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Transformations of Quadratic Functions

For use with Exploration 2.1

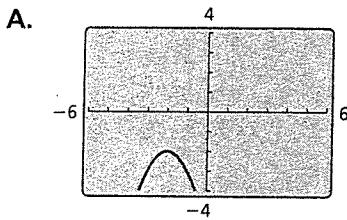
Essential Question How do the constants a , h , and k affect the graph of the quadratic function $g(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k$?

1 EXPLORATION: Identifying Graphs of Quadratic Functions

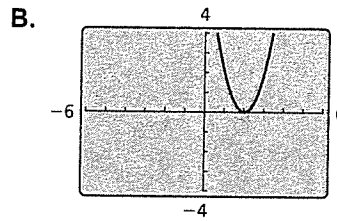
Work with a partner. Match each quadratic function with its graph. Explain your reasoning. Then use a graphing calculator to verify that your answer is correct.

a. $g(x) = -(x-2)^2$ **D** b. $g(x) = (x-2)^2 + 2$ **C** c. $g(x) = -(x+2)^2 - 2$ **A**

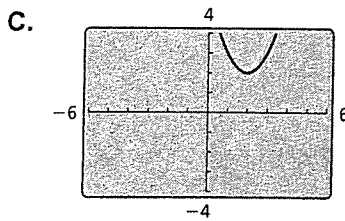
d. $g(x) = 0.5(x-2)^2 - 2$ **F** e. $g(x) = 2(x-2)^2$ **B** f. $g(x) = -(x+2)^2 + 2$ **E**



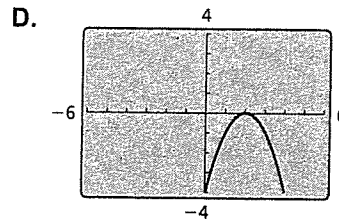
$$g(x) = -(x+2)^2 - 2$$



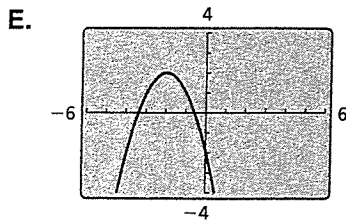
$$g(x) = 2(x-2)^2$$



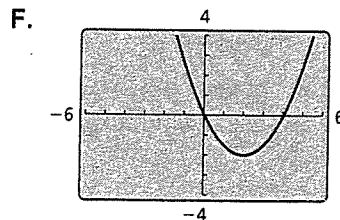
$$g(x) = (x-2)^2 + 2$$



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



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



$$g(x) = 0.5(x-2)^2 - 2$$

Transformations of Quadratic Functions (2.1)

A. On this same quadrant, graph:

$$y = x^2$$

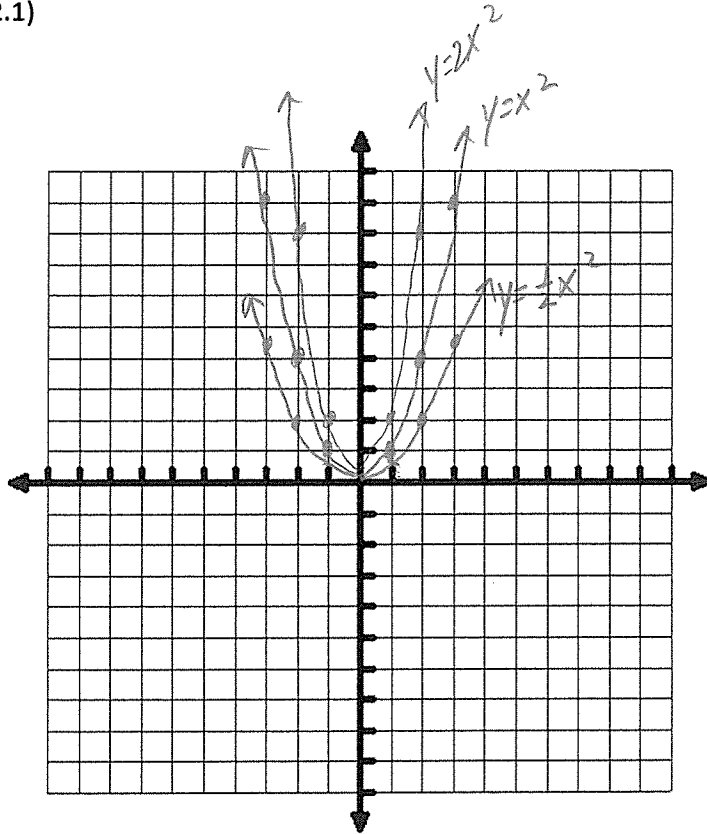
outside
function

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

"a" value

$$y = 2x^2$$

"a" value



What is the difference between $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ and $y = 2x^2$?

