Chapter 1

Functions

1.1

Functions and Their Graphs

DEFINITION A **function** f from a set D to a set Y is a rule that assigns a *unique* (single) element $f(x) \in Y$ to each element $x \in D$.

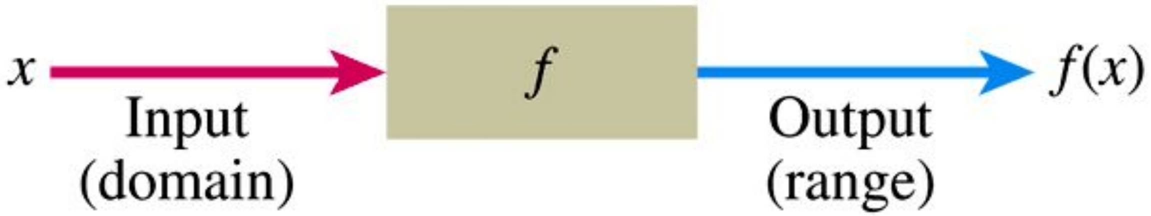


FIGURE 1.1 A diagram showing a function as a kind of machine.

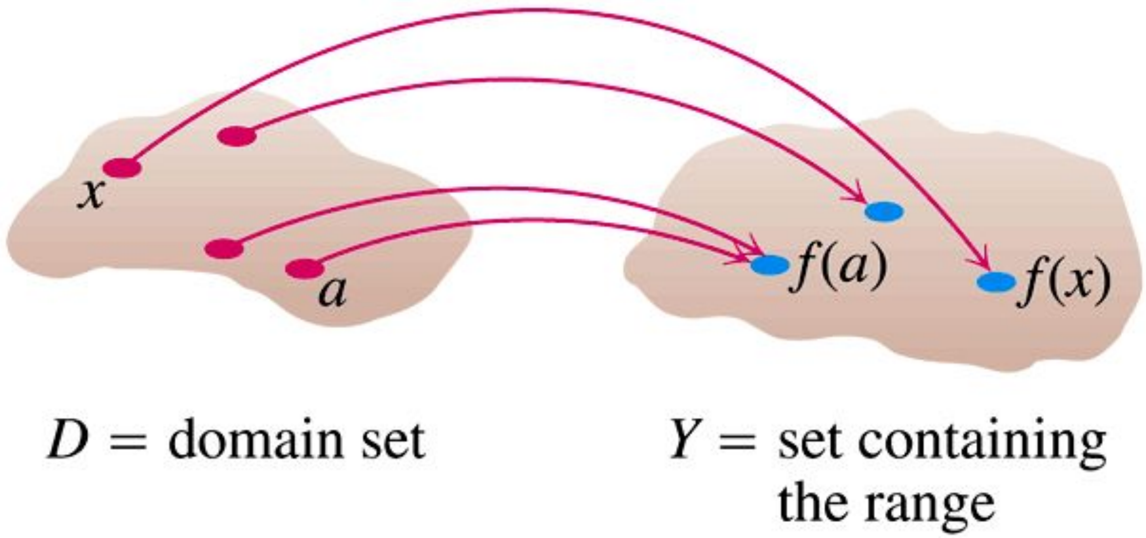


FIGURE 1.2 A function from a set D to a set Y assigns a unique element of Y to each element in D.

Function	**Domain (x)**	**Range (y)**
$y = x^2$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	$[0, \infty)$
$y = 1/x$	$(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$	$(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$
$y = \sqrt{x}$	$[0, \infty)$	$[0, \infty)$
$y = \sqrt{4 - x}$	$(-\infty, 4]$	$[0, \infty)$
$y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$	$[-1, 1]$	$[0, 1]$

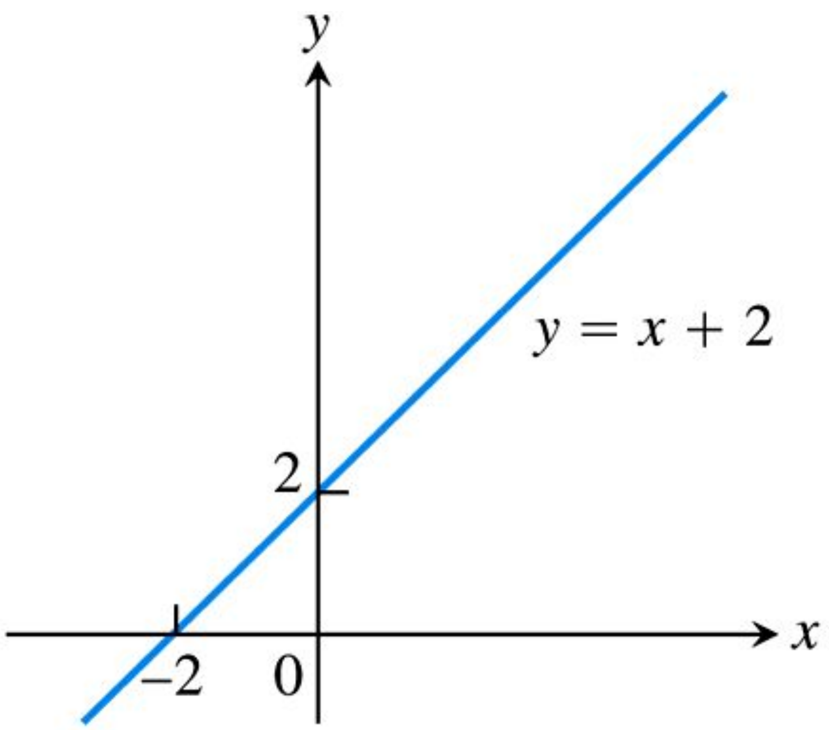


FIGURE 1.3 The graph of $f(x) = x + 2$ is the set of points (x, y) for which y has the value $x + 2$.

