

## Sec. 6.4 Horizontal Stretches and Compressions

**Horizontal Stretch** – if  $y = f(x)$  becomes  $y = f(ax)$  where  $0 < a < 1$

**Horizontal Compression** – if  $y = f(x)$  becomes  $y = f(ax)$  where  $a > 1$

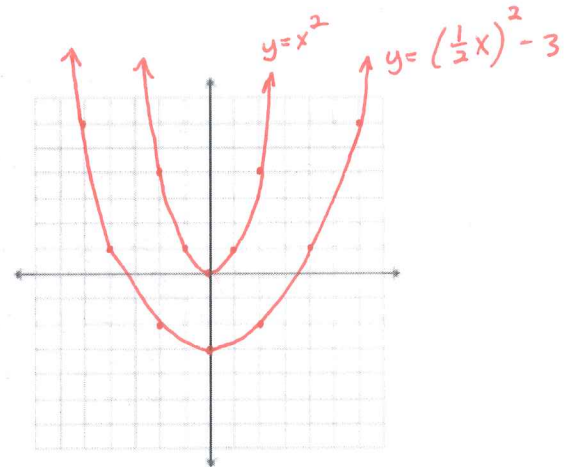
Ex. Graph  $f(x) = x^2$   
 $f(x) = 4x^2$   
 $f(x) = (2x)^2$

What do you notice about the graphs?

$f(x) = 4x^2$  and  $f(x) = (2x)^2$  are the same  
 Vertical Stretch                  Horizontal Compression

Ex. Tell what happened to  $y = \left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)^2 - 3$ . Then graph by hand using  $y = x^2$  as the transformation base.

HORIZONTAL STRETCH SF 2  
 VERTICAL TRANSLATION DOWN 3



Ex. What would the equation be if the graph of  $y = x^3$  is transformed by the following:

- a. Vertically translated down three units, horizontally stretched by a scale factor of 4 and reflected about the  $y$  – axis:

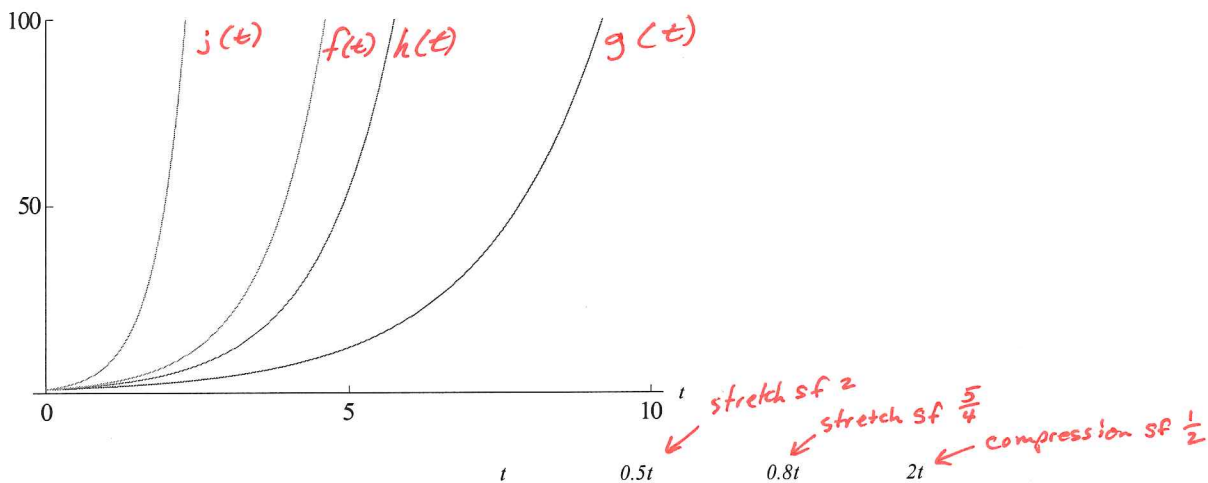
$$y = \left(-\frac{1}{4}x\right)^3 - 3$$

- b. Translated up 3 units, vertically stretched by a scale factor of 6 and compressed horizontally by a scale factor of  $1/7$ :

$$y = 6(7x)^3 + 3$$

- c. Shifted down 1 unit, reflected about the  $x$  – axis and compressed vertically by a scale factor of  $1/4$  and stretched horizontally by a scale factor of 6:

$$y = -\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{1}{6}x\right)^3 - 1$$

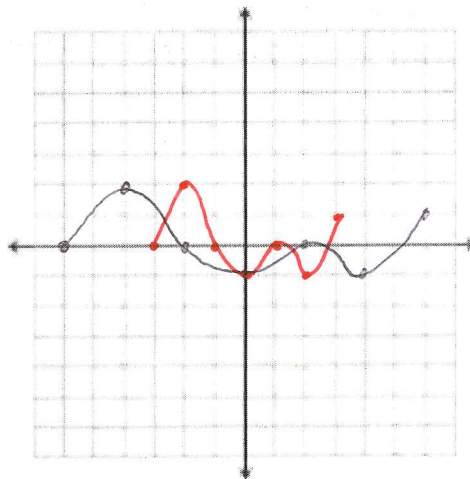


**Example:** Match the functions  $f(t) = e^t$ ,  $g(t) = e^{0.5t}$ ,  $h(t) = e^{0.8t}$ ,  $j(t) = e^{2t}$  with their graphs.

**Example:** The values of the function  $f(x)$  are shown in the table. Make table and a graph of the function  $g(x) = f\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)$ . How do the two graphs compare?

x	f(x)
-3	0
-2	2
-1	0
0	-1
1	0
2	-1
3	1

x	1/2x	f(x)
-6	-3	0
-4	-2	2
-2	-1	0
0	0	-1
2	1	0
4	2	-1
6	3	1



**Ex:** Write a formula for each of the transformations of  $f(x) = x^3 - 5$ :

a)  $y = f(2x)$   
 $y = (2x)^3 - 5$   
 $= 2^3 x^3 - 5$   
 $y = 8x^3 - 5$

b)  $y = 2f(x)$   
 $= 2(x^3 - 5)$   
 $y = 2x^3 - 10$

c)  $y = f\left(-\frac{1}{3}x\right)$   
 $y = \left(-\frac{1}{3}x\right)^3 - 5$   
 $= \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 x^3 - 5$   
 $y = -\frac{1}{27}x^3 - 5$

d)  $y = \frac{1}{5}f(3x)$   
 $y = \frac{1}{5}(3x)^3 - 5$   
 $= \frac{1}{5}(27x^3 - 5)$   
 $y = \frac{27}{5}x^3 - 1$

**Ex:** Write the formula for each of the transformations of  $Q(t) = 4e^{6t}$ :

a)  $y = Q\left(\frac{1}{3}t\right)$   
 $y = 4e^{6\left(\frac{1}{3}t\right)}$   
 $y = 4e^{2t}$

b)  $y = \frac{1}{3}Q(t)$   
 $\frac{1}{3}(4e^{6t})$   
 $y = \frac{4}{3}e^{6t}$

c)  $y = Q(2t) + 11$   
 $y = 4e^{6(2t)} + 11$   
 $y = 4e^{12t} + 11$

d)  $y = 7Q(t-3)$   
 $7(4e^{6(t-3)})$   
 $7(4e^{6t-18})$   
 $y = 28e^{6t-18}$