

**Transforming Piecewise Functions**

Transform piecewise functions by applying transformations to each piece of the function independently.

**\*Caution\***

**Example #1 Transforming Piecewise Functions**

Given  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2}x, & x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}x^2, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$  write the rule for  $g(x)$ , a vertical stretch by a factor of 3.

**Example #2**

Given  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+3 & x > 0 \\ 2x+3, & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$  write the rule for  $g(x)$ , a horizontal translation of  $f(x)$  4 units right.

**Check it Out! Example #1**

Given  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & x \leq 1 \\ x-3, & x > 1 \end{cases}$  write the rule for  $g(x)$ , a horizontal stretch of  $f(x)$  by a factor of 2.

**Check it Out! Example #2**

Given  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x-3, & x \leq 0 \\ 4x, & x > 0 \end{cases}$  write the rule each function described.

a.  $g(x)$ , a horizontal translation of  $f(x)$  6 units left

b.  $h(x)$ , a horizontal compression of  $f(x)$  by a factor of  $\frac{1}{4}$

c.  $p(x)$ , a vertical translation of  $f(x)$  3 units down

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When functions are transformed, the intercepts may or may not change. By identifying the transformations, you can determine the intercepts, which can help you graph a transformed function.

### Example #3 Identifying Intercepts

Identify the  $x$ - and  $y$ -intercepts of  $f(x)$ . Without graphing  $g(x)$ , identify its  $x$ - and  $y$ -intercepts.

$$(A) f(x) = -2x - 4; g(x) = f\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)$$

$$(B) f(x) = x^2 - 1; g(x) = f(-x)$$

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$$(A) f(x) = \frac{2}{3}x + 4; g(x) = -f(x)$$

$$(B) f(x) = x^2 - 9; g(x) = \frac{1}{3}f(x)$$

### Example #4 Problem Solving Application

Coco's Coffee charges different prices based on the number of pounds purchased. The pricing scale is modeled by the function below, where  $w$  is the weight in pounds purchased.

$$p(w) = \begin{cases} 9w, & 0 < w < 3 \\ 27 + 7.5(w - 3), & 3 \leq w < 6 \\ 49.5 + 6(w - 6), & w \geq 6 \end{cases}$$

Orders placed directly through the website are discounted by  $\frac{1}{3}$ , but a shipping fee of \$2.50 is added. Write a pricing function for orders placed through the website.