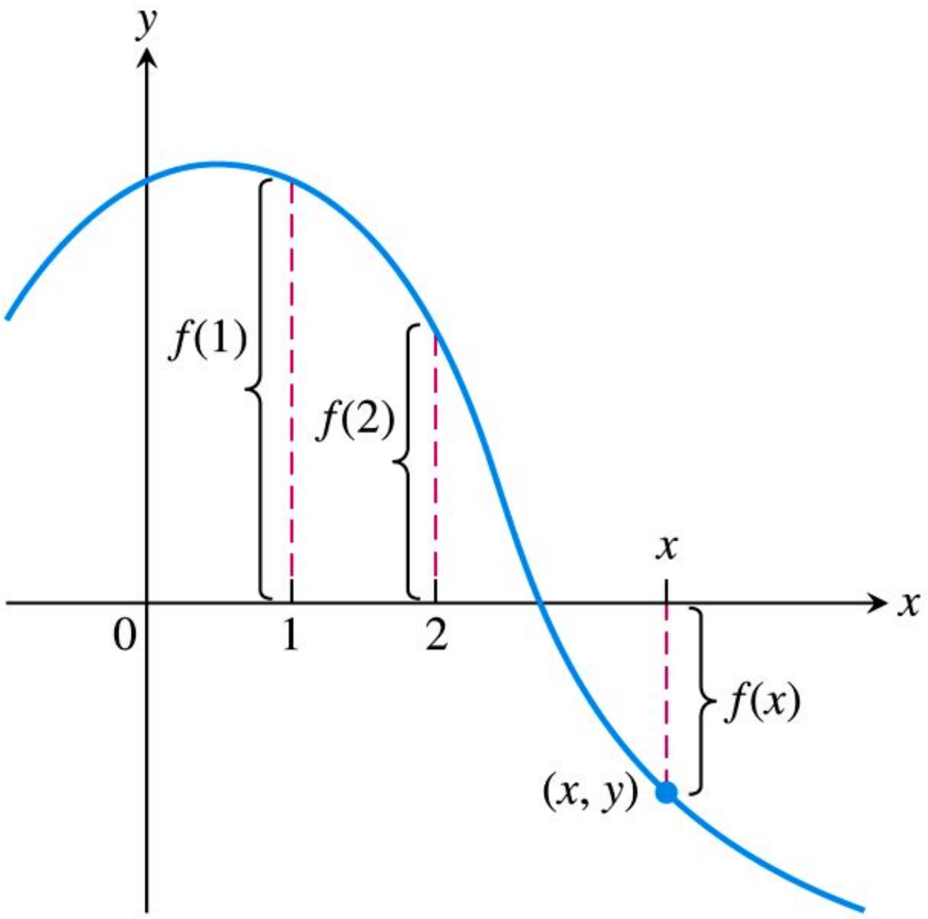


FIGURE 1.4 If (x, y) lies on the graph of f, then the value $y = f(x)$ is the height of the graph above the point x (or below x if $f(x)$ is negative).

x	$y = x^2$
-2	4
-1	1
0	0
1	1
$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{9}{4}$
2	4

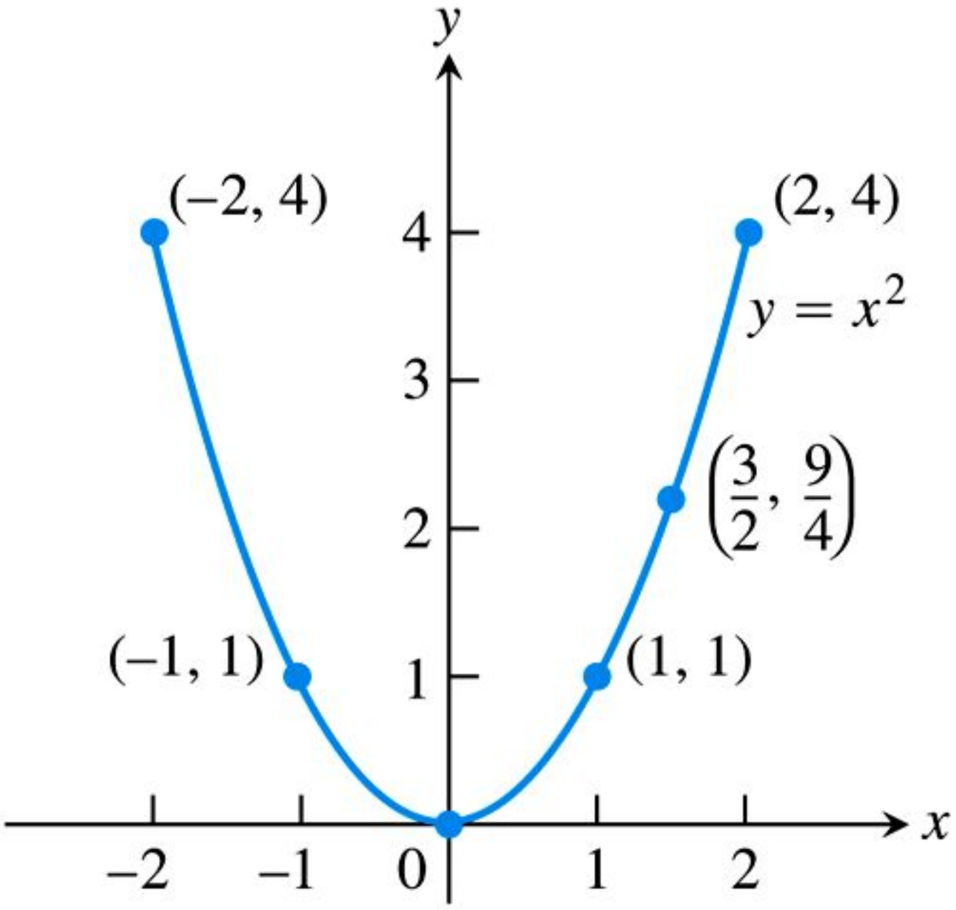


FIGURE 1.5 Graph of the function in Example 2.

