

# Chapter 3

## *Real functions*

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### **EVALUATION 3**

## CHALLENGE 3

1. Determine the domain and range of the following functions.

a)  $f(x) = -2|x - 3| + 1$     b)  $f(x) = -\sqrt{-x+1} + 1$     c)  $f(x) = \frac{2}{3(x-1)} - 1$

$\text{dom } f = \mathbb{R}$

$\text{dom } f = ]-\infty, 1]$

$\text{dom } f = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}$

$\text{ran } f = ]-\infty, 1]$

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2. Consider the functions  $f(x) = 2x - 1$  and  $g(x) = 3x^2 - 2x + 1$ . Find the rule of

a)  $g \circ f$

b)  $f \circ g$

$g \circ f(x) = 3(2x - 1)^2 - 2(2x - 1) + 1$   
 $= 12x^2 - 16x + 6$

$f \circ g(x) = 2(3x^2 - 2x + 1) - 1$   
 $= 6x^2 - 4x + 1$

3. Determine the zeros of the following functions.

a)  $f(x) = -2|x - 1| + 6$

b)  $f(x) = -2\sqrt{x-3} + 6$

c)  $f(x) = \frac{-3}{2(x+1)} + 1$

$-2 \text{ and } 4$

$12$

$\frac{1}{2}$

4. What are the equations of the asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{2}{5(x-1)} - 4$ ?

The lines defined by the equations  $x = 1$  and  $y = -4$ .

5. Study the sign of the following functions.

a)  $f(x) = 4\left|-\frac{1}{2}(x-1)\right| - 4$      $f(x) \leq 0$  if  $x \in [-1, 3]$ ;  $f(x) \geq 0$  if  $x \in ]-\infty, -1] \cup [3, +\infty[$

b)  $f(x) = -2\sqrt{x+3} + 4$      $f(x) \leq 0$  if  $x \in [1, +\infty[$ ;  $f(x) \geq 0$  if  $x \in [-3, 1]$

c)  $f(x) = \frac{4}{x-3} + 2$      $f(x) \leq 0$  if  $x \in [1, 3]$ ;  $f(x) \geq 0$  if  $x \in ]-\infty, 1] \cup [3, +\infty[$

6. Describe the variation of the following functions.

a)  $f(x) = -\frac{2}{3}|x - 2| + 4$      $f \nearrow$  over  $]-\infty, 2]$ ;  $f \searrow$  over  $[2, +\infty[$

b)  $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{-2(x-1)} + 1$      $f \nearrow$  over  $]-\infty, 1]$

c)  $f(x) = \frac{2}{x-1} + 1$      $f \searrow$  over  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}$

7. Find the rule of

a) an absolute value function whose graph has a vertex at  $V(-2, 6)$  and passes through the point  $A(1, -3)$ .     $y = -3|x + 2| + 6$

b) a rational function passing through the point  $A(3, 4)$  with asymptotes defined by the lines  $x = 1$  and  $y = 2$ .     $y = \frac{4}{x-1} + 2$

c) a square root function whose graph has a vertex at  $V(-4, -2)$  and passes through the point  $A(5, 4)$ .     $y = 2\sqrt{x+4} - 2$

# 3.1 Function

## ACTIVITY 1 Recognizing a function

a) Consider the mapping diagram of the relation  $R$  represented on the right.

1. What is the source set?  $A = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$

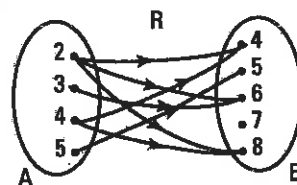
2. What is the target set?  $B = \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$

3. Complete: An element  $x$  from set  $A$  is in relation with an element  $y$  from set  $B$  if  $x$  is a divisor of  $y$ .

4. Is there an element from the source set that is in relation with more than one element from the target set? Yes

5. Is this relation a function? Justify your answer.

No, 2 is in relation with three elements and 4 with two elements.



b) Consider the Cartesian graph of the relation  $S$  represented on the right. The point  $(1, 3)$  means that the element 1 from the source set is in relation with the element 3 from the target set.

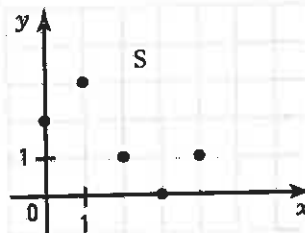
1. What is the image of 4? 1

2. What is the antecedent of 2? 0

3. Is there an element from the source set that is in relation with more than one element from the target set? No

4. Is this relation a function? Justify your answer.

Yes, since each element from the source set is in relation to at most one element from the target set.

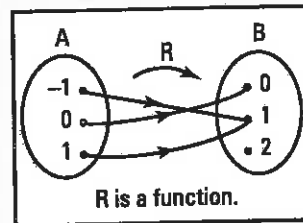


### DEFINITION OF A FUNCTION

- A relation given by a source set  $A$  to a target set  $B$  is a function if each element from  $A$  is associated with at most one element from  $B$ .

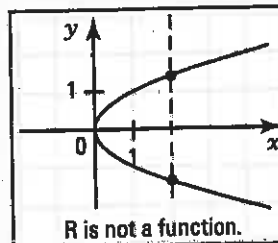
#### Mapping diagram

Given the mapping diagram of a relation, this relation is a function if, from each element of the source set, at most one arrow is drawn.



#### Cartesian graph

Given the Cartesian graph of a relation, this relation is a function if any vertical line intersects the graph of this relation in at most one point.



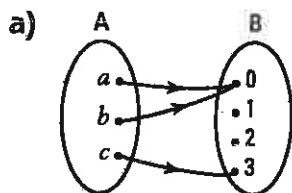
• Set of ordered pairs

Given a relation's set of ordered pairs, this relation is a function if the first coordinate of each pair verifying the relation appears only once.

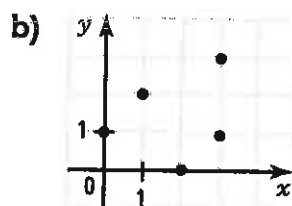
$$G_R = \{(a, 0), (b, 1), (a, 2)\}$$

R is not a function.

1. In each of the following cases, indicate if the relation is a function.



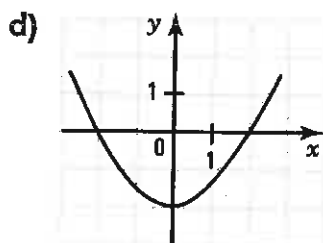
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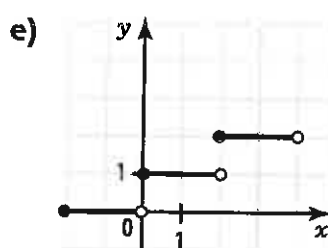
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c)  $G = \{(0, 0), (1, -1), (1, 1)\}$

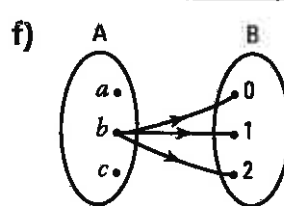
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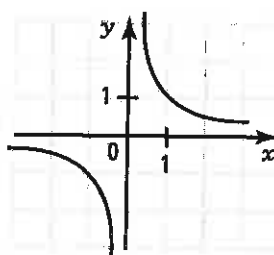


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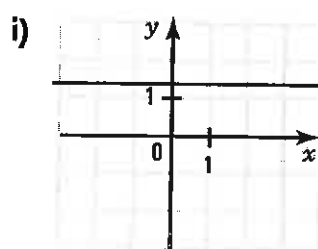


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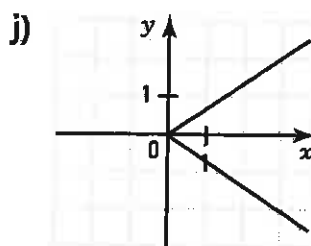
g)  $G = \{(4, 3), (5, 3), (6, 3)\}$  h)



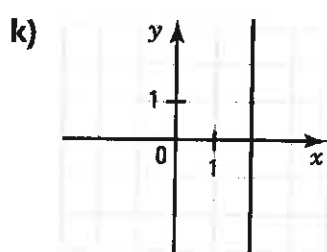
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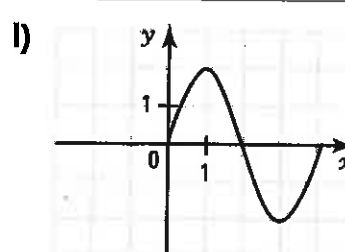
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No

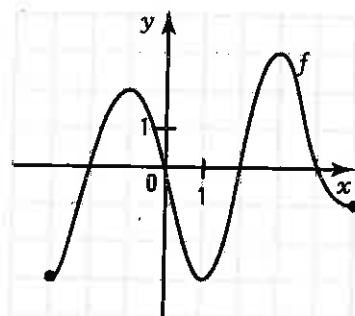


Yes

## ACTIVITY 2 Properties of functions

Consider the function  $f$  represented on the right.

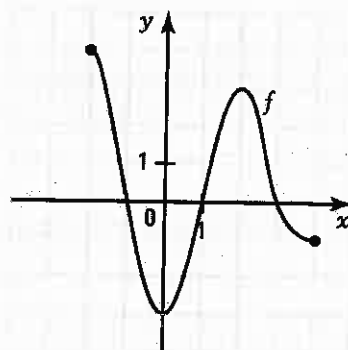
- What is the domain of  $f$ ?  $[-3, 5]$
- What is the range of  $f$ ?  $[-3, 3]$
- What are the zeros of  $f$ ?  $-2, 0, 2$  and  $4$
- What is the initial value of  $f$ ?  $0$
- Over what interval is the function  $f$ 
  - positive?  $[-2, 0] \cup [2, 4]$
  - negative?  $[-3, -2] \cup [0, 2] \cup [4, 5]$
- Over what interval is the function  $f$ 
  - increasing?  $[-3, -1] \cup [1, 3]$
  - decreasing?  $[-1, 1] \cup [3, 5]$
- What is, for function  $f$ , its
  - absolute maximum?  $3$
  - absolute minimum?  $-3$



### PROPERTIES OF FUNCTIONS

Consider the function  $f$  represented on the right.

- The **domain** of a function  $f$  is the subset of the elements of the source set which have an image in  $f$ .  
 $\text{dom } f = [-2, 4]$
- The **range** of a function  $f$  is the subset of the elements of the target set which are images by  $f$ .  
 $\text{ran } f = [-3, 4]$
- The **zeros** of the function  $f$  are the values of  $x$  for which the function is equal to zero. The zeros of  $f$  are:  $-1, 1$  and  $3$ .
- The **initial value** of the function  $f$  is the value of  $y$  when  $x = 0$ . The initial value of  $f$  is  $-3$ .
- Studying the **sign** of a function consists of finding the values of  $x$  for which the function is positive or those for which the function is negative.  
 $f(x) \geq 0$  if  $x \in [-2, -1] \cup [1, 3]$ .  
 $f(x) \leq 0$  if  $x \in [-1, 1] \cup [3, 4]$ .
- Studying the **variation** of a function consists of finding the values of  $x$  for which the function is increasing or those for which the function is decreasing.  
 $f$  is increasing if  $x \in [0, 2]$ .  
 $f$  is decreasing if  $x \in [-2, 0] \cup [2, 4]$ .
- The **absolute maximum** (or **minimum**) of a function is the highest image (or the lowest image) when it exists.  
 $\max f = 4, \min f = -3$



2. Consider the function  $f$  represented on the right. Determine

a) 1.  $\text{dom } f = [-3, 4]$  2.  $\text{ran } f = [-3, 3]$

b) 1. the zeros of  $f$ :  $-1$  and  $3$

2. the initial value:  $-2$

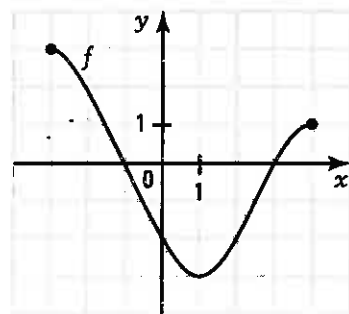
c) the values of  $x$  for which the function  $f$  is

1. positive:  $[-3, -1] \cup [3, 4]$  2. negative:  $[-1, 3]$

d) the values of  $x$  for which the function  $f$  is

1. increasing:  $[1, 4]$  2. decreasing:  $[-3, 1]$

e) 1. the maximum of  $f$ :  $3$  2. the minimum of  $f$ :  $-3$



3. Draw the graph of a function satisfying the following conditions.

1.  $\text{dom } f = [-1, 4]$ .

2.  $\text{ran } f = [-2, 3]$ .

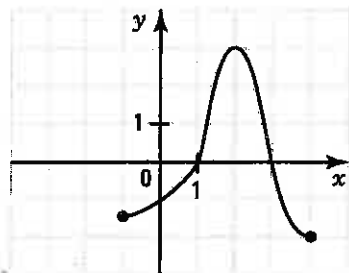
3. The zeros of  $f$  are: 1 and 3.

4. The initial value is  $-1$ .

5. The function is negative when  $x \in [-1, 1] \cup [3, 4]$ .

6. The function is increasing when  $x \in [-1, 2]$  and decreasing when  $x \in [2, 4]$ .

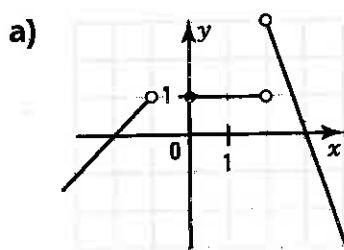
7.  $\max f = 3$  and  $\min f = -2$ .



