

Quadratics 2.1 Writing equations of Transformations of Quadratic Functions

Question: Is the order of the transformations important?

Example 1: The function $y = x^2$ undergoes a vertical stretch by a factor of 2, then a reflection across the x-axis, and then a translation 3 units down. Write a rule for g, the new function, and identify the vertex. Check with your calculator.

① $h(x) = 2x^2$

② $h(x) = -2x^2$

③ $g(x) = -2x^2 - 3 \Rightarrow g(x) = -2(x-0)^2 - 3$

vertex (0, -3)

Example 2: The function $y = x^2$ is translated 3 units down, then reflected across the x-axis, followed by a vertical stretch by a factor of 2. Write a rule for g, the new function, and identify the vertex. Check with your calculator.

① $h(x) = x^2 - 3$

② $h(x) = -(x^2 - 3)$
 $= -x^2 + 3$

③ $h(x) = 2(-x^2 + 3)$

④ $g(x) = -2x^2 + 6$

$g(x) = -2(x-0)^2 + 6$

vertex (0, 6)

* See graphs →

Example 3: Let the graph of g be a translation 3 units right and 2 units up, followed by a reflection in the y-axis of the graph of $f(x) = x^2 - 5x$. Write a rule for g.

① $h(x) = f(x-3) + 2$ ← shift f up 2x

← input into f

② $h(x) = (x-3)^2 - 5(x-3) + 2$ plug (x-3) into f(x)

$= x^2 - 6x + 9 - 5x + 15 + 2$ } simplify

③ $h(x) = x^2 - 11x + 26$

④ Reflection = $h(-x) = (-x)^2 - 11(-x) + 26$

⑤ final: $g(x) = x^2 + 11x + 26$

Working function

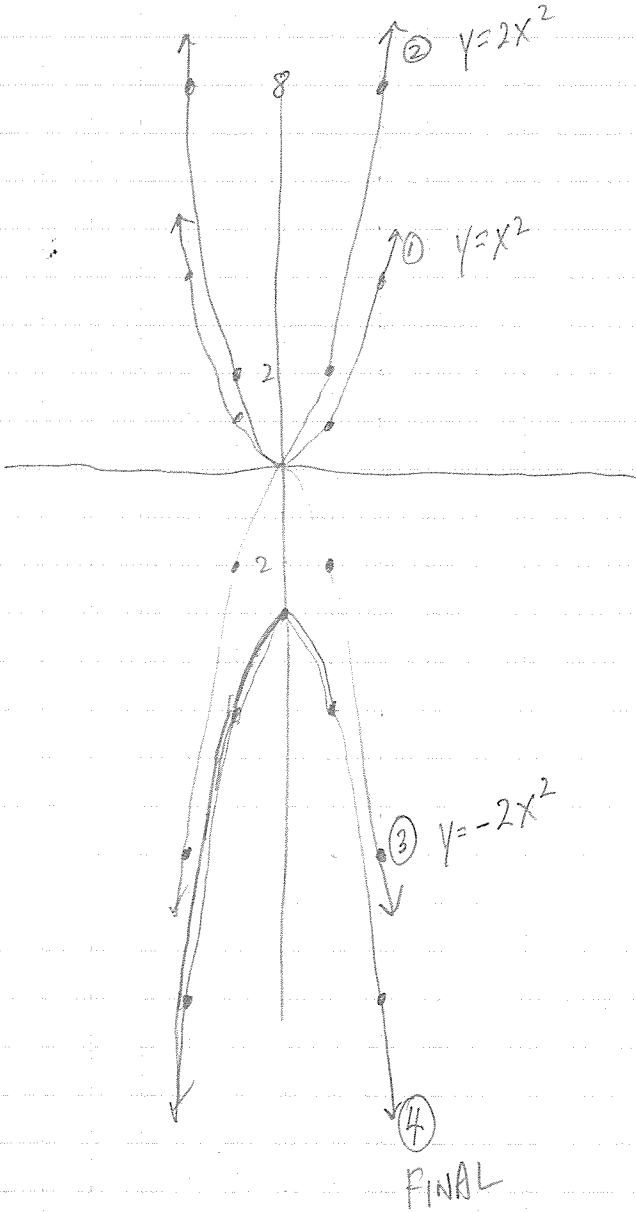
Ex 1

① $y = x^2$

② vertical stretch $y = 2x^2$
(factor of 2)

