose graph is given to the right. Sketch the graphs of the transformations y = f(x-2), y = -2f(x), and y = f(-x). Then, fill in the entries in the table below.

x	-4	-2	0	2	4	6
f(x)						
f(x-2)						
-2f(x)						
f(-x)						



**Example 3.** To the right, you are given the graph of a function f. Match each graph below to the appropriate transformation formula. Note that some transformation formulas will not match any of the graphs.

(a) $y = 2f(x)$	(d) $y = 2f(x) + 2$	(g) $y = -f(x)$
(b) $y = f(x) + 2$	(e) $y = f(x+2)$	(h) $y = 4f(x)$
(c) $y = 2 - f(x)$	(f) $y = f(-x)$	







**Example 4.** In each of the two parts below, you are given a function f and are shown two transformations, g and h, of f. Describe in words how g is obtained from f, and how h is obtained from g, and then find formulas for g and h. Check your answers either using a graphing calculator or by plotting test points.



## Examples and Exercises \_

1. Write formulas for each of the following transformations of the function  $q(p) = p^2 - p + 1$ .

(a) q(p-1) (b) q(p) - 1 (c) -2q(-p)

2. Let y = f(x) be the function whose graph is given below. Fill in the entries in the table below, and then sketch a graph of the transformations y = f(-x) and y = 1 - 2f(x).



3. Given to the right is the graph of the function  $y = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$ . On the same set of axes, sketch the graph of  $y = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x-2}$  and  $y = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x - 2$ .



- 4. Let H = f(t) be the temperature of a heated office building t hours after midnight. (See diagram to the right for a graph of f.) Write down a formula for a new function that matches each story below.
  - (a) The manager decides that the temperature should be lowered by 5 degrees throughout the day.



(b) The manager decides that employees should come to work 2 hours later and leave 2 hours later.

## Definition

Sketch

We say that a function is *even* if f(-x) = f(x) for all x in the domain of the function. In other words, an even function is symmetric about the

We say that a function is *odd* if f(-x) = -f(x) for all x in the domain of the function. In other words, an odd function is symmetric about the

5. Use algebra to show that  $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 + 1$  is an even function and that  $g(x) = x^3 - 5x$  is an odd function.

6. Given the graph of y = f(x) to the right, sketch the graph of the following related functions:


f(x)



(b) y = 2 - f(1 - x)

(a) y = -f(x+3) + 1

- 7. To the right, you are given the graph of a function f. Find formulas for the following transformations of f, and also sketch the intermediate transformations.
  - (a) Reflection about the x-axis, followed by a shift down 1 unit, followed by a vertical stretch by a factor of 2.
  - (b) Shift down 1 unit, followed by a vertical stretch by a factor of 2, followed by a reflection about the x-axis.
  - (c) Vertical stretch by a factor of 2, followed by a shift down 1 unit, followed by a reflection about the x-axis.