<p>x^2 gives y values. $\frac{1}{2}$ decreases each y value. The final y values are growing slower \rightarrow vertical shrink.</p>	}	<p>x^2 gives y values. 2 doubles each resulting y value. So final y values are growing faster \rightarrow vertical stretch</p>
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CONCLUSION:

Vertical stretch & shrink

↓	↓
$a > 1$	$0 < a < 1$

B. On this same quadrant, graph:

$y = x^2$

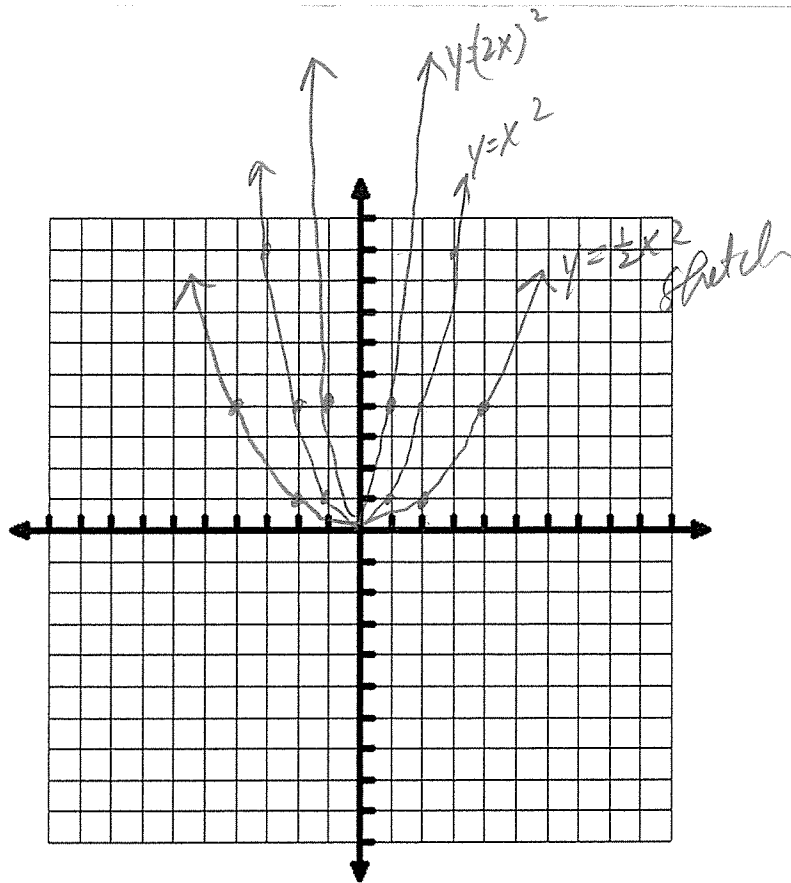
inside

x	y
2	1
4	4

Horizontal stretch

x	y
1	4
2	16

Horizontal shrink



What is the difference between $y = (\frac{1}{2}x)^2$ and $y = (2x)^2$?

B/c x values are being halved and then squared, y values growing slower, making arms of parabola more spread out
 → *horizontal stretch*

B/c x is doubled and then the resulting value is squared, the y values grow very fast. Viewed another way, the arms of the parabola move away from x-axis
 → *horizontal shrink.*

CONCLUSION:

