Exercise 65

For the following exercises, write an equation for the transformation of f(x) = |x|.



Solution

Notice that this graph of the absolute value function has not only been shifted to the right by 3 units and up by 3 units, but also has been reflected over the x-axis and vertically stretched by a factor of 3. Begin with the parent function.

|x|

Multiply it by -1 to reflect it over the x-axis.

-|x|

Multiply it by 3 to vertically stretch it by a factor of 3.

-3|x|

Replace x with x - 3 to shift the graph to the right by 3 units.

$$-3|x-3|$$

Add 3 to shift the graph up by 3 units.

y = -3|x - 3| + 3