4. Study the following functions by completing the table below.

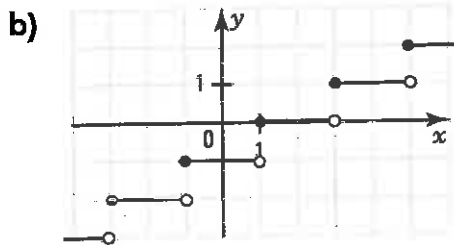
|                          | a)                                | b)                          | c)              | d)                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| domain                   | $\mathbb{R}$                      | $[-2, +\infty[$             | $[-2, +\infty[$ | $[-2, 3]$                      |
| range                    | $[-2, +\infty[$                   | $] -\infty, 2]$             | $] -\infty, 2]$ | $[-2, 2]$                      |
| zeros                    | 0 and 2                           | -1, 1 and 3                 | 2               | -1 and 1                       |
| initial value            | 0                                 | -1                          | 1               | 2                              |
| $f(x) \geq 0$ if $x \in$ | $] -\infty, 0] \cup [2, +\infty[$ | $[-2, -1] \cup [1, 3]$      | $[-2, 2]$       | $[-1, 1]$                      |
| $f(x) \leq 0$ if $x \in$ | $[0, 2]$                          | $[-1, 1] \cup [3, +\infty[$ | $[2, +\infty[$  | $[-2, -1] \cup [1, 3]$         |
| $f \nearrow$ if $x \in$  | $[1, +\infty[$                    | $[0, 2]$                    | never           | $[-2, 0]$                      |
| $f \searrow$ if $x \in$  | $] -\infty, 1]$                   | $[-2, 0] \cup [2, +\infty[$ | $[-2, +\infty[$ | $[0, 3]$                       |
| extrema                  | $\min f = -2$                     | $\max f = 2$                | $\max f = 2$    | $\max f = 2,$<br>$\min f = -2$ |

5. Determine the domain and range of the following functions.



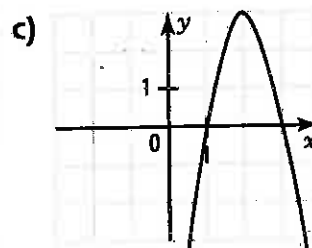
$$\text{dom} = ]-\infty, -1[ \cup [0, 2[ \cup ]2, +\infty[$$

$$\text{ran} = ]-\infty, 2[$$



$$\text{dom} = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{ran} = \mathbb{Z}$$



$$\text{dom} = \mathbb{R}$$

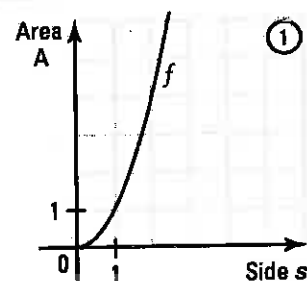
$$\text{ran} = ]-\infty, 3]$$

### ACTIVITY 3 Inverse of a function

Let  $s$  represent the side of a square and  $A$  represent its area.

- a) 1. What is the rule of the function  $f$  that associates, to the square's side  $s$ , its area?  $A = s^2$
2. Complete the table of values below and represent the function  $f$  in the Cartesian plane ①.

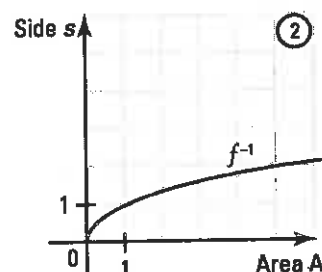
|          |   |      |   |      |   |
|----------|---|------|---|------|---|
| Side $s$ | 0 | 0.5  | 1 | 1.5  | 2 |
| Area $A$ | 0 | 0.25 | 1 | 2.25 | 4 |



- b) 1. What is the rule of the inverse  $f^{-1}$  that associates, to the square's area  $A$ , its side length  $s$ ?  
 $s = \sqrt{A}$

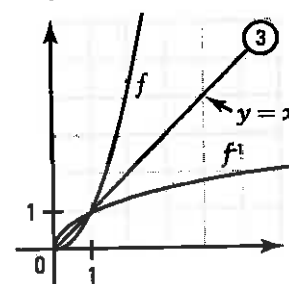
2. Complete the table of values below and represent the function  $f^{-1}$  in the Cartesian plane ②.

|          |   |      |   |      |   |
|----------|---|------|---|------|---|
| Area $A$ | 0 | 0.25 | 1 | 2.25 | 4 |
| Side $s$ | 0 | 0.5  | 1 | 1.5  | 2 |



3. Explain why the inverse  $f^{-1}$  is a function.

Any vertical line only intersects the curve at a maximum of one point.



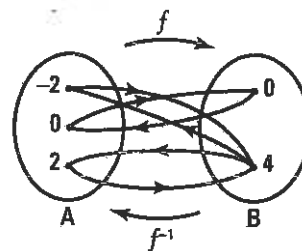
- c) 1. Reproduce the two graphs in the same Cartesian plane ③ where the axes are not labeled.
2. Verify that the graphs of  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are symmetrical about the bisector of the 1st quadrant.

## ACTIVITY 4 Functions whose inverse is not a function

- a) Consider the sets A and B on the right, and the function  $f$  of A toward B with the rule  $f(x) = x^2$ .

1. Use a mapping diagram to represent function  $f$ .
2. Deduce the mapping diagram of the inverse  $f^{-1}$ .
3. Explain why  $f^{-1}$  is not a function.

4 is in relation with two elements -2 and 2 by  $f^{-1}$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}$  is not a function.



- b) Consider the table of values on the right of a function  $f$ .

1. Deduce a table of values for  $f^{-1}$ .
2. Explain why  $f^{-1}$  is not a function.

1 is in relation with two elements -1 and 1.

| $x$    | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
|--------|----|----|---|---|---|
| $f(x)$ | 2  | 1  | 0 | 1 | 2 |

| $x$         | 2  | 1  | 0 | 1 | 2 |
|-------------|----|----|---|---|---|
| $f^{-1}(x)$ | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |

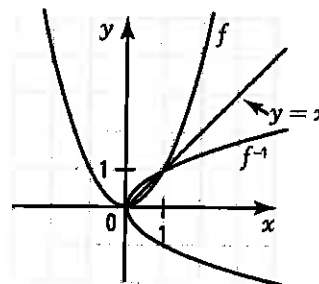
- c) The function  $f$  on the right has the rule  $f(x) = x^2$ .

1. Deduce, by symmetry about the bisector of the 1st quadrant, the graph of the inverse  $f^{-1}$ .
2. Explain why the inverse  $f^{-1}$  is not a function.

There is a vertical line that intersects the graph of  $f^{-1}$  at 2 points.

3. True or false?

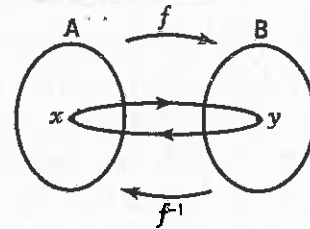
The inverse of  $f$  is not a function when a horizontal line can be drawn to intersect the graph of  $f$  at more than one point. True





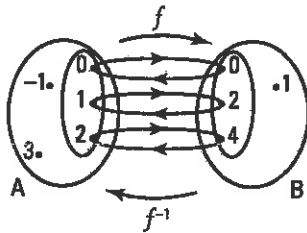
## INVERSE OF A FUNCTION

- If  $f$  is the function of a source set  $A$  toward a target set  $B$ , the inverse of  $f$ , written  $f^{-1}$ , has the source set  $B$  and the target set  $A$ .
- The inverse of a function is not necessarily a function.



Ex.:  $f: A \rightarrow B$

$$x \mapsto y = 2x$$



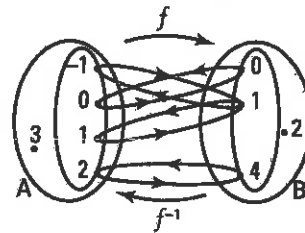
$f^{-1}$  is a function.

$$\text{dom}f = \text{ran}f^{-1} = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$\text{ran}f = \text{dom}f^{-1} = \{0, 2, 4\}$$

Ex.:  $f: A \rightarrow B$

$$x \mapsto y = x^2$$

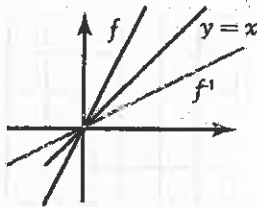


$f^{-1}$  is not a function.

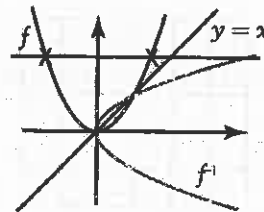
$$\text{dom}f = \text{ran}f^{-1} = \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$$

$$\text{ran}f = \text{dom}f^{-1} = \{0, 1, 4\}$$

- For any function  $f$ , we have:  $\boxed{\text{dom}f = \text{ran}f^{-1}}$  and  $\boxed{\text{ran}f = \text{dom}f^{-1}}$
- The Cartesian graphs of a function and its inverse are symmetrical about the line with the equation  $y = x$ .



$f^{-1}$  is a function.



$f^{-1}$  is not a function.

- The inverse of a function  $f$  is not a function when a horizontal line can be drawn to intersect the graph of  $f$  at more than one point.

6. Consider the mapping diagram of a function  $f$ .

a) Deduce the mapping diagram of  $f^{-1}$ .

b) Explain why  $f^{-1}$  is a function.

*There is at most one arrow from each element of the source set B.*

c) Determine

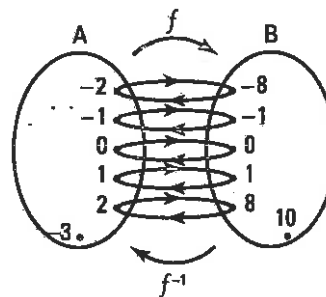
1.  $\text{dom } f$ .  $\{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$       2.  $\text{ran } f$ .  $\{-8, -1, 0, 1, 8\}$

3.  $\text{dom } f^{-1}$ .  $\{-8, -1, 0, 1, 8\}$       4.  $\text{ran } f^{-1}$ .  $\{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$

d) Verify that

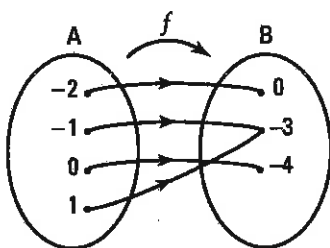
1.  $\text{dom } f = \text{ran } f^{-1}$ .

2.  $\text{ran } f = \text{dom } f^{-1}$ .



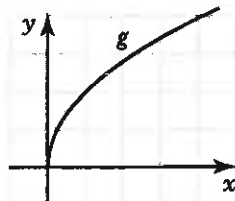
7. Indicate which of the following functions have an inverse that is also a function.

a)



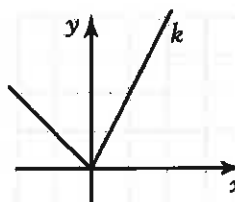
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b)



Yes

c)  $h = \{(-2, -4), (-1, -2), (0, 0), (1, 2), (2, 4)\}$  d)



Yes

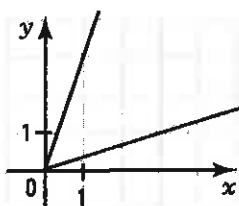
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8. For each of the following functions,

1. deduce the graph of the inverse.

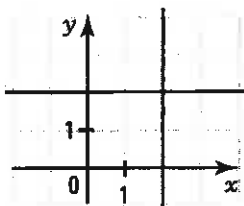
2. indicate if the inverse is a function.

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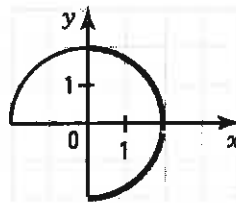
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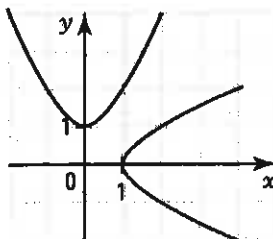
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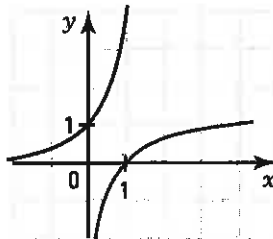
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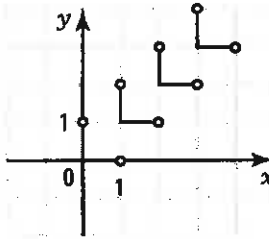
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f)



No

## ACTIVITY 5 Rule of the inverse

A salesman in a store receives a weekly base salary of \$250 and a sales commission of \$10 per item sold for the week.

- a) Let  $a$  represent the number of items sold for the week, and  $s$  represent the total weekly salary. Determine the rule of
- the function  $f$  which gives the total salary  $s$  as a function of the number of items sold  $a$ .  $s = 250 + 10a$
  - the function  $f^{-1}$  which associates, to a given salary  $s$ , the number of items sold  $a$ .  $a = \frac{s - 250}{10}$
- b) Complete the table of values on the right for the functions  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$ .

|     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| $f$ | $a$ | 0   | 5   | 10  | 15  | 20  |
|     | $s$ | 250 | 300 | 350 | 400 | 450 |

### RULE OF THE INVERSE

Given the function  $f$  with the rule:  $y = 2x + 6$ . To determine the rule of the inverse  $f^{-1}$ ,

1. we isolate  $x$  in the rule of  $f$ .