TABLE 1.1 Tuning fork data

Time	Pressure	Time	Pressure
0.00091	−0.080	0.00362	0.217
0.00108	0.200	0.00379	0.480
0.00125	0.480	0.00398	0.681
0.00144	0.693	0.00416	0.810
0.00162	0.816	0.00435	0.827
0.00180	0.844	0.00453	0.749
0.00198	0.771	0.00471	0.581
0.00216	0.603	0.00489	0.346
0.00234	0.368	0.00507	0.077
0.00253	0.099	0.00525	−0.164
0.00271	−0.141	0.00543	−0.320
0.00289	−0.309	0.00562	−0.354
0.00307	−0.348	0.00579	−0.248
0.00325	−0.248	0.00598	−0.035
0.00344	−0.041		

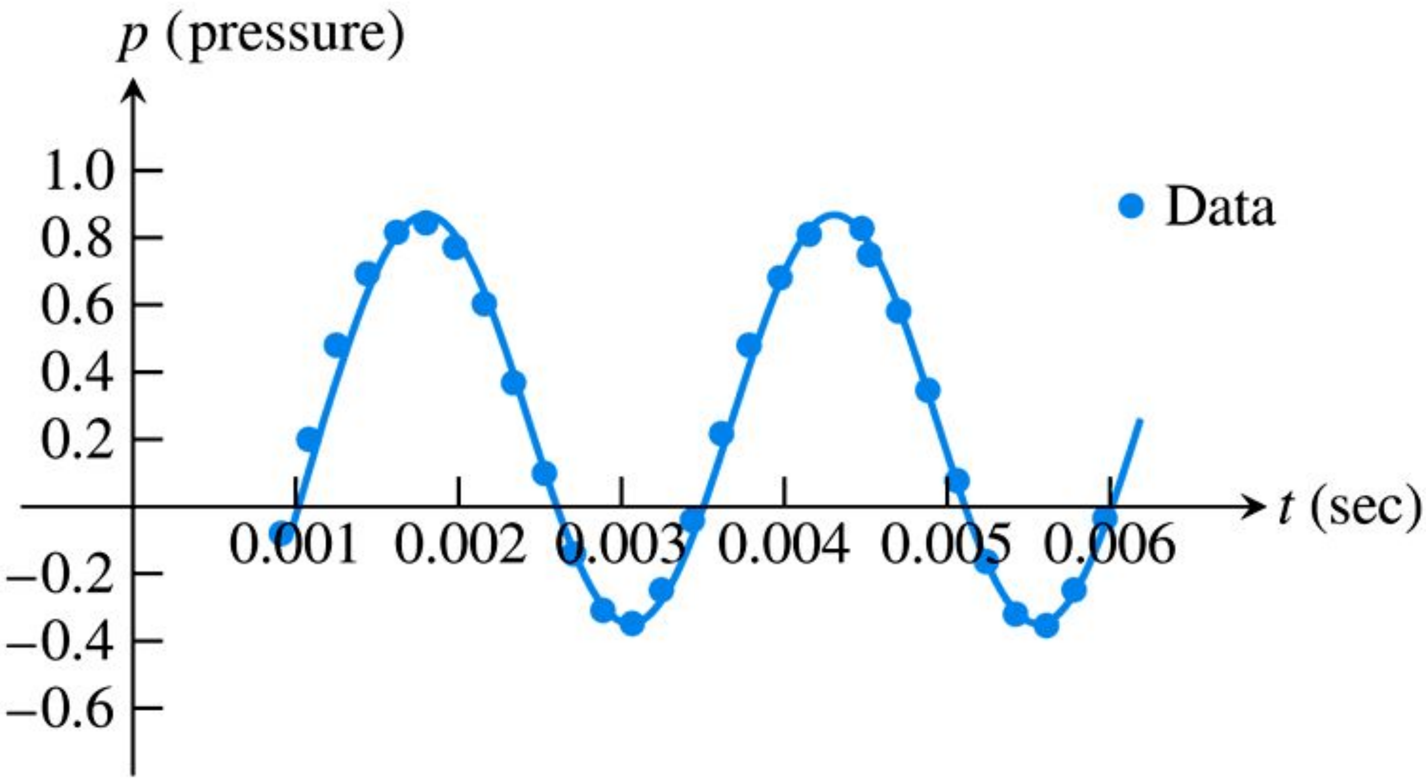


FIGURE 1.6 A smooth curve through the plotted points gives a graph of the pressure function represented by Table 1.1 (Example 3).

Piecewise-Defined Functions

Sometimes a function is described in pieces by using different formulas on different parts of its domain.

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x, & x \geq 0 \quad \text{First formula} \\ -x, & x < 0 \quad \text{Second formula} \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -x, & x < 0 \quad \text{First formula} \\ x^2, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad \text{Second formula} \\ 1, & x > 1 \quad \text{Third formula} \end{cases}$$

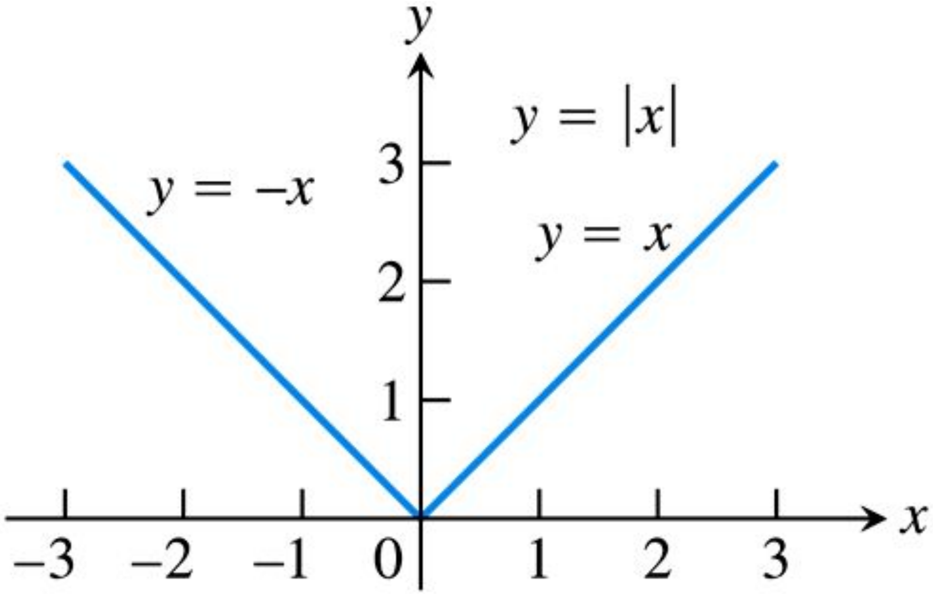


FIGURE 1.8 The absolute value function has domain $(-\infty, \infty)$ and range $[0, \infty)$.

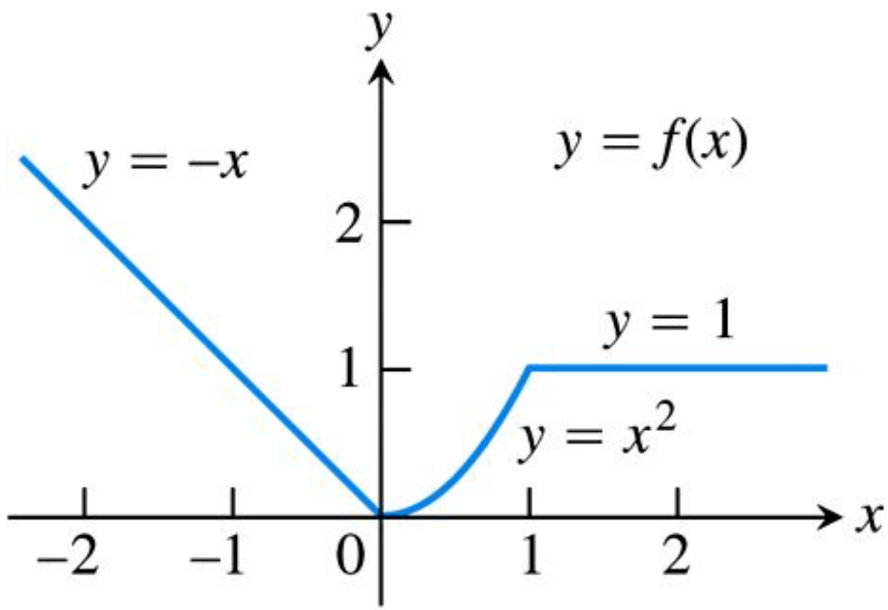


FIGURE 1.9 To graph the function $y = f(x)$ shown here, we apply different formulas to different parts of its domain (Example 4).

DEFINITIONS Let f be a function defined on an interval I and let x_1 and x_2 be any two points in I.

1. If $f(x_2) > f(x_1)$ whenever $x_1 < x_2$, then f is said to be **increasing** on I.
2. If $f(x_2) < f(x_1)$ whenever $x_1 < x_2$, then f is said to be **decreasing** on I.

DEFINITIONS A function $y = f(x)$ is an

even function of $\boldsymbol{x}$ if $f(-x) = f(x)$,

odd function of $\boldsymbol{x}$ if $f(-x) = -f(x)$,

for every x in the function's domain.

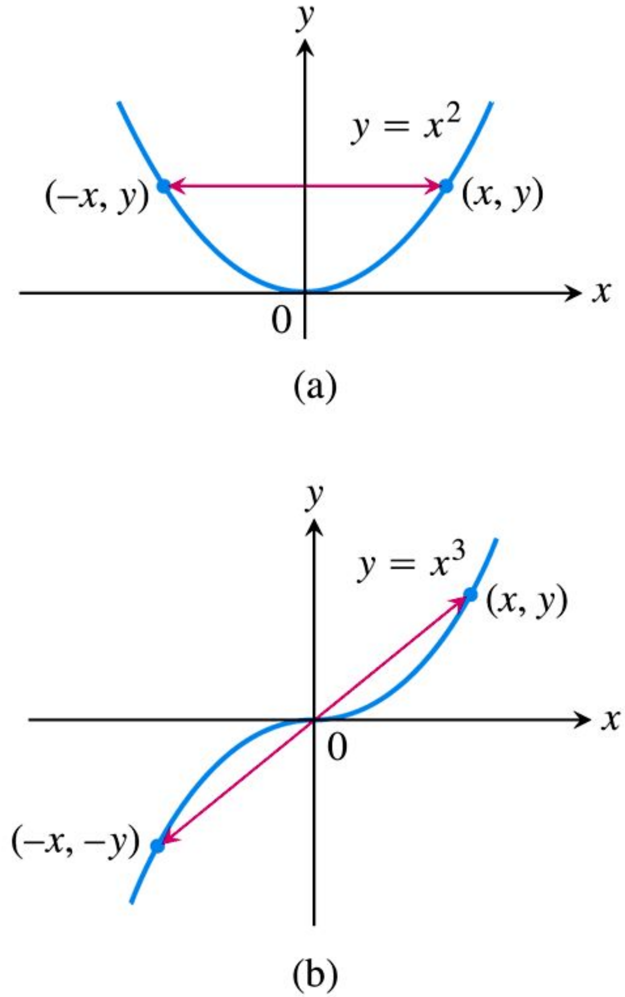


FIGURE 1.12 (a) The graph of $y = x^2$ (an even function) is symmetric about the y-axis. (b) The graph of $y = x^3$ (an odd function) is symmetric about the origin.