③ reflection x-axis $y = -2x^2$

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



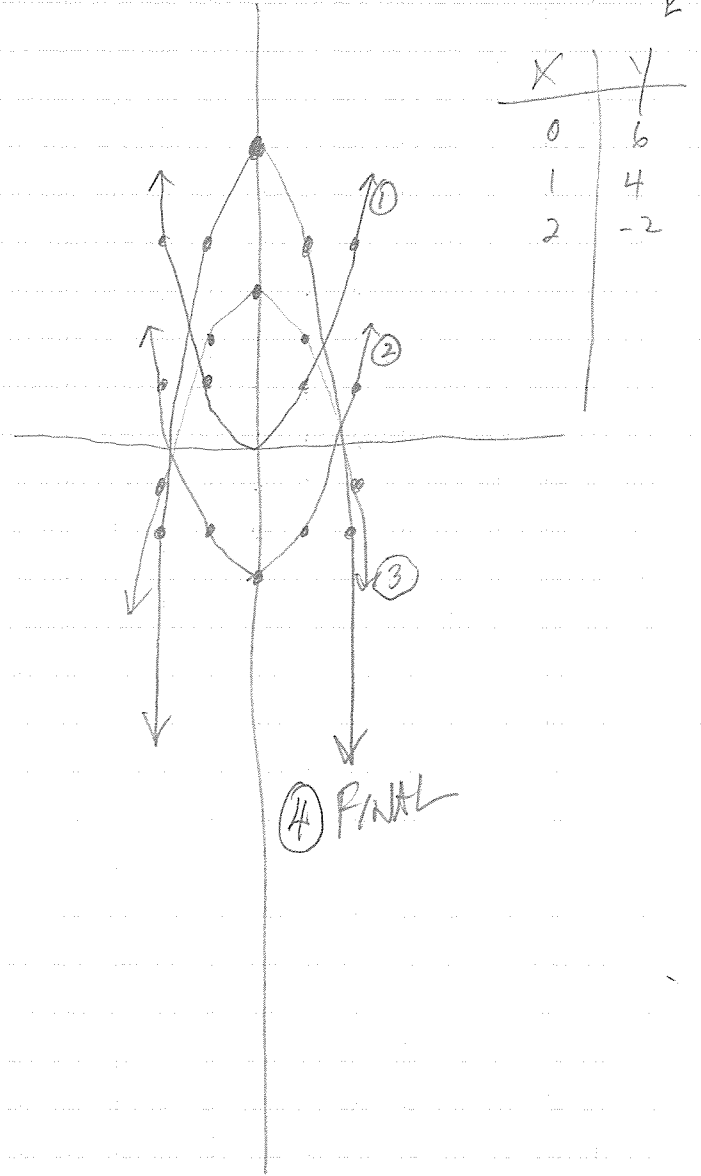
Ex 2

① $y = x^2$

② translate 3 down $y = x^2 - 3$

③ reflect x-axis $y = -(x^2 - 3)$
 $y = -x^2 + 3$

vertical stretch factor of 2
 $y = 2(-x^2 + 3)$
 $= -2x^2 + 6$



PRACTICE:

1. Let the graph of g be a vertical shrink by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$ followed by a translation 2 units up of the graph of $f(x) = x^2$. Write a rule for g and identify the vertex.

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

$$\text{vertex } (0, 2)$$

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

2. Carry out problem #1 but reverse the order of transformations. Write a rule for g and identify the vertex.

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

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

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

$$\text{vertex } (0, 1)$$

3. Let the graph of g be a translation 4 units left followed by a vertical shrink by a factor of $\frac{1}{3}$ of the graph of $f(x) = x^2 + x$. Write a rule for g and identify the vertex.

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

$$= (x+4)^2 + (x+4)$$

$$= x^2 + 8x + 16 + x + 4$$

$$= x^2 + 9x + 20$$

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{3}(x^2 + 9x + 20)$$

$$\text{vertex } \left(-\frac{9}{2}, -\frac{1}{12}\right)$$

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^2 + 3x + \frac{20}{3}$$

$$\text{vertex: } x = \frac{-3}{2(\frac{1}{3})} \quad y = \left(\frac{81}{4} + \frac{-2(1+20)}{2}\right)\frac{1}{3}$$

$$= -\frac{9}{2} \quad \frac{1}{3}\left(-\frac{81}{4} + \frac{80}{4}\right) \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

4. Write a function g based on the transformations of $f(x) = 2x^2 + 6x$: a translation 6 units down followed by a reflection in the x -axis. Write a rule for g and identify the vertex.

$$h(x) = 2x^2 + 6x - 6$$

$$h(x) = -(2x^2 + 6x - 6)$$

$$g(x) = -2x^2 - 6x + 6$$

$$\text{vertex } \left(-\frac{3}{2}, \frac{21}{2}\right)$$

$$x = \frac{6}{-4} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$y = -2\left(\frac{9}{4}\right) - 6\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) + 6$$

$$= -\frac{9}{2} + 9 + 6 \rightarrow 10\frac{1}{2} = \frac{21}{2}$$

5. Write a function g based on the transformations of $f(x) = 2x^2 + 6x$: a reflection in the y -axis followed by a translation 4 units right.

$$\textcircled{1} h(-x) = 2(-x)^2 + 6(-x)$$

$$= 2x^2 - 6x$$

$$g(x) = 2x^2 - 22x + 56$$

$$\textcircled{2} h(x-4) = 2(x-4)^2 - 6(x-4)$$

$$= 2(x^2 - 8x + 16) - 6x + 24$$

$$= 2x^2 - 16x + 32 - 6x + 24$$