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 2x + 6 \\ 2x &= y - 6 \\ x &= \frac{1}{2}y - 3 \end{aligned}$$

2. we switch the letters  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x - 3$$

$$f^{-1} \text{ therefore has the rule: } y = \frac{1}{2}x - 3.$$

We interchange the letters  $x$  and  $y$  to respect the convention of function notation which assigns  $x$  as elements of the source set and  $y$  as elements of the target set.

9. For each of the following rules of functions, find the rule of its inverse.

a)  $y = 5x$   
 $y = \frac{x}{5}$

b)  $y = 3x - 6$   
 $y = \frac{x}{3} + 2$

c)  $y = -2x + 10$   
 $y = \frac{-x}{2} + 5$

d)  $y = 0.1x + 100$   
 $y = 10x - 1000$

e)  $y = \frac{2}{3}x - 6$   
 $y = \frac{3}{2}x + 9$

f)  $y = -\frac{3}{4}x + 12$   
 $y = \frac{-4}{3}x + 16$

10. A capital of \$1000 is invested on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at an annual interest rate of 10%. Find the rule which associates

- a) a given number of elapsed years  $t$  since the beginning, to the accumulated capital  $C$ .

$$C = 1000 + 100t$$

- b) a given accumulated capital  $C$ , to the number of elapsed years  $t$ .  $t = 0.01C - 10$

11. A car's gas tank initially contains 60 litres of gas. This car consumes on average 12 litres/100 km. Find the rule of the function which associates,

- a) a given distance traveled  $d$  (in km) to the quantity  $q$  of gas remaining in the tank.

$$q = -0.12d + 60$$

- b) a given quantity  $q$  of gas remaining in the tank, to the distance traveled  $d$  (in km).

$$d = -\frac{25}{3}q + 500$$

## ACTIVITY 6 Composition of functions

Consider the function  $f$  defined by  $f(x) = x + 5$  and the function  $g$  defined by the rule  $g(x) = 2x$ .

a) Determine

1.  $f(1)$  6      2.  $g(f(1))$  12

b) The composition of  $f$  by  $g$ , written  $g \circ f$  is defined by  $g \circ f(x) = g(f(x))$ .

1. Calculate  $g \circ f(1)$  12

2. Determine the rule of  $g \circ f$ .  $g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = g(x + 5) = 2x + 10$

c) Determine

1.  $g(1)$  2      2.  $f(g(1))$  7

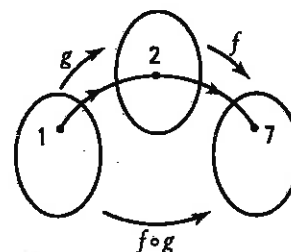
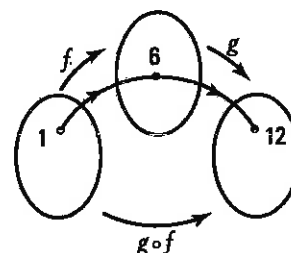
d) The composition of  $g$  by  $f$ , written  $f \circ g$ , is defined by  $f \circ g(x) = f(g(x))$ .

1. Calculate  $f \circ g(1)$  7

2. Determine the rule of  $f \circ g$ .  $f \circ g(x) = f(g(x)) = f(2x) = 2x + 5$

e) Compare the rules of  $g \circ f$  and  $f \circ g$ .

$g \circ f(x) \neq f \circ g(x)$



### COMPOSITION OF FUNCTIONS

• Given two functions  $f$  and  $g$ ,

– the composition of  $f$  by  $g$ , written  $g \circ f$ , is defined by the rule:

$$g \circ f(x) = g(f(x))$$

– the composition of  $g$  by  $f$ , written  $f \circ g$ , is defined by the rule:

$$f \circ g(x) = f(g(x))$$

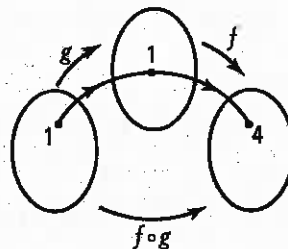
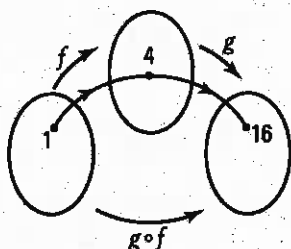
Ex.: Given  $f(x) = x + 3$  and  $g(x) = x^2$ , we have:

$$g \circ f(1) = g(f(1)) = g(4) = 16;$$

$$g \circ f(x) = g(x + 3) = (x + 3)^2;$$

$$f \circ g(1) = f(g(1)) = f(1) = 4$$

$$f \circ g(x) = f(x^2) = x^2 + 3$$



Note that, in general,  $g \circ f(x) \neq f \circ g(x)$ .

**12.** Consider the functions  $f(x) = 3x - 5$  and  $g(x) = -2x + 8$ . Determine

a)  $g \circ f(2) =$  6      b)  $f \circ g(-1) =$  25      c)  $f \circ g(4) =$  -5

d)  $g \circ f(0) =$  18      e)  $g \circ g(7) =$  20      f)  $f \circ g(-5) =$  49

- 13.** Consider the functions  $f(x) = -2x + 5$  and  $g(x) = 4x - 3$ .

Determine the rules of the following functions.

a)  $f \circ g(x) = \underline{f(g(x)) = f(4x - 3) = -2(4x - 3) + 5 = -8x + 11}$

b)  $g \circ f(x) = \underline{g(f(x)) = g(-2x + 5) = 4(-2x + 5) - 3 = -8x + 17}$

c)  $f \circ f(x) = \underline{f(f(x)) = f(-2x + 5) = -2(-2x + 5) + 5 = 4x - 5}$

d)  $g \circ g(x) = \underline{g(g(x)) = g(4x - 3) = 4(4x - 3) - 3 = 16x - 15}$

- 14.** Consider the functions  $f(x) = 2x + 3$  and  $g(x) = 3x - 2$ .

- a) Determine the rule of

1.  $g \circ f$ .  $\underline{g \circ f(x) = 6x + 7}$

2.  $f \circ g$ .  $\underline{f \circ g(x) = 6x - 1}$

- b) Verify that  $g \circ f(x) \neq f \circ g(x)$ .

- 15.** Consider  $f(x) = x + 5$  and  $g(x) = x - 2$ . Verify that,  $g \circ f(x) = f \circ g(x)$ .

$\underline{g \circ f(x) = x + 3, f \circ g(x) = x + 3}$

- 16.** Consider the function  $f(x) = 2x + 8$ .

- a) Determine the rule of the inverse  $f^{-1}$ .  $\underline{f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2}x - 4}$

- b) 1. Determine the rule of the composite  $f^{-1} \circ f$ .

$\underline{f^{-1} \circ f(x) = f^{-1}(f(x)) = f^{-1}(2x + 8) = \frac{1}{2}(2x + 8) - 4 = x}$

2. Determine the rule of the composite  $f \circ f^{-1}$ .

$\underline{f \circ f^{-1}(x) = f(f^{-1}(x)) = f\left(\frac{1}{2}x - 4\right) = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}x - 4\right) + 8 = x}$

3. Verify that  $f^{-1} \circ f(x) = f \circ f^{-1}(x) = x$ .

- c) Repeat this exercise with the function  $f(x) = -5x + 10$ .

$\underline{f^{-1}(x) = -\frac{1}{5}x + 2; f^{-1} \circ f(x) = x; f \circ f^{-1}(x) = x}$

- 17.** Consider the functions  $f(x) = x + 5$  and  $g(x) = 3x + 4$ .

- a) Determine the rule of the functions  $f^{-1}$  and  $g^{-1}$ .

$\underline{f^{-1}(x) = x - 5 \quad g^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{3}x - \frac{4}{3}}$

- b) Determine

1.  $f \circ f^{-1}(x) = \underline{f(f^{-1}(x)) = f(x - 5) = x - 5 + 5 = x}$

2.  $g \circ g^{-1}(x) = \underline{g(g^{-1}(x)) = g\left(\frac{1}{3}x - \frac{4}{3}\right) = 3\left(\frac{1}{3}x - \frac{4}{3}\right) + 4 = x}$

3.  $f \circ g(x) = \underline{f(g(x)) = f(3x + 4) = 3x + 4 + 5 = 3x + 9}$

4.  $g \circ f(x) = \underline{g(f(x)) = g(x + 5) = 3(x + 5) + 4 = 3x + 19}$

- c) Determine

1.  $(f \circ g)^{-1}(x) = \underline{\frac{1}{3}x - 3}$

2.  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(x) = \underline{\frac{1}{3}x - \frac{19}{3}}$

3.  $g^{-1} \circ f^{-1}(x) = \underline{\frac{1}{3}x - 3}$

4.  $f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}(x) = \underline{\frac{1}{3}x - \frac{19}{3}}$

- d) What can you deduce?  $\underline{(f \circ g)^{-1}(x) = g^{-1} \circ f^{-1}(x) \text{ and } (g \circ f)^{-1}(x) = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}(x)}$

**18.** Consider the functions  $f(x) = x^2 + 4x - 5$  and  $g(x) = 2x - 1$ .

a) Determine the rule of the composite  $f \circ g$ .

$$f \circ g(x) = f(g(x)) = f(2x - 1) = (2x - 1)^2 + 4(2x - 1) - 5 = 4x^2 + 4x - 8$$

b) Determine  $f \circ g(2)$  in two different ways:

1. by finding  $f(g(2)) = \underline{f(3) = 16}$

2. by using the rule found in a).  $\underline{4(2)^2 + 4(2) - 8 = 16}$

**19.** In Quebec, every purchase is taxable. The goods and services tax (GST) is 5 %.

The Quebec sales tax (QST) is 7.5 %.

Let  $f$  be the function which associates a given purchase amount  $x$  to the amount  $y$  including GST.

Let  $g$  be the function which associates a given purchase amount  $x$  to the amount  $y$  including QST.

a) Determine the rule of the function

1.  $f: \underline{y = 1.05x}$

2.  $g: \underline{y = 1.075x}$

b) 1. Determine the rule of the function  $g \circ f$ .  $\underline{g \circ f(x) = 1.12875x}$

2. Determine the rule of the function  $f \circ g$ .  $\underline{f \circ g(x) = 1.12875x}$

c) Compare the rules of the functions  $g \circ f$  and  $f \circ g$ . What can you conclude?

The rules are equal. To calculate the final price of a product, it doesn't matter if you apply the GST first and then the QST, or the QST first and then the GST.

d) 1. What is the final price of a product with a \$39.80 price tag?  $\underline{\$44.92}$

2. What is the initial price tag of a product if the final cost paid is \$56.44?  $\underline{\$50}$

**20.** The weekly salary of a sporting goods store salesman includes a base salary of \$300 per week and a \$40 bonus for every item sold.

During the holidays, the owner of the store decides to give each employee a 4% bonus on their weekly salary.

Let  $f$  be the function which gives the regular weekly salary  $y$  as a function of the number of items sold  $x$ .

Let  $g$  be the function which gives the bonus holiday weekly salary  $y$  as a function of the regular weekly salary  $x$ .

a) Determine the rule of the function

1.  $f: \underline{y = 40x + 300}$

2.  $g: \underline{y = 1.04x}$

3.  $g \circ f: \underline{y = 41.6x + 312}$

b) What will an employee's salary be, during the holidays, if he sells 4 items during the week?  $\underline{\$478.40}$

c) How many items did an employee sell if he receives a weekly salary of \$561.60 during the holidays?  $\underline{6 \text{ items}}$

## ACTIVITY 7 Operations between functions

Consider the functions  $f(x) = x^2 - 9$  and  $g(x) = x + 3$ . Determine

- a)  $f(x) + g(x) = \underline{x^2 + x - 6}$       b)  $f(x) - g(x) = \underline{x^2 - x - 12}$   
 c)  $f(x) \times g(x) = \underline{x^3 + 3x^2 - 9x - 27}$       d)  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \underline{x - 3}$

### OPERATIONS BETWEEN FUNCTIONS

Given two real functions  $f$  and  $g$ , we have:

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

$$(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$$

$$(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \times g(x)$$

$$\frac{f}{g}(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

Ex.: Given  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 15$  and  $g(x) = 2x - 6$ , we have:

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) = (x^2 + 2x - 15) + (2x - 6) = x^2 + 4x - 21.$$

$$(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x) = (x^2 + 2x - 15) - (2x - 6) = x^2 - 9.$$

$$(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \times g(x) = (x^2 + 2x - 15)(2x - 6) = 2x^3 - 2x^2 - 42x + 90.$$

$$\frac{f}{g}(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{x^2 + 2x - 15}{2x - 6} = \frac{(x - 3)(x + 5)}{2(x - 3)} = \frac{x + 5}{2}.$$

- 21.** Consider the four functions  $f$ ,  $g$ ,  $h$ , and  $i$ . Let  $f(x) = x^2 + x - 6$ ,  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ ,  $h(x) = x^2 - 9$  and  $i(x) = 3x^2 - 12$ .

- a)  $(f + g + h)(x) = \underline{2x^2 + 3x - 19}$       b)  $(f - g + h)(x) = \underline{2x^2 - x - 11}$   
 c)  $(f \cdot g)(x) = \underline{2x^3 - 2x^2 - 16x + 24}$       d)  $(g \cdot h)(x) = \underline{2x^3 - 4x^2 - 18x + 36}$   
 e)  $(f - h - i)(x) = \underline{-3x^2 + x + 15}$       f)  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \underline{\frac{x+3}{2} \ (x \neq -3)}$   
 g)  $\left(\frac{f \cdot g}{i}\right)(x) = \underline{\frac{2(x+3)(x-2)}{3(x+2)} \ (x \neq 2)}$       h)  $\left(\frac{g \cdot h}{f}\right)(x) = \underline{2(x-3) \ (x \neq -3 \text{ and } x \neq 2)}$

- 22.** The condominium association of a building establishes the following fees to be charged to each of its condo owners.