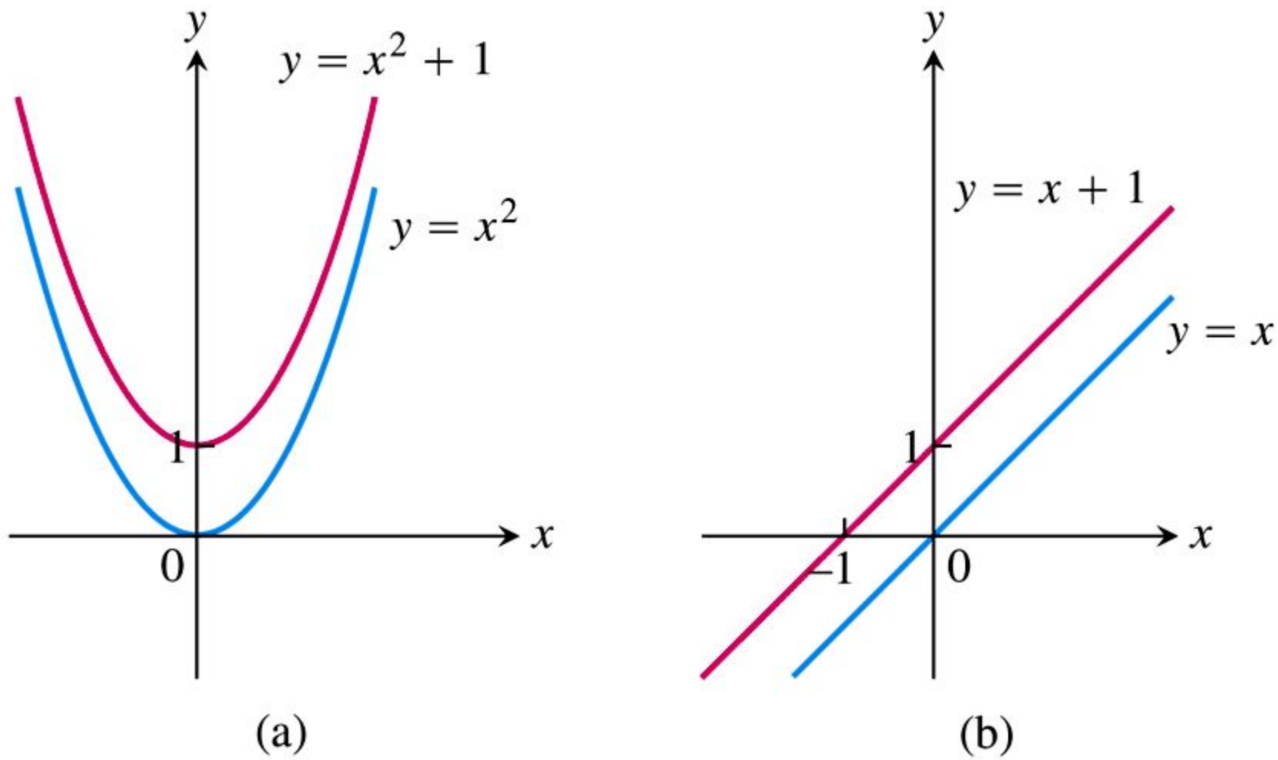


FIGURE 1.13 (a) When we add the constant term 1 to the function $y = x^2$, the resulting function $y = x^2 + 1$ is still even and its graph is still symmetric about the y-axis. (b) When we add the constant term 1 to the function $y = x$, the resulting function $y = x + 1$ is no longer odd. The symmetry about the origin is lost (Example 8).