Horizontal stretch & shrink
 ↓
 $0 < a < 1$ ↓
 $a > 1$

C. On this same quadrant, graph:

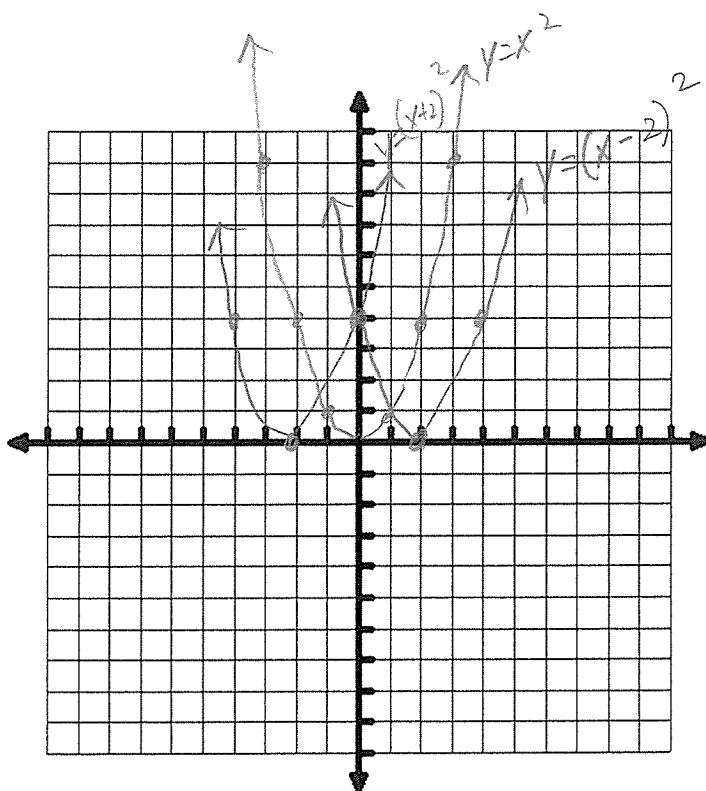
$$y = x^2$$

$$y = (x - 2)^2$$

X	Y
0	4
2	0
4	4

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

X	Y
-2	0
0	4
2	16



What is the difference between $y = (x - 2)^2$ and $y = (x + 2)^2$?

Shifts right
2 units.

Shifts left 2 units

CONCLUSION:

Compare to $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$

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

$$y = (x - (-2))^2$$

why shift left.

So: $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$ ← shift vertically
 ↗ shift horizontally
 reflection across x-axis
 vertical stretch or shrink

Core Concept

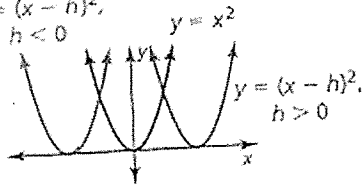
Horizontal Translations

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

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

$$y = (x - h)^2,$$

$$h < 0$$



- shifts left when $h < 0$
- shifts right when $h > 0$

Vertical Translations

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

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

$$y = x^2 + k,$$

$$k > 0$$

$$y = x^2 + k,$$

$$k < 0$$

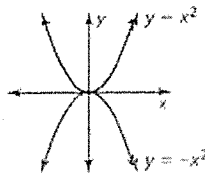
- shifts down when $k < 0$
- shifts up when $k > 0$

Core Concept

Reflections in the x-Axis

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

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

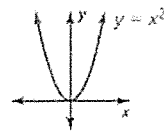


flips over the x-axis

Reflections in the y-Axis

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

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



$y = x^2$ is its own reflection in the y-axis.

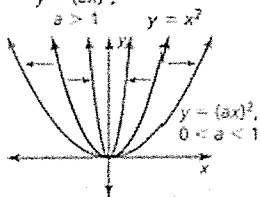
Horizontal Stretches and Shrinks

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

$$f(ax) = (ax)^2$$

$$y = (ax)^2,$$

$$a > 1$$



- horizontal stretch (away from y-axis) when $0 < a < 1$
- horizontal shrink (toward y-axis) when $a > 1$

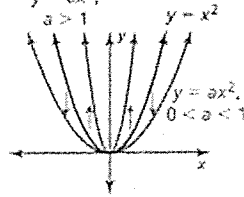
Vertical Stretches and Shrinks

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

$$a \cdot f(x) = ax^2$$

$$y = ax^2,$$

$$a > 1$$



- vertical stretch (away from x-axis) when $a > 1$
- vertical shrink (toward x-axis) when $0 < a < 1$

Examples:

1. Describe ^{each} the transformations of $y = x^2$ represented by

a. $y = (x + 2)^2 - 1 \rightarrow y = (x - -2)^2 - 1$

$y = x^2$ has been translated 2 units left and 1 unit down

b. $y = -\frac{1}{2}x^2$

$y = x^2$ has been reflected across the x-axis and underwent a vertical shrink by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$.

2. Write an equation for each transformation: ^{outside}

a. Let the graph of g be a vertical stretch by a factor of 2 and a reflection in the x-axis, followed by a translation 3 units down of the graph of $y = x^2$. Write a rule for g and identify the vertex.

$K = -3$

vertical stretch by 2
reflection in x-axis } $a = -2$

$$y = a(x-h)^2 + k$$

$$y = -2(x-0)^2 - 3$$

$$y = -2x^2 - 3$$