- Monthly condo fees: \$225
- Monthly fees for renovations: \$80
- Municipal taxes paid at the beginning of the year: \$1500

- a) Determine the rule of the function  $f$  which gives the cost  $y$  of condo fees as a function of the number  $x$  of months.  $\underline{y = 225x}$
- b) Determine the rule of the function  $g$  which gives the total cost  $y$  of renovation fees and municipal taxes as a function of the number  $x$  of months.  $\underline{y = 80x + 1500}$
- c) Determine the rule of the function  $f + g$  and interpret this rule.  $\underline{y = 305x + 1500}$   
 $\underline{f + g \text{ gives the total fees charged to a condo owner as a function of the number } x \text{ of months.}}$
- d) What is the total amount of fees paid by a condo owner after 8 months of occupancy?  
 $\underline{\$3940}$

## 3.2 Polynomial functions

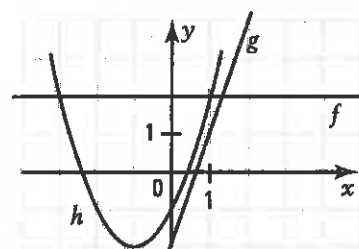
### ACTIVITY 1 Polynomial functions

- a) Among the following functions, indicate which ones are polynomial functions. If it is a polynomial function, indicate its degree.

1.  $P(x) = -5x + 8$  Yes, 1st degree
2.  $P(x) = -4x^2 - 5x$  Yes, 2nd degree
3.  $P(x) = \frac{5}{x} + 3$  No
4.  $P(x) = -3$  Yes, degree 0
5.  $P(x) = \sqrt{x} - 7$  No
6.  $P(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 5x + 3$  Yes, 3rd degree

- b) Represent the following polynomial functions in the Cartesian plane on the right.

1.  $f(x) = 2$
2.  $g(x) = 3x - 2$
3.  $h(x) = x^2 + 2x - 1$



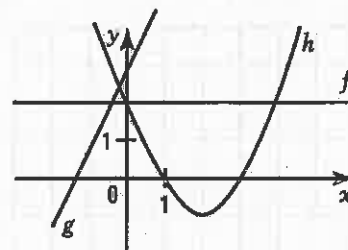
### POLYNOMIAL FUNCTIONS

- A polynomial function is any function with a polynomial for a rule.

Ex.:  $f(x) = 2$  is a zero degree polynomial function.

$g(x) = 2x + 3$  is a 1<sup>st</sup> degree polynomial function.

$h(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3$  is a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree polynomial function.



- The following table classifies polynomial functions according to their degree.

| Degree | Basic polynomial function | Transformed polynomial function                          | Name                              |
|--------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 0      | $f(x) = 1$                | $f(x) = b$ where $b \in \mathbb{R}$                      | constant function                 |
| 1      | $f(x) = x$                | $f(x) = ax$ where $a \in \mathbb{R}^*$                   | direct variation linear function  |
|        |                           | $f(x) = ax + b$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^*$            | partial variation linear function |
| 2      | $f(x) = x^2$              | $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ where $a \in \mathbb{R}^*$        | quadratic function                |
| 3      | $f(x) = x^3$              | $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ where $a \in \mathbb{R}^*$ | cubic function                    |



## ACTIVITY 2 Study of a constant function

Consider the function  $f$  given by the rule  $y = 3$ .

a) Represent this function in the Cartesian plane.

b) Determine

1.  $\text{dom } f = \mathbb{R}$       2.  $\text{ran } f = \{3\}$

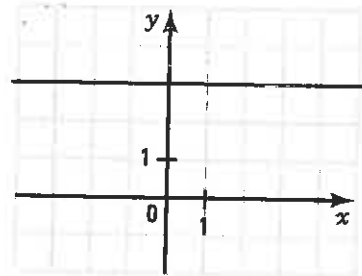
3. the zeros of  $f$  if they exist. No zeros

4. the y-intercept. 3

5. the sign of  $f$   $f(x) \geq 0$  over  $\mathbb{R}$

6. the variation of  $f$   $f$  is a constant function      7. the extrema of  $f$   $\max f = \min f = 3$

c) What is the rate of change between two random points on the graph of  $f$ ? It is zero.



### CONSTANT FUNCTIONS

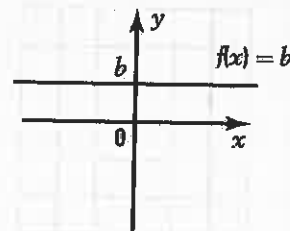
- A constant function is a zero degree polynomial function. It is described by a rule of the form:

$$f(x) = b, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

- The Cartesian graph of a constant function is a horizontal line with the equation  $y = b$ .

#### Study of a constant function

- $\text{dom } f = \mathbb{R}$
- $\text{ran } f = \{b\}$
- The constant function has no zero unless  $b = 0$ .
- $f(x) > 0$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  if  $b > 0$
- $f(x) < 0$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  if  $b < 0$
- $\max f = \min f = b$
- The rate of change of any constant function is zero.
- A zero function is a constant function described by the rule  $f(x) = 0$ . Its Cartesian graph is represented by the  $x$ -axis.



1. A ski resort is open 120 days during the ski season. The cost of a season pass is \$450. Consider the function  $f$  which gives the total cost  $y$  as a function of the number  $x$  of days of skiing.

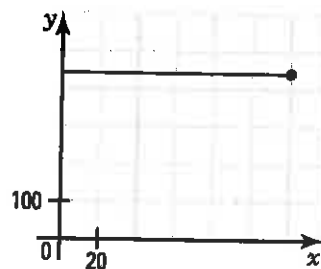
a) How much does it cost to ski for 12 days? \$450

b) What is the rule of function  $f$ ?  $y = 450$

c) Represent function  $f$  in the Cartesian plane.

d) Determine

1.  $\text{dom } f = [0, 120]$       2.  $\text{ran } f = \{450\}$

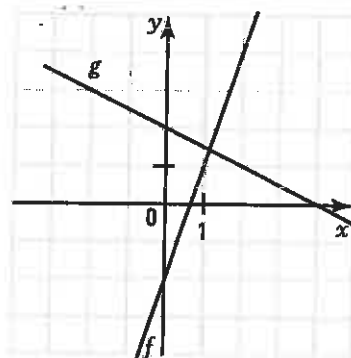


### ACTIVITY 3 Study of a linear function

Consider the functions  $f(x) = 3x - 2$  and  $g(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x + 2$ .

- Represent the functions  $f$  and  $g$  in the Cartesian plane on the right.
- Study the functions  $f$  and  $g$  and complete the following table.

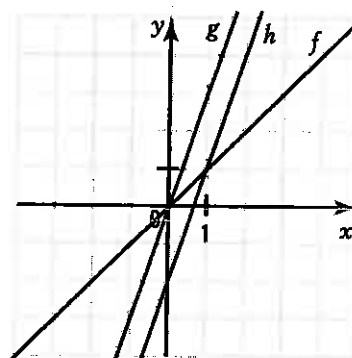
|               | Function $f$   | Function $g$   |
|---------------|--|--|
| Domain        | $\mathbb{R}$   | $\mathbb{R}$   |
| Range         | $\mathbb{R}$   | $\mathbb{R}$   |
| Zero          | $\frac{2}{3}$  | 4  |
| Initial value | -2   | 2  |
| Sign          | $f(x) \geq 0$ if $x \in [\frac{2}{3}, +\infty[$<br>$f(x) \leq 0$ if $x \in ]-\infty, \frac{2}{3}]$ | $f(x) \geq 0$ if $x \in ]-\infty, 4]$<br>$f(x) \leq 0$ if $x \in [4, +\infty[$ |
| Variation     | $f$ is increasing over $\mathbb{R}$  | $g$ is decreasing over $\mathbb{R}$  |



### ACTIVITY 4 Transformations of the basic linear function

The basic 1st degree linear function  $f(x) = x$  is represented on the right.

- Draw the image of function  $f$  by the vertical scale change  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, 3y)$  to obtain the graph of function  $g$ .
  - What is the rule of the function  $g$ ?  $g(x) = 3x$
- Draw the image of function  $g$  by the vertical translation  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, y - 2)$  to obtain the graph of function  $h$ .
  - What is the rule of the function  $h$ ?  $h(x) = 3x - 2$



## LINEAR FUNCTION

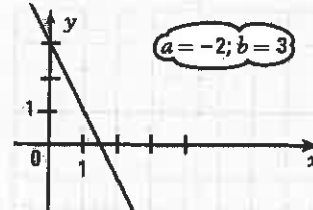
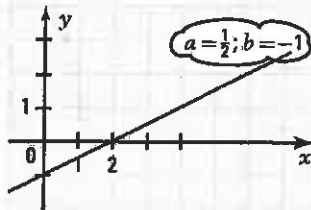
- A **linear function** is a 1<sup>st</sup> degree polynomial function. It is described by a rule of the form:

$$f(x) = ax + b \quad a \in \mathbb{R}^*$$

A linear function represents a situation where the rate of change is **constant**.  $a$  represents the rate of change and  $b$  represents the initial value (y-intercept).

Ex.:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x - 1$

Ex.:  $g(x) = -2x + 3$



|                | Function $f$   | Function $g$   |
|----------------|--|--|
| Domain         | $\mathbb{R}$   | $\mathbb{R}$   |
| Range          | $\mathbb{R}$   | $\mathbb{R}$   |
| Zero           | 2  | 1.5  |
| Initial value  | -1   | 3  |
| Sign           | $f(x) \leq 0$ if $x \leq 2$<br>$f(x) \geq 0$ if $x \geq 2$ | $f(x) \geq 0$ if $x \leq 1.5$<br>$f(x) \leq 0$ if $x \geq 1.5$ |
| Rate of change | $\frac{1}{2}$  | -2   |
| Variation      | increasing function  | decreasing function  |

- The function is **increasing** when the rate of change is **positive**.
- The function is **decreasing** when the rate of change is **negative**.

- 2.** A video game software company establishes that its monthly revenue corresponds to 30% of the amount of sales. The company's fixed monthly operating costs are \$12 000 and the company cannot sell for more than \$80 000 in one month.

- a) What is the rule which gives the net revenue  $y$  as a function of the amount  $x$  of sales?  $y = 0.3x - 12\,000$

- b) Represent the function in the Cartesian plane.

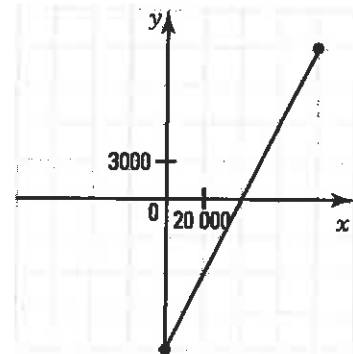
- c) Determine for this function

1. the domain.  $[0, 80\,000]$       2. the range.  $[-12\,000, 12\,000]$

- d) Determine and interpret

1. the zero of the function. \$40 000. Amount of sales to have a zero net revenue.

2. the initial value of the function. \$ -12 000. For zero sales, the loss is \$12 000.



e) Study the sign of this function.  $f(x) \leq 0$  over  $[0, 40\,000]$ ;  $f(x) \geq 0$  over  $[40\,000, 80\,000]$ .

f) Study the variation of this function.  $f \nearrow$  over  $[0, 80\,000]$ .

3. The graph of a linear function passes through the points A(3, 3) and B(5, -3). Determine the interval over which this function is positive.  $]-\infty, 4]$

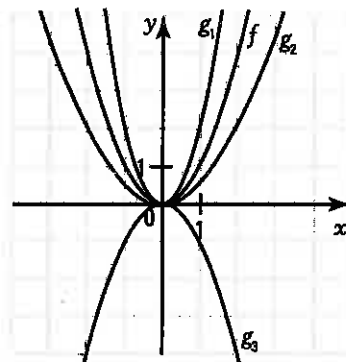
## ACTIVITY 5 Transformation of the basic quadratic function

The basic quadratic function  $f(x) = x^2$  can be transformed into a quadratic function with a rule of the form  $g(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$ .

- a) Consider the basic quadratic function  $f(x) = x^2$  and the quadratic function  $g(x) = ax^2$ .

Represent, in the same Cartesian plane, the functions  $g_1(x) = 2x^2$ ,  $g_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2$  and  $g_3(x) = -x^2$  and explain how to deduce the graph of  $g$  from the graph of  $f$  when

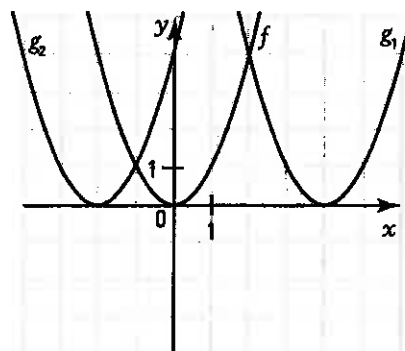
1.  $a > 1$ : by a vertical stretch.
2.  $0 < a < 1$ : by a vertical reduction.
3.  $a = -1$ : by a reflection about the  $x$ -axis.



- b) Consider the basic quadratic function  $f(x) = x^2$  and the function  $g(x) = (x - h)^2$ .