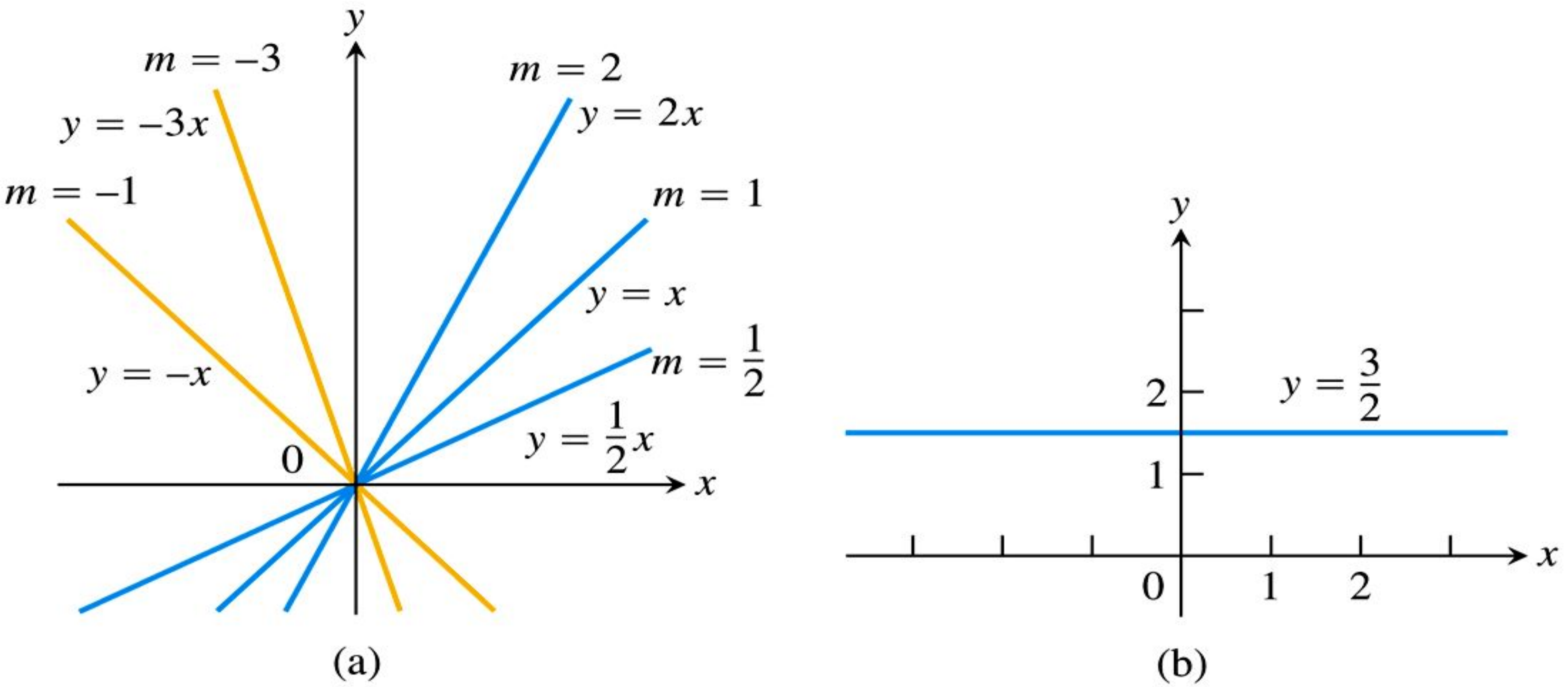


FIGURE 1.14 (a) Lines through the origin with slope m. (b) A constant function with slope $m = 0$.

Linear Functions A function of the form $f(x) = mx + b$, where m and b are fixed constants, is called a linear function. Figure 1.14a shows an array of lines $f(x) = mx$. Each of these has $b = 0$, so these lines pass through the origin. The function $f(x) = x$ where $m = 1$ and $b = 0$ is called the identity function. Constant functions result when the slope is $m = 0$

DEFINITION Two variables y and x are **proportional** (to one another) if one is always a constant multiple of the other; that is, if $y = kx$ for some nonzero constant k.

Power Functions A function $f(x) = x^a$, where a is a constant, is called a **power function**. There are several important cases to consider.

Polynomials A function p is a **polynomial** if

$$p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 x + a_0$$

Rational Functions A **rational function** is a quotient or ratio $f(x) = p(x)/q(x)$, where p and q are polynomials. The domain of a rational function is the set of all real x for which $q(x) \neq 0$. The graphs of several rational functions are shown in Figure 1.19.

Algebraic Functions Any function constructed from polynomials using algebraic operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and taking roots) lies within the class of algebraic functions.

Trigonometric Functions

Exponential Functions A function of the form $f(x) = a^x, where\ a > 0\ and\ a \neq 1$, is called an exponential function (with base a).

Logarithmic Functions

Transcendental Functions

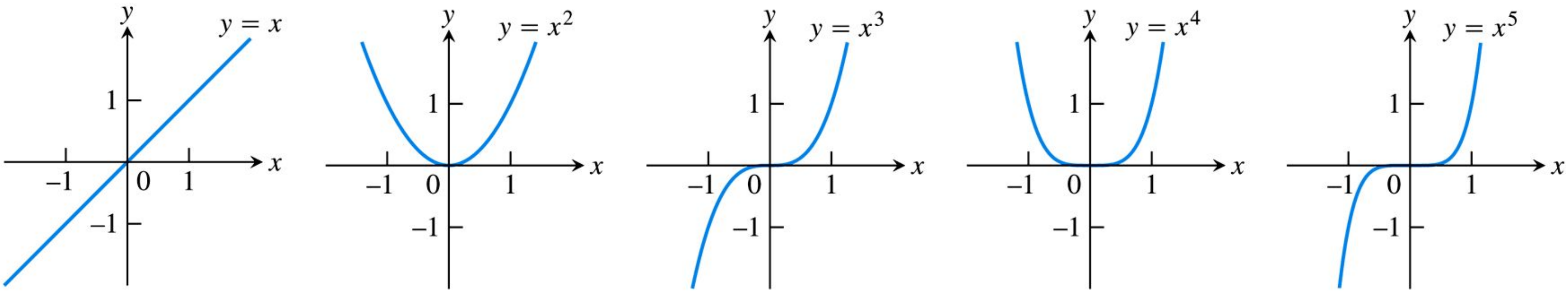


FIGURE 1.15 Graphs of $f(x) = x^n$, $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$, defined for $-\infty < x < \infty$.

