Exercise 59

If g(x) is the transformation of f(x) = x after a vertical compression by $\frac{3}{4}$, a shift right by 2, and a shift down by 4

- (a) Write an equation for g(x).
- (b) What is the slope of this line?
- (c) Find the y-intercept of this line.

Solution

Start with the parent function,

$$f(x) = x$$
.

Multiply it by 3/4 to vertically compress it by 3/4.

$$\frac{3}{4}x$$

To shift it to the right by 2, replace x with x-2.

$$\frac{3}{4}(x-2)$$

Finally, to shift it down by 4, subtract 4 from it.

$$g(x) = \frac{3}{4}(x-2) - 4$$
$$= \frac{3}{4}x - \frac{3}{2} - 4$$
$$= \frac{3}{4}x - \frac{11}{2}$$

The slope of this line is 3/4, and the y-intercept is (0, -11/2).