Represent, in the same Cartesian plane, the functions  $g_1(x) = (x - 4)^2$  and  $g_2(x) = (x + 2)^2$  and explain how to deduce the graph of  $g$  from the graph of  $f$  when

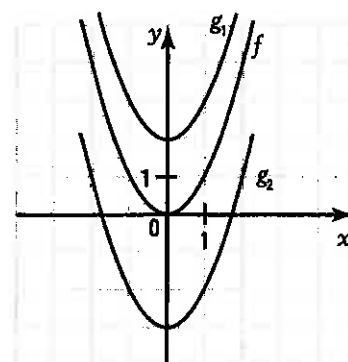
1.  $h > 0$ : by a horizontal translation to the right.
2.  $h < 0$ : by a horizontal translation to the left.



- c) Consider the basic quadratic function  $f(x) = x^2$  and the quadratic function  $g(x) = x^2 + k$ .

Represent, in the same Cartesian plane, the functions  $g_1(x) = x^2 + 2$  and  $g_2(x) = x^2 - 3$  and explain how to deduce the graph of  $g$  from the graph of  $f$  when

1.  $k > 0$ : by a vertical translation upward.
2.  $k < 0$ : by a vertical translation downward.



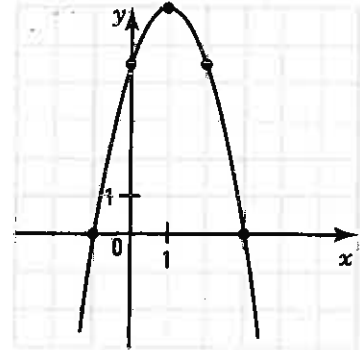
## ACTIVITY 6 Study of a quadratic function (standard form)

Consider the function  $f$  given by the rule  $y = -1.5(x - 1)^2 + 6$ .

a) Represent this function in the Cartesian plane.

b) Determine

1.  $\text{dom } f = \mathbb{R}$       2.  $\text{ran } f = ]-\infty, 6]$
3. the zeros of  $f$ . -1 and 3      4. the initial value of  $f$ . 4.5
5. the sign of  $f$ .  $f(x) \geq 0$  over  $x \in [-1, 3]$ ;  
 $f(x) \leq 0$  over  $x \in ]-\infty, -1] \cup [3, +\infty[$
6. the variation of  $f$ .  $f \nearrow$  over  $x \in ]-\infty, 1]$ ;  
 $f \searrow$  over  $x \in [1, +\infty[$
7. the extrema of  $f$ .  $\max f = 6$



## ACTIVITY 7 Study of a quadratic function (general form)

Consider the function  $f$  given by the rule  $y = x^2 - 2x - 3$ .

a) Is the parabola representing  $f$  open upward or downward?

Upward,  $a > 0$ .

b) What are the coordinates of the vertex?  $V(1, -4)$

c) Determine the zeros of the function  $f$ .  $x_1 = -1$  and  $x_2 = 3$

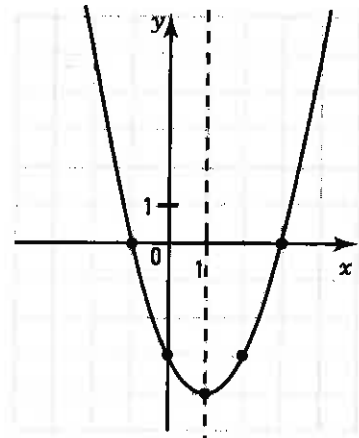
d) What is the initial value of  $f$ ? -3

e) What is the equation of the axis of symmetry?  $x = 1$

f) Represent this function in the Cartesian plane.

g) Determine:

1.  $\text{dom } f = \mathbb{R}$       2.  $\text{ran } f = [-4, +\infty[$
3. the sign of  $f$ .  $f(x) \geq 0$  over  $x \in ]-\infty, -1] \cup [3, +\infty[$ ;  $f(x) \leq 0$  over  $x \in [-1, 3]$
4. the variation of  $f$ .  $f \searrow$  over  $x \in ]-\infty, 1]$ ;  $f \nearrow$  over  $x \in [1, +\infty[$
5. the extrema of  $f$ .  $\min f = -4$



## QUADRATIC FUNCTION

### Standard form

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



### General form

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

- Vertex:  $V(h, k)$
- Axis of symmetry:  $x = h$
- Zeros:  $h \pm \sqrt{-\frac{k}{a}}$

- Vertex:  $\left(-\frac{b}{2a}, \frac{4ac - b^2}{4a}\right)$
- Axis of symmetry:  $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$
- Zeros:  $\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$
- y-intercept:  $c$

### Factored form

$$f(x) = a(x - x_1)(x - x_2)$$

- Zeros:  $x_1$  and  $x_2$
- Axis of symmetry:  $x = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$

4. Determine the domain and range of the following functions.

a)  $f(x) = -3(x - 2)^2 + 5$

$\text{dom } f = \mathbb{R}$

$\text{ran } f = ]-\infty, 5]$

b)  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 4x - 9$

$\text{dom } f = \mathbb{R}$

$\text{ran } f = [-11, +\infty[$

5. Determine the zeros of the function  $f(x) = -3(x + 1)^2 + 12$ .  $x_1 = -3$  and  $x_2 = 1$

6. Determine the y-intercept of  $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(x + 4)^2 + 9$ .  $y = 1$

7. Determine over what interval the function  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 5x - 3$  is positive.

$f(x) \geq 0$  over  $]-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}] \cup [3, +\infty[$

8. Determine over what interval the function  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 6x - 5$  is increasing.  $[-1, +\infty[$

9. Determine the extrema of the function  $f(x) = -2x^2 + 12x - 7$ .  $\max f = 11$

10. What is the axis of symmetry of the function  $f(x) = -\frac{1}{4}x^2 + 3x + 1$ ?  $x = 6$

11. Determine the values of  $x$  for which the function  $f(x) = -3(x + 4)^2 + 5$  is equal to  $-7$ .

$x = -6$  or  $x = -2$

12. Find the rule of the quadratic function represented by a parabola with a vertex at  $V(-1, 5)$  and passing through the point  $P(1, 3)$ .

$y = -\frac{1}{2}(x + 1)^2 + 5$

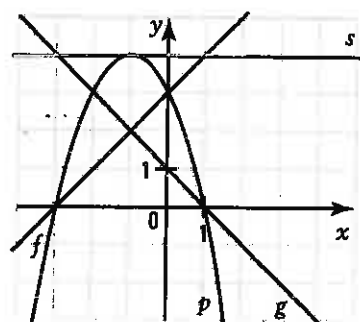
- 13.** Consider the functions  $f(x) = x + 3$  and  $g(x) = -x + 1$  represented on the right.

a) Represent the function  $s$  given that  $s(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ .

$$s(x) = 4$$

b) Represent the function  $p$  given that  $p(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$ .

$$p(x) = -x^2 - 2x + 3$$



- 14.** A stone is thrown upward from the top of a seaside cliff. The function which gives the stone's height  $h$  (in m) above sea level as a function of time  $t$  (in sec) since it was thrown has the rule:  
 $h = -t^2 + 12t + 160$ .

Find the interval of time over which the height of the stone is at least 180 m above sea level.

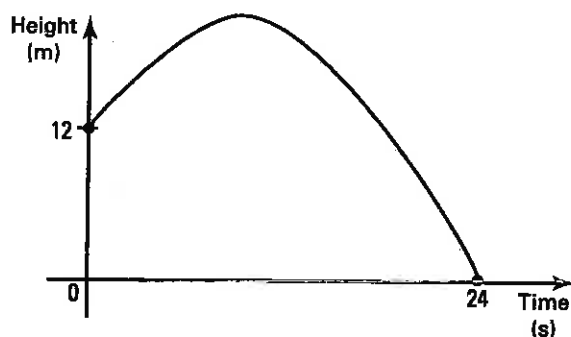
*Between the instants  $t = 2$  and  $t = 10$  seconds after it was thrown.*

- 15.** The height  $h$ , in metres, of a diver relative to the water level is described by the rule  
 $h = \frac{1}{2}t^2 - 6t + 10$  where  $t$  represents the elapsed time, in seconds, since the start of the dive.  
 How long did the diver remain underwater?

*During 8 seconds.*

- 16.** A projectile is thrown upward from a height of 12 m. After 10 seconds, it reaches its maximum height and after 24 seconds, it hits the ground. Knowing that its trajectory follows the rule of a quadratic function, find the elapsed time between the moment it reaches a height of 6.5 m, on its descent, and the time when it hits the ground.

$$y = -\frac{1}{8}(x + 4)(x - 24).$$



*It reaches, on its descent, a height of 6.5 m at the instant  $t = 22$  sec. The elapsed time is therefore 2 sec.*

## 3.3 Absolute value function

### ACTIVITY 1 Absolute value of a real number

On a winter day, the temperature (in °C), recorded at noon, has an absolute value of 5.

- a) What is the recorded temperature that day if the temperature is:  
 1. above 0 °C? 5 °C      2. below 0 °C? -5 °C
- b) We represent the absolute value of a number  $x$  by  $|x|$ . Determine:  
 1.  $|+10| = \underline{10}$       2.  $|-10| = \underline{10}$       3.  $|0| = \underline{0}$
- c) Is it true to say that two opposite numbers have the same absolute value? Yes

#### ABSOLUTE VALUE OF A REAL NUMBER

The **absolute value** of a real number  $a$ , written  $|a|$ , is defined by:

$$|a| = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } a \geq 0 \\ -a & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases}$$

Ex.:  $|+4| = 4$ ;  $|-3| = 3$ ;  $|0| = 0$ .

Note that the absolute value of a real number is never negative.

1. Determine the following absolute values.

- a)  $|+8| = \underline{8}$       b)  $|-4.7| = \underline{4.7}$       c)  $|0| = \underline{0}$       d)  $|\pi| = \underline{\pi}$   
 e)  $|-6.53| = \underline{6.53}$       f)  $|+\frac{3}{4}| = \underline{\frac{3}{4}}$       g)  $|\frac{-2}{3}| = \underline{\frac{2}{3}}$       h)  $|\frac{-5}{18}| = \underline{\frac{5}{18}}$

### ACTIVITY 2 Properties

Consider a real number  $a$  and a non-zero real number  $b$ . Answer true or false.

- a)  $|a| \geq 0$  True      b)  $|a| = |-a|$  True  
 c)  $|a + b| = |a| + |b|$  False      d)  $|a - b| = |a| - |b|$  False  
 e)  $|a \cdot b| = |a| \cdot |b|$  True      f)  $|\frac{a}{b}| = \frac{|a|}{|b|}$  True



## PROPERTIES

For any real number  $a$  and any real number  $b$ , we have the following properties

- $|a| \geq 0$
  - $|a| = |-a|$
  - $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$
  - $|a - b| \geq |a| - |b|$
  - $|ab| = |a| \cdot |b|$
  - $\left| \frac{a}{b} \right| = \frac{|a|}{|b|} \quad (b \neq 0)$
- Ex.:  $|+5| \geq 0; \quad |-4| \geq 0$   
 $|4| = |-4|$   
 $|7 + (-2)| \leq |7| + |-2|$   
 $|5 - (-3)| \geq |5| - |-3|$   
 $|8 \times (-3)| = |8| \times |-3|$   
 $\left| \frac{-8}{2} \right| = \frac{|-8|}{|2|}$

**2.** Complete the following using the appropriate symbol  $=$ ,  $>$ ,  $<$ .

a)  $|x + 5| \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \geq 0$

**b)**  $|x - 3| \underline{=} |3 - x|$

c)  $|2(x - 1)| \underline{=} 2|x - 1|$

d)  $|7 - 12| \underline{>} |7| - |12|$

e)  $\left| \frac{x+2}{x-1} \right| = \left| \frac{x+2}{x-1} \right|$

f)  $|-6 + 9| \underline{<} |-6| + |9|$

### ACTIVITY 3 Absolute value equations

- a) Today's temperature  $x$ , in degrees Celsius, recorded at noon has an absolute value of 20. Determine this temperature if

1. it is warm. 20°      2. it is cold. -20°

- b) What are the solutions to the equation  $|x| = 20$ ? -20 and 20

- c) Consider the equation  $|x| = 0$ . What is the unique real number that verifies this equation? 0

- d)** Consider the equation  $|x| = -4$ . Is there a real number that verifies this equation? Justify your answer.

**No, since the absolute value of a real number is never negative.**

## ABSOLUTE VALUE EQUATIONS

The number of solutions to the equation:

$$|x| = k$$

depends on the sign of  $k$ .

If  $k > 0$

The equation has 2 solutions.

$$x = -k \text{ or } x = k$$

**Ex.:**  $|x| = 3$

$$S = \{-3, 3\}$$

If  $k = 0$

The equation has 1 solution.

$$x = 0$$

**Ex.:**  $|x| = 0$

$$S = \{0\}$$

If  $k < 0$

The equation has no solution.

**Ex.:**  $|x| = -5$

$$S = \emptyset$$

3. Solve the following equations.

a)  $|x| = 12$   
 $S = \{-12, 12\}$

b)  $|x| = -8$   
 $S = \emptyset$

c)  $|x + 5| = 0$   
 $S = \{-5\}$

d)  $|2x + 1| = 7$   
 $S = \{-4, 3\}$

e)  $\left|\frac{1}{2}x - 5\right| = 4$   
 $S = \{2, 18\}$

f)  $|6 - x| = -3$   
 $S = \emptyset$

4. Solve the following equations.

a)  $2|x - 5| - 4 = 0$   
 $S = \{3, 7\}$

b)  $-2|3x - 1| + 4 = -6$   
 $S = \left\{-\frac{4}{3}, 2\right\}$

c)  $12 - |6 - 2x| = 3$   
 $S = \left\{-\frac{3}{2}, \frac{15}{2}\right\}$

d)  $|x - 5| + 8 = 2$   
 $S = \emptyset$

e)  $-3|2x + 5| + 6 = 6$   
 $S = \left\{-\frac{5}{2}\right\}$

f)  $|4x - 5| + 6 = 9$   
 $S = \left\{\frac{1}{2}, 2\right\}$

## ACTIVITY 4 Absolute value inequalities

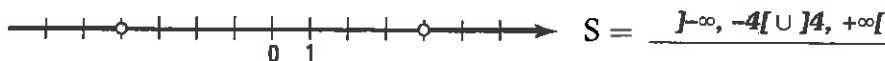
a) Consider the inequality  $|x| \leq 3$ .