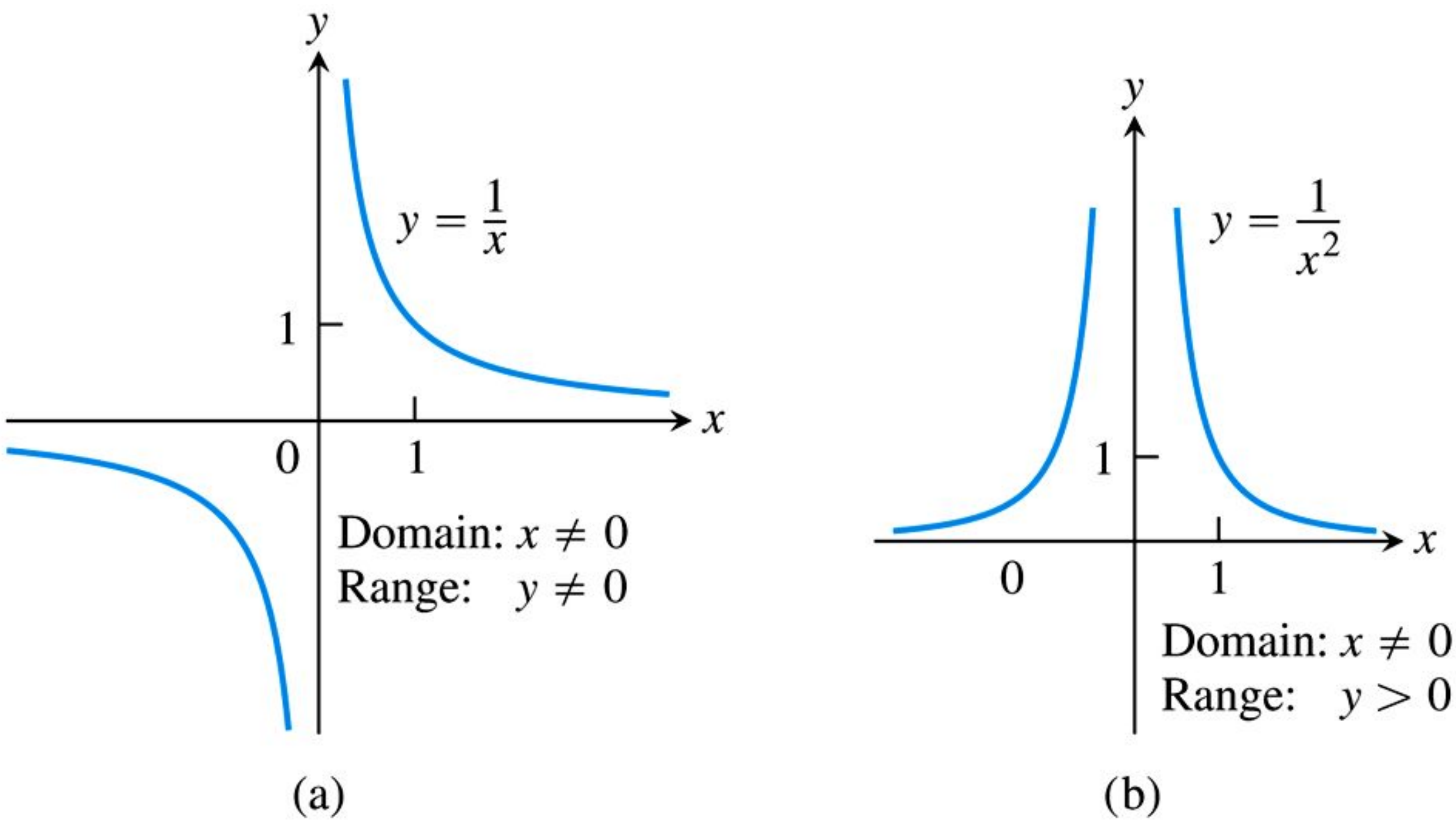


FIGURE 1.16 Graphs of the power functions $f(x) = x^a$ for part (a) $a = -1$ and for part (b) $a = -2$.

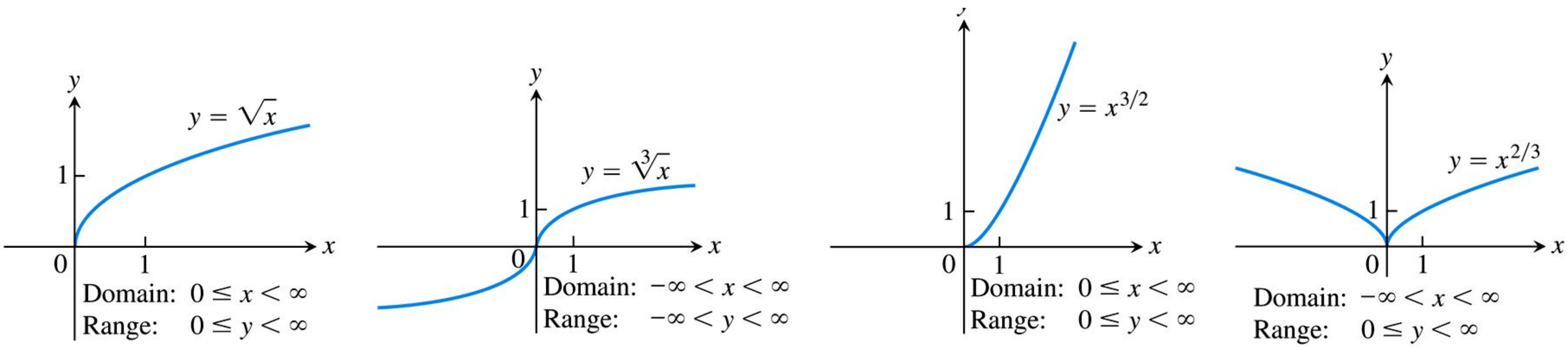


FIGURE 1.17 Graphs of the power functions $f(x) = x^a$ for $a = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{3}{2}$, and $\frac{2}{3}$.