On the real number line below, represent the set of all real numbers verifying this inequality and find the solution set.



b) Consider the inequality  $|x| > 4$ .

On the real number line below, represent the set of all real numbers verifying this inequality and find the solution set.



### ABSOLUTE VALUE INEQUALITIES

Given a positive real number  $k$ , we have:

$$|x| \leq k$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \geq -k \text{ and } x \leq k$$

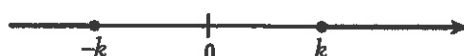


$$S = [-k, k]$$

Ex.: The inequality  $|x| \leq 5$  has the solution set:  $S = [-5, 5]$ .

$$|x| \geq k$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \leq -k \text{ or } x \geq k$$

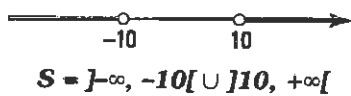


$$S = ]-\infty, -k] \cup [k, +\infty[$$

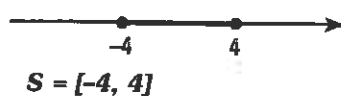
Ex.: The inequality  $|x| \geq 5$  has the solution set:  $S = ]-\infty, -5] \cup [5, +\infty[$ .

5. For each of the following inequalities, determine the solution set and represent it on the real number line.

a)  $|x| > 10$



b)  $|x| \leq 4$



c)  $|x| > -3$



d)  $|x| \leq -2$



e)  $|x| \geq 0$



f)  $|x| \leq 0$

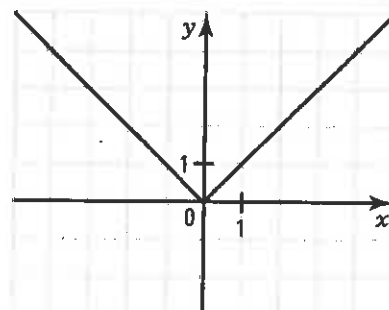


## ACTIVITY 5 Basic absolute value function

Consider the function  $f$  defined by the rule  $y = |x|$ .

a) Complete the following table of values.

|  |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |
|--|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
|  | -3 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|  | 3  | 2  | 1  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |



b) Represent the function  $f$  in the Cartesian plane.

c) Determine

- dom  $f$ .  $\mathbb{R}$
- ran  $f$ .  $\mathbb{R}_+$
- the zero of  $f$ .  $0$
- the initial value of  $f$ .  $0$
- the sign of  $f$ .  $f(x) \geq 0$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- the variation of  $f$ .  $f \nearrow$  over  $[0, +\infty[$ ;  $f \searrow$  over  $]-\infty, 0]$
- the extrema of  $f$ .  $\min f = 0$

### BASIC ABSOLUTE VALUE FUNCTION

- The function  $f$  defined by the rule:

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

is called the **basic absolute value function**.

- We have:

dom  $f = \mathbb{R}$

ran  $f = \mathbb{R}_+$

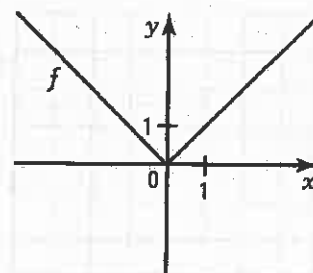
The zero of  $f$  is 0.

The initial value of  $f$  is 0.

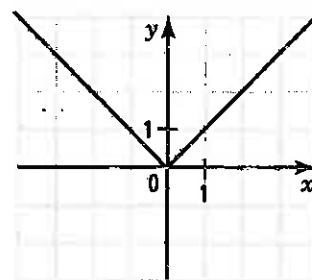
Sign of  $f$ :  $f(x) \geq 0$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Variation of  $f$ :  $f$  is increasing over  $\mathbb{R}_+$ ;  $f$  is decreasing over  $\mathbb{R}_-$ .

The function  $f$  has a minimum of 0.



6. Consider the basic absolute value function  $f(x) = |x|$  represented on the right.



- a) Using the graph, find the values of  $x$  for which the function  $f(x)$  is:

1. equal to 2.  $-2$  and  $2$
2. less than 2.  $x \in ]-2, 2[$
3. less than or equal to 2.  $x \in [-2, 2]$
4. greater than 2.  $x \in ]-\infty, -2[ \cup ]2, +\infty[$
5. greater than or equal to 2.  $x \in ]-\infty, -2] \cup [2, +\infty[$

- b) Using the graph, solve the following equations or inequalities:

1.  $|x| = 1$   $S = \{-1, 1\}$
2.  $|x| = 0$   $S = \{0\}$
3.  $|x| = -1$   $S = \emptyset$
4.  $|x| \leq 1$   $S = [-1, 1]$
5.  $|x| > 3$   $S = ]-\infty, -3[ \cup ]3, +\infty[$
6.  $|x| > -1$   $S = \mathbb{R}$

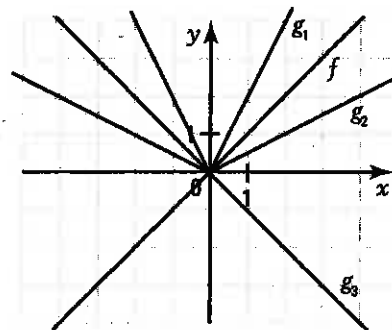
### ACTIVITY 6 Absolute value function $f(x) = a|b(x - h)| + k$

The basic absolute value function  $f(x) = |x|$  can be transformed into an absolute value function defined by the rule

$$g(x) = a|b(x - h)| + k$$

- a) Consider the basic absolute value function  $f(x) = |x|$  and the absolute value function  $g(x) = a|x|$ .

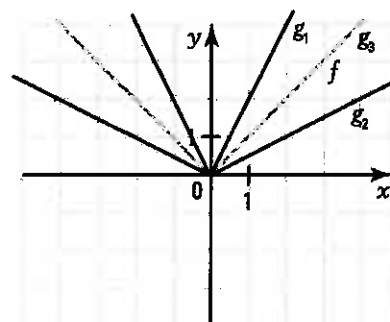
Represent, in the same Cartesian plane, the functions  $g_1(x) = 2|x|$ ,  $g_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}|x|$  and  $g_3(x) = -|x|$  and explain how to deduce the graph of  $g$  from the graph of  $f$  when



1.  $a > 1$ : by a vertical stretch.
2.  $0 < a < 1$ : by a vertical reduction.
3.  $a = -1$ : by a reflection about the x axis.
4. Complete: From the graph of  $f(x) = |x|$ , we obtain the graph of  $g(x) = a|x|$  by the transformation  $(x, y) \rightarrow$   $(x, ay)$
5. Is the graph of  $g(x) = a|x|$  open upward or downward when
  - 1)  $a > 0$ ? upward
  - 2)  $a < 0$ ? downward

- b) Consider the basic absolute value function  $f(x) = |x|$  and the absolute value function  $g(x) = |bx|$ .

Represent, in the same Cartesian plane, the functions  $g_1(x) = |2x|$ ,  $g_2(x) = |\frac{1}{2}x|$  and  $g_3(x) = |-x|$  and explain how to deduce the graph of  $g$  from the graph of  $f$  when



1.  $b > 1$ : by a horizontal reduction.
2.  $0 < b < 1$ : by a horizontal stretch.
3.  $b = -1$ : by a reflection about the y axis.

4. Complete: From the graph of  $f(x) = |x|$ , we obtain the graph of  $g(x) = |bx|$  by the transformation  $(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{b}, y\right)$

5. Compare the graphs of the functions  $y = 2|x|$  and  $y = |2x|$  obtained in a) and b). Justify your answer. **They are the same. In fact,  $|2x| = |2| \cdot |x| = 2|x|$ .**

6. Compare the graphs  $f(x) = |x|$  and  $f(x) = |-x|$ . Justify your answer.

**They are the same. In fact,  $|x| = |-x|$ .**

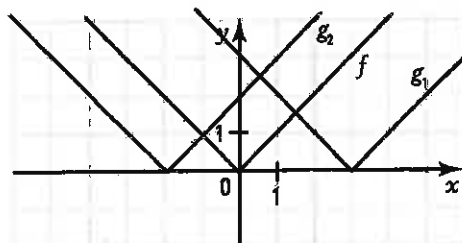
c) Consider the basic absolute value function  $f(x) = |x|$  and the absolute value function  $g(x) = |x - h|$ .

Represent, in the same Cartesian plane, the functions  $g_1(x) = |x - 3|$  and  $g_2(x) = |x + 2|$  and explain how to deduce the graph of  $g$  from the graph of  $f$  when

1.  $h > 0$ : **by a horizontal translation to the right.**

2.  $h < 0$ : **by a horizontal translation to the left.**

3. Complete: From the graph of  $f(x) = |x|$ , we obtain the graph of  $g(x) = |x - h|$  by the transformation  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x + h, y)$



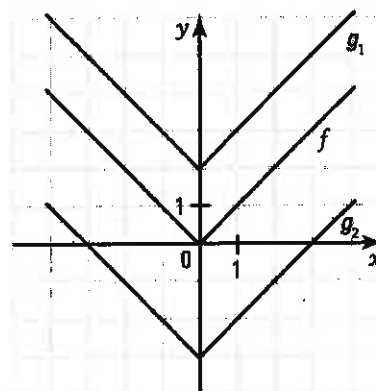
d) Consider the basic absolute value function  $f(x) = |x|$  and the absolute value function  $g(x) = |x| + k$ .

Represent, in the same Cartesian plane, the functions  $g_1(x) = |x| + 2$  and  $g_2(x) = |x| - 3$  and explain how to deduce the graph of  $g$  from the graph of  $f$  when

1.  $k > 0$ : **by a vertical translation upward.**

2.  $k < 0$ : **by a vertical translation downward.**

3. Complete: From the graph of  $f(x) = |x|$ , we obtain the graph of  $g(x) = |x| + k$  by the transformation  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, y + k)$ .

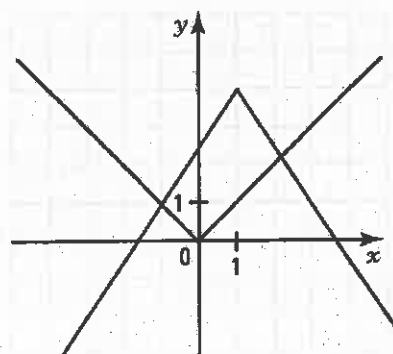


### ABSOLUTE VALUE FUNCTION $f(x) = a|b(x - h)| + k$

The graph of the function  $f(x) = a|b(x - h)| + k$  is deduced from the graph of the basic absolute value function  $y = |x|$  by the transformation:

$$(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{b} + h, ay + k\right)$$

Ex.: The graph of the function  $f(x) = -3\left|\frac{1}{2}(x - 1)\right| + 4$  is deduced from the graph of the basic absolute value function  $g(x) = |x|$  by the transformation  $(x, y) \rightarrow (2x + 1, -3y + 4)$



7. The following functions have a rule of the form  $f(x) = a|b(x - h)| + k$ .  
 $f_1(x) = 3|x|$ ,  $f_2(x) = |2x|$ ,  $f_3(x) = |x + 4|$ ,  $f_4(x) = |x| + 1$  and  $f_5(x) = 2|3(x - 1)| - 4$ .

Complete the table on the right by determining, for each function, the parameters  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $h$  and  $k$  and by giving the rule of the transformation which enables you to obtain the function from the basic absolute value function  $g(x) = |x|$ .

|                            | $a$ | $b$ | $h$ | $k$ | Rule  |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| $f_1(x) = 3 x $            | 3   | 1   | 0   | 0   | $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, 3y)$                              |
| $f_2(x) =  2x $            | 1   | 2   | 0   | 0   | $(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{2}, y\right)$          |
| $f_3(x) =  x + 4 $         | 1   | 1   | -4  | 0   | $(x, y) \rightarrow (x - 4, y)$                           |
| $f_4(x) =  x  + 1$         | 1   | 1   | 0   | 1   | $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, y + 1)$                           |
| $f_5(x) = 2 3(x - 1)  - 4$ | 2   | 3   | 1   | -4  | $(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{3} + 1, 2y - 4\right)$ |

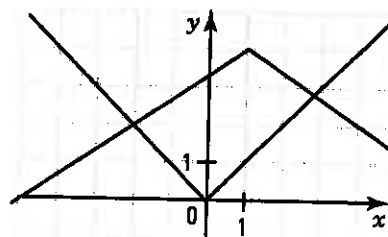
8. In each of the following cases, we apply a transformation to the basic absolute value function  $y = |x|$ . Find the rule of the function obtained by applying the given transformation.

- a)  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, -y)$   $y = -|x|$       b)  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x - 2, y + 4)$   $y = |x + 2| + 4$   
c)  $(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{2}, y\right)$   $y = |2x|$       d)  $(x, y) \rightarrow (5x, y)$   $y = \left|\frac{x}{5}\right|$   
e)  $(x, y) \rightarrow (3x, -7y)$   $y = -7\left|\frac{1}{3}x\right|$       f)  $(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{3} + 1, 2y - 4\right)$   $y = 2|3(x - 1)| - 4$

9. From the basic absolute value function and using the transformation  $(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{b} + h, ay + k\right)$ , represent the function

$$y = -2\left|\frac{1}{3}(x - 1)\right| + 4 \text{ in the Cartesian plane.}$$

For example,  $(1, 1) \rightarrow (4, 2)$

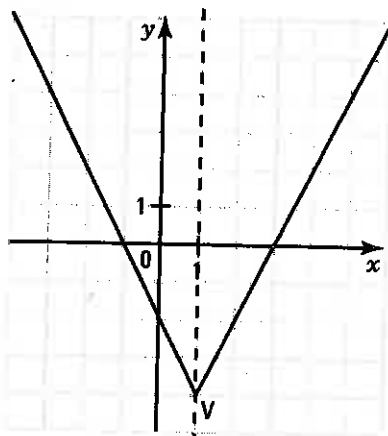


## ACTIVITY 7 Graphing the function $f(x) = a|b(x - h)| + k$

Consider the function  $f(x) = 4\left|-\frac{1}{2}(x - 1)\right| - 4$ .

- a) Identify the parameters  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $h$  and  $k$ .  
 $a = 4$ ,  $b = -\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $h = 1$  and  $k = -4$
- b) Is the graph open upward or downward? Justify your answer.  
Upward,  $a > 0$ .
- c) What are the coordinates of the vertex?  $V(1, -4)$
- d) Find the zeros of the function.  $-1 \text{ and } 3$
- e) Represent the function  $f$  in the Cartesian plane after completing the following table of values.

|     |    |    |   |
|-----|----|----|---|
| $x$ | -2 | 1  | 4 |
| $y$ | 2  | -4 | 2 |



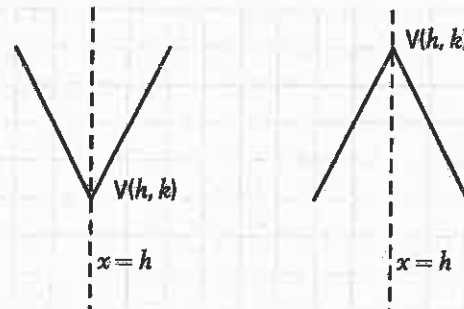
## GRAPH OF AN ABSOLUTE VALUE FUNCTION

Consider the absolute value function defined by the rule:

$$f(x) = a|b(x - h)| + k$$

- The graph is open:
  - upward if  $a > 0$ .
  - downward if  $a < 0$ .
- The graph has the vertex:  $V(h, k)$
- The graph has the following line as an axis of symmetry:

$$x = h$$



**10.** Write the rules of the following functions in the form  $y = a|x - h| + k$  and identify the parameters  $a$ ,  $h$  and  $k$ .

a)  $y = -2|3x + 3| + 5$

$y = -6|x + 1| + 5; a = -6, h = -1, k = 5$

b)  $y = 4|6 - 3x| + 5$

$y = 12|x - 2| + 5; a = 12, h = 2, k = 5$

c)  $y = -\frac{1}{2}|8x - 4| + 3$

$y = -4|x - \frac{1}{2}| + 3; a = -4, h = \frac{1}{2}, k = 3$

d)  $y = -\frac{5}{6}|4 - \frac{1}{5}x| + 3$

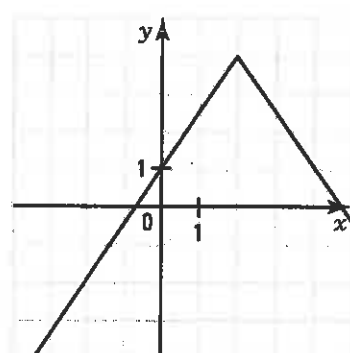
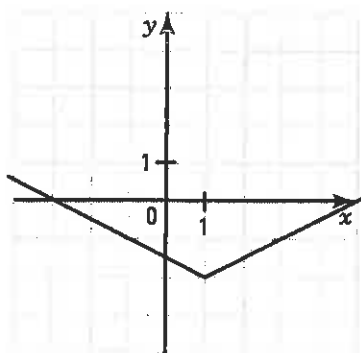
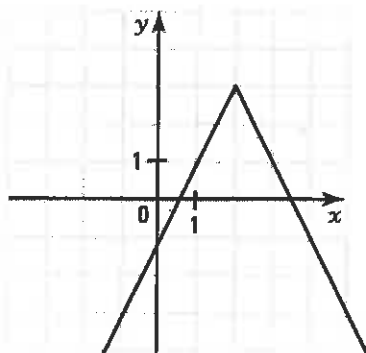
$y = -\frac{1}{6}|x - 20| + 3; a = -\frac{1}{6}, h = 20, k = 3$

**11.** Graph the following functions.

a)  $y = -2|x - 2| + 3$

b)  $y = \frac{1}{8}|4 - 4x| - 2$

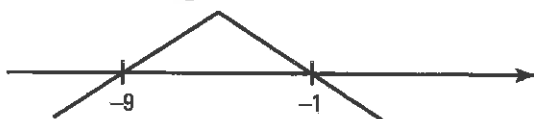
c)  $y = -\frac{1}{2}|3x - 6| + 4$



## ACTIVITY 8 Determining the sign of an absolute value function

Consider the absolute value function  $f(x) = -2|x + 5| + 8$ .

- What are the zeros of this function? **-9 and -1**
- Determine the sign of this function using a sketch.

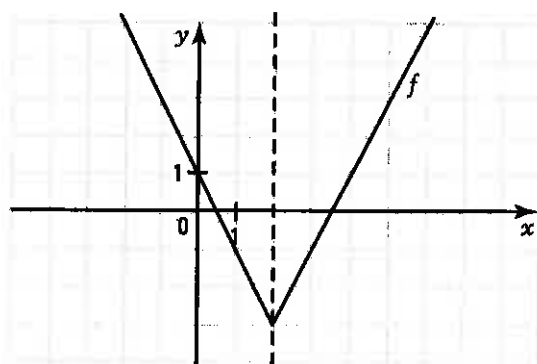


$$f(x) \geq 0 \text{ if } x \in [-9, -1] \text{ and } f(x) \leq 0 \text{ if } x \in ]-\infty, -9] \cup [-1, +\infty[$$

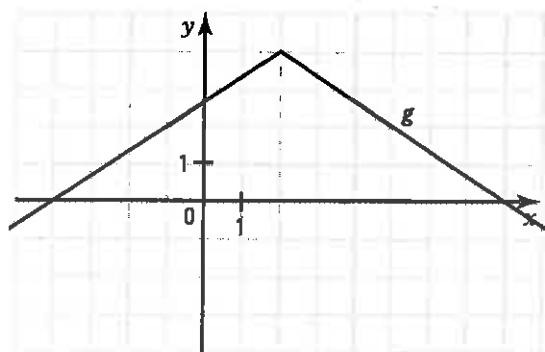
## ACTIVITY 9 Study of an absolute value function

Consider the functions  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}|8 - 4x| - 3$  and  $g(x) = -\frac{1}{3}|2x - 4| + 4$ .

- Write each of the rules in the form  $y = a|x - h| + k$  and represent the functions in the Cartesian plane.



$$f(x) = 2|x - 2| - 3$$



$$g(x) = -\frac{2}{3}|x - 2| + 4$$

- Do a study of each of the preceding functions and complete the table below.

| Properties    | $f$  | $g$  |
|---------------|--|--|
| Domain        | $\mathbb{R}$   | $\mathbb{R}$   |
| Range         | $[-3, +\infty[$  | $]-\infty, 4]$   |
| Zeros         | $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{7}{2}$  | <b>-4 and 8</b>  |
| Initial value | <b>1</b>   | $\frac{8}{3}$  |
| Sign          | $f(x) \geq 0$ over $]-\infty, \frac{1}{2}] \cup [\frac{7}{2}, +\infty[$<br>$f(x) \leq 0$ over $[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{7}{2}]$ | $f(x) \geq 0$ over <b><math>[-4, 8]</math></b><br>$f(x) \leq 0$ over $]-\infty, -4] \cup [8, +\infty[$ |
| Variation     | $f \searrow$ over $]-\infty, 2]$ ; $f \nearrow$ over $[2, +\infty[$  | $f \nearrow$ over $]-\infty, 2]$ ; $f \searrow$ over $[2, +\infty[$                                    |
| Extrema       | <b><math>\min f = -3</math></b>  | <b><math>\max f = 4</math></b>   |



## STUDY OF AN ABSOLUTE VALUE FUNCTION

Given the absolute value function:  $f(x) = a|b(x - h)| + k$ , we have:

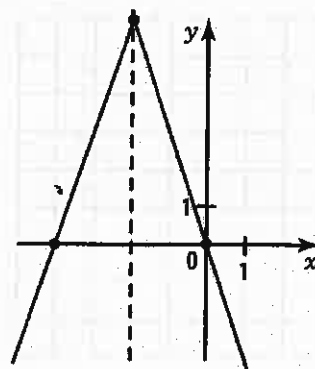
- $\text{dom } f = \mathbb{R}$ .
- $\text{ran } f = [k, +\infty[$  if  $a > 0$ ;  $]-\infty, k]$  if  $a < 0$ .
- The zero(s) of  $f$  exist if  $a$  and  $k$  are opposite signs or if  $k = 0$ .
- To study the sign of  $f$ ,
  - we find the zero(s) if they exist;
  - we establish the sign of  $f$  from a sketch of the graph.
- **Variation**  
 If  $a > 0$ ,  $f$  is decreasing over  $]-\infty, h]$ . If  $a < 0$ ,  $f$  is increasing over  $]-\infty, h]$ .  
 $f$  is increasing over  $[h, +\infty[$ .  $f$  is decreasing over  $[h, +\infty[$ .
- **Extrema**  
 If  $a > 0$ ,  $f$  has a minimum.  $\min f = k$ .  
 If  $a < 0$ ,  $f$  has a maximum.  $\max f = k$ .

Ex. Consider the function  $f(x) = -3|x + 2| + 6$ . ( $a = -3$ ,  $b = 1$ ,  $h = -2$ ,  $k = 6$ )

- Open downward,  $a < 0$ .
- Vertex:  $V(-2, 6)$ .
- Axis of symmetry:  $x = -2$ .
- Zeros:  $-3|x + 2| + 6 = 0$   
 $|x + 2| = 2$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{ll} x + 2 = -2 & \text{or } x + 2 = 2 \\ x = -4 & \text{or } x = 0 \end{array}$$

- Initial value:  $y = 0$ .
- $\text{dom } f = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\text{ran } f = ]-\infty, 6]$
- Sign of  $f$ :  $f(x) \geq 0$  over  $[-4, 0]$ ;  $f(x) \leq 0$  over  $]-\infty, -4] \cup [0, +\infty[$ .
- Variation of  $f$ :  $f$  is increasing over  $]-\infty, -2]$ ;  $f$  is decreasing over  $[-2, +\infty[$ .
- $\max f = 6$ .



### 12. Represent the graph and do a study of the function

$$f(x) = -\frac{1}{4}|2(x - 1)| + 2.$$

$$\text{dom} = \mathbb{R}; \quad \text{ran} = ]-\infty, 2].$$

Zeros: -3 and 5.

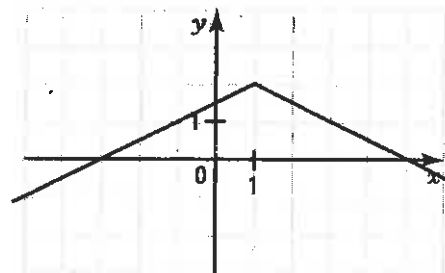
Initial value: 1.5.

Sign:  $f(x) \geq 0$  over  $[-3, 5]$ .

$f(x) < 0$  over  $]-\infty, -3] \cup [5, +\infty[$ .

Variation:  $f \nearrow$  over  $]-\infty, 1]$ ;  $f \searrow$  over  $[1, +\infty[$ .