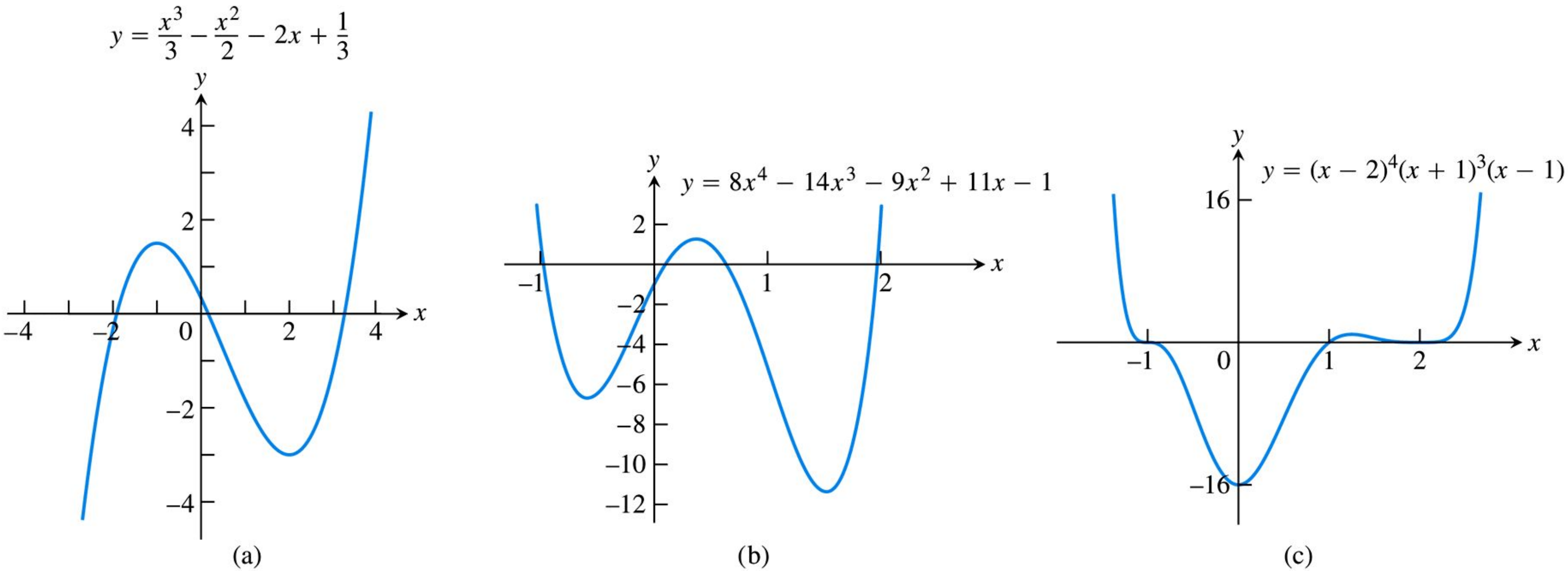


FIGURE 1.18 Graphs of three polynomial functions.

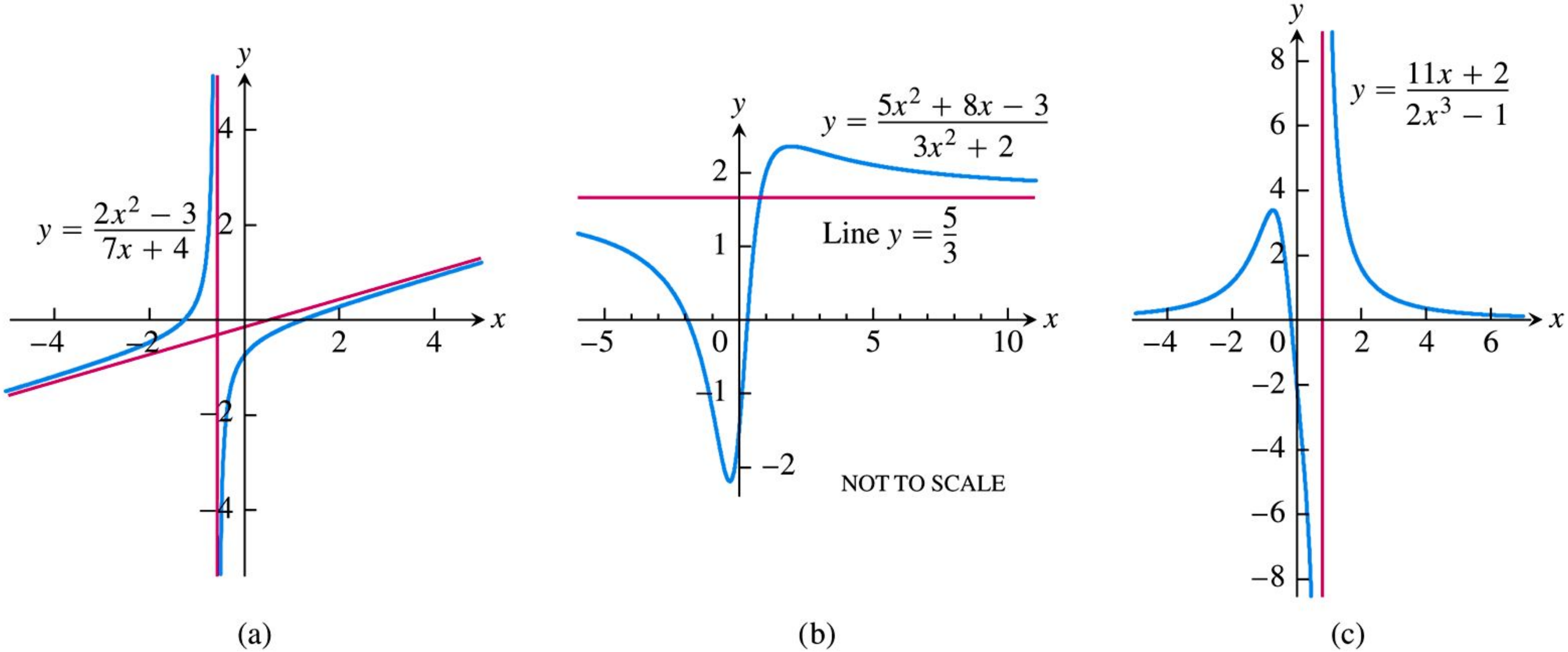