Extrema:  $\max = 2$



**13.** Determine the domain and range of each of the following functions.

a)  $y = -2|x + 5| - 1$

$\text{dom} = \mathbb{R}, \text{ran} = ]-\infty, -1]$

b)  $y = \frac{1}{4}|-2(x - 1)| + 5$

$\text{dom} = \mathbb{R}, \text{ran} = [5, +\infty[$

**14.** Determine the zeros of the following functions.

a)  $y = 3|x - 5| - 6$  3 and 7

b)  $y = -\frac{1}{2}|6 - 3x| + 4$   $-\frac{2}{3}$  and  $\frac{14}{3}$

c)  $y = 4|2x + 1| + 8$  No zero

d)  $y = -5|6 - x|$  6

**15.** Consider the linear function  $f(x) = 2x - 3$  and the absolute value function  $g(x) = 3|3x + 5| - 4$ . Determine the initial value of the composite

a)  $g \circ f$ : 8

b)  $f \circ g$ : 19

**16.** Determine the interval over which each of the following functions is positive.

a)  $y = -\frac{1}{3}|x - 5| + 2$

$f(x) \geq 0$  over  $[-1, 11]$

b)  $y = 2|3 - 2x| - 4$

$f(x) \geq 0$  over  $]-\infty, \frac{1}{2}] \cup [\frac{5}{2}, +\infty[$

c)  $y = \frac{3}{4}|-2x + 4| - 3$

$f(x) \geq 0$  over  $]-\infty, 0] \cup [4, +\infty[$

d)  $y = 3|x - 5| + 6$

$f(x) \geq 0$  over  $\mathbb{R}$

**17.** Determine the interval over which each of the following functions is increasing.

a)  $y = 5|6 - 4x| + 2$

$f$  is over  $[\frac{3}{2}, +\infty[$

b)  $y = -3|2x + 4| + 5$

$f$  is over  $]-\infty, -2]$

**18.** Determine the solution set to each of the following inequalities.

a)  $|x - 5| > 3$

$S = ]-\infty, 2[ \cup ]8, +\infty[$

b)  $|6 - x| \leq 1$

$S = [5, 7]$

c)  $|3x - 2| \geq 4$

$S = ]-\infty, -\frac{2}{3}] \cup [2, +\infty[$

d)  $|2x + 5| \leq 0$

$S = \left\{-\frac{5}{2}\right\}$

e)  $-2|x + 1| + 5 > -5$

$S = ]-6, 4[$

f)  $3|2 - x| + 4 > 1$

$S = \mathbb{R}$

g)  $6 - 3|x - 1| \leq 0$

$S = ]-\infty, -1] \cup [3, +\infty[$

h)  $-|2x - 1| + 5 > 0$

$S = ]-2, 3[$

i)  $\left|\frac{x}{2} - 1\right| > 0$

$S = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{2\}$

**19.** Study each of the following functions and complete the following table.

|                          | $f(x) = -2 x - 1  + 4$  | $f(x) = 3 x + 2  - 6$   | $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} x - 4  + 3$                                      | $f(x) = -3 5 - x $   |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Dom $f$                  | $\mathbb{R}$  | $\mathbb{R}$  | $\mathbb{R}$   | $\mathbb{R}$   |
| Ran $f$                  | $]-\infty, 4]$  | $[-6, +\infty[$   | $[3, +\infty[$   | $]-\infty, 0]$   |
| Zero(s)<br>if they exist | -1 and 3  | -4 and 0  | None   | 5  |
| Initial value            | 2   | 0   | 5  | -15  |
| Sign                     | $f(x) \geq 0$ over $[-1, 3]$<br>$f(x) < 0$ over $]-\infty, -1[ \cup ]3, +\infty[$ | $f(x) \geq 0$ over $]-\infty, -4] \cup [0, +\infty[$<br>$f(x) < 0$ over $]-4, 0[$ | $f(x) \geq 0$ over $\mathbb{R}$<br>$f(x) < 0$ never                  | $f(x) \geq 0$ over $\{5\}$<br>$f(x) < 0$ over $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{5\}$ |
| Variation                | $f \nearrow$ over $]-\infty, 1]$<br>$f \searrow$ over $[1, +\infty[$              | $f \nearrow$ over $]-2, +\infty[$<br>$f \searrow$ over $]-\infty, -2]$            | $f \nearrow$ over $[4, +\infty[$<br>$f \searrow$ over $]-\infty, 4]$ | $f \nearrow$ over $]-\infty, 5]$<br>$f \searrow$ over $[5, +\infty[$       |
| Extrema                  | $\max = 4$  | $\min = -6$   | $\min = 3$   | $\max = 0$   |

## ACTIVITY 10 Finding the rule of an absolute value function

The rule of any absolute value function can be written in the form  $f(x) = a|x - h| + k$ .

- a) Consider the function  $f(x) = 3|-2(x - 5)| + 7$ .

Write the rule of this function in the form  $f(x) = a|x - h| + k$ .  $y = 6|x - 5| + 7$

- b) Consider the absolute value function with the vertex  $V(-2, 4)$  and passing through the point  $P(1, -2)$ .

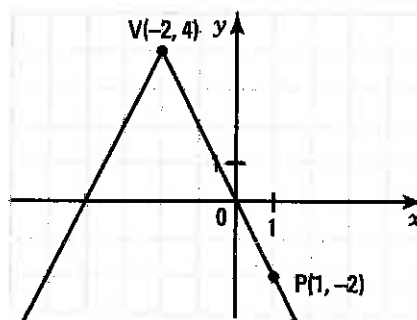
- Identify  $h$  and  $k$ .  $h = -2, k = 4$
- Determine  $a$  knowing that the coordinates of the point  $P(1, -2)$  verify the rule of the function.

We have:  $y = a|x + 2| + 4$

$$\underline{-2 = a|1 + 2| + 4}$$

$$\underline{-6 = 3a}$$

$$\underline{a = -2}$$



- What is the rule of the function?  $f(x) = -2|x + 2| + 4$

## FINDING THE RULE OF AN ABSOLUTE VALUE FUNCTION

The rule of any absolute value function can be written in the form:

$$f(x) = a|x - h| + k$$

**1st case: The vertex V and a point P are given.**

1. Identify the parameters  $h$  and  $k$ .

1.  $h = -1$  and  $k = 2$

$y = a|x + 1| + 2$

2. Find  $a$  after replacing  $x$  and  $y$  in the rule by the coordinates of the given point P.

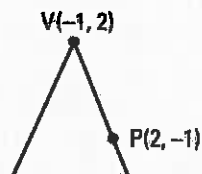
2.  $-1 = a|2 + 1| + 2$

$-1 = 3a + 2$

$a = -1$

3. Deduce the rule.

3.  $y = -|x + 1| + 2$



**2nd case: Three points, of which two have the same y-coordinate, are given.**

1. Identify  $h$  as half the sum of the  $x$ -coordinates of the points with the same  $y$ -coordinates.

1.  $h = \frac{(-6) + (-2)}{2} = -4$

2. Find the slope of the ray passing through two given points, and establish parameter  $a$  according to the opening of the graph.

2. Slope  $= \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{1}{2}$

$a = -\frac{1}{2}$  (open downward)

3. Find  $k$  after replacing  $x$  and  $y$  in the rule by the coordinates of one of the given points.

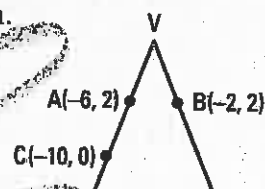
3.  $y = -\frac{1}{2}|x + 4| + k$

$2 = -\frac{1}{2}|-2 + 4| + k$

$k = 3$

4. Deduce the rule.

4.  $y = -\frac{1}{2}|x + 4| + 3$



**3rd case: Any three points are given.**

1. Find the slope of the ray passing through two given points, and establish parameter  $a$  according to the opening of the graph.

1. Slope  $= \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{3}{4}$

$a = -\frac{3}{4}$  (open downward)

2. Find the equation of each ray knowing that their slopes are opposite.

2.  $y_1 = \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{5}{4}$

$y_2 = -\frac{3}{4}x + \frac{11}{4}$

3. Find the coordinates  $(h, k)$  of the vertex V, which is the intersection of the two rays.

3.  $\frac{3}{4}x + \frac{5}{4} = -\frac{3}{4}x + \frac{11}{4}$

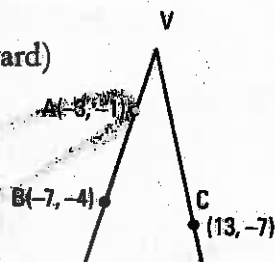
$6x = 6$

$x = 1 \Rightarrow y = 2$

Thus, V(1, 2)

4. Deduce the rule.

4.  $y = -\frac{3}{4}|x - 1| + 2$



**20.** Find the rule of an absolute value function whose graph

a) has the vertex  $V(3, 4)$  and passes through the point  $P(7, 6)$ .  $y = \frac{1}{2}|x - 3| + 4$

b) passes through the points  $A(2, -6)$ ,  $B(5, -8)$  and  $C(-4, -6)$ .  $y = -\frac{2}{3}|x + 1| - 4$

c) passes through the points  $A(1, -1)$ ,  $B(3, -5)$  and  $C(-4, -3)$ .  $y = -2|x + 1| + 3$

**21.** In order to draw the simulated trajectory of a toy airplane, Ethan uses the rule of an absolute value function that gives the airplane's height  $y$ , in metres, as a function of elapsed time  $x$ , in seconds. The rule of the function is  $y = -\frac{5}{4}|x - 8| + 10$ .

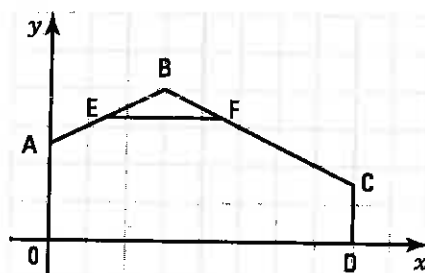
For how many seconds is the height of the airplane above 7 m? 4.8 seconds

**22.** In the Cartesian plane on the right, a view of an airplane hangar is represented with the roof of the hangar corresponding to an absolute value function given by the rule  $y = -\frac{1}{2}|x - 6| + 8$ .

a) What is the height of the wall  $AO$ ? 5 m

b) What is the height of the wall  $CD$  if the width of the hangar is equal to 16 m? 3 m

c) The ceiling  $EF$  is built at a height of 6.5 m. What is the width of the ceiling? 5.6 m

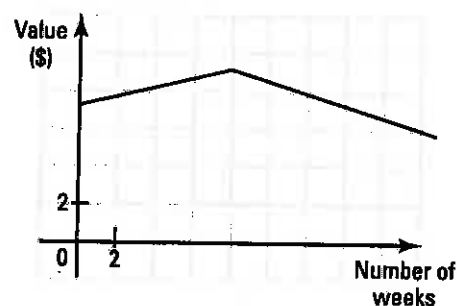


**23.** The graph on the right represents the evolution of a share's value on the stock market. Eight weeks after its purchase, the share reaches its maximum value of \$9. If it initially was worth \$7, what will it be worth after 13 weeks?

$$y = a|x - 8| + 9; 7 = 8a + 9; a = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{4}|x - 8| + 9.$$

It will be worth \$7.75.



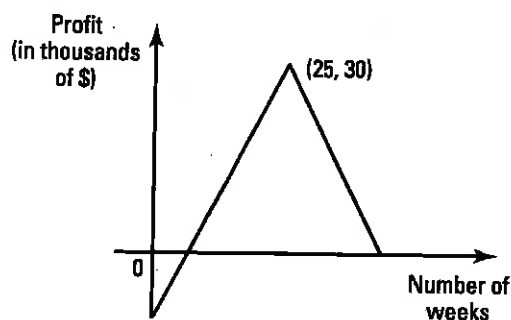
**24.** The graph on the right represents the profit of a recycling company during its first 40 weeks of operation.

During how many weeks was the profit greater than \$15 000?

$$y = -2|x - 25| + 30$$

$$-2|x - 25| + 30 = 15; x = 17.5 \text{ or } x = 32.5.$$

During 15 weeks.



- 25.** The air conditioning system in an office building has been programmed so that it turns on when the outside temperature reaches  $23^{\circ}\text{C}$  and turns off when it reaches  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

The outside temperature varies according to the rule of the absolute value function given by  $y = -3|x - 6| + 35$  where  $x$  represents the elapsed number of hours since 6 a.m. and  $y$  represents the outside temperature in  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

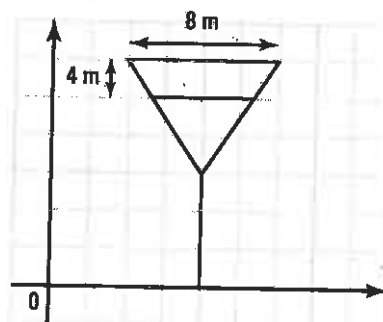
How many hours was the system on?

*It turns on at 8 a.m. and turns off at 5 p.m. The system is on during 9 hours.*

- 26.** The lateral view of a channelling system is represented in the Cartesian plane on the right, scaled in metres.

The walls of this system are represented by an absolute value function with the rule:  $y = 3|x - 8| + 12$ .

A filtering net is placed 4 m below the ceiling of the canal. If the width of the canal is 8 m, what is the width of the filtering net?



*When  $x = 12$ ,  $y = 24$ ;*

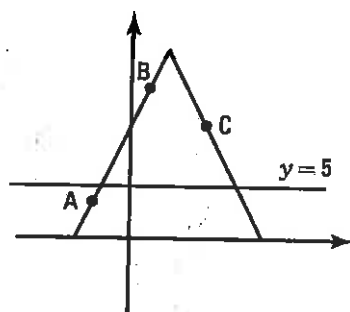
*When  $y = 20$ ,  $x = \frac{16}{3}$  or  $x = \frac{32}{3}$ . The width of the net is 5.33 m.*

- 27.** The graph on the right represents the front of a house. The base of the roof corresponds to the line  $y = 5$ .

The sides of the roof form the graph of an absolute value function passing through the points  $A(-2, 3)$ ,  $B(2, 13)$  and  $C(8, 8)$ .

What is the area of the triangle limited by the roof and the line?

*$y = -\frac{5}{2}|x - 4| + 18$ ; base =  $\frac{52}{5}$ ; height = 13.*



*The area of the triangle is  $67.6 \text{ u}^2$ .*

- 28.** A projectile is thrown from a height of 6 m and follows the trajectory of an absolute value function. It reaches a maximum height of 14 m after 4 seconds. Five seconds after reaching its maximum height, it bounces off a cement block and follows the trajectory of a quadratic function. If the maximum height of the second bounce is 8 m and occurs three seconds after bouncing off the cement block, when will the projectile hit the ground? (Round your answer to the nearest second).

*$y = -2|x - 4| + 14$ ,  $P(9, 4)$ ;  $y = -\frac{4}{9}(x - 12)^2 + 8$ ;*

*The projectile hits the ground at  $t = 16 \text{ s}$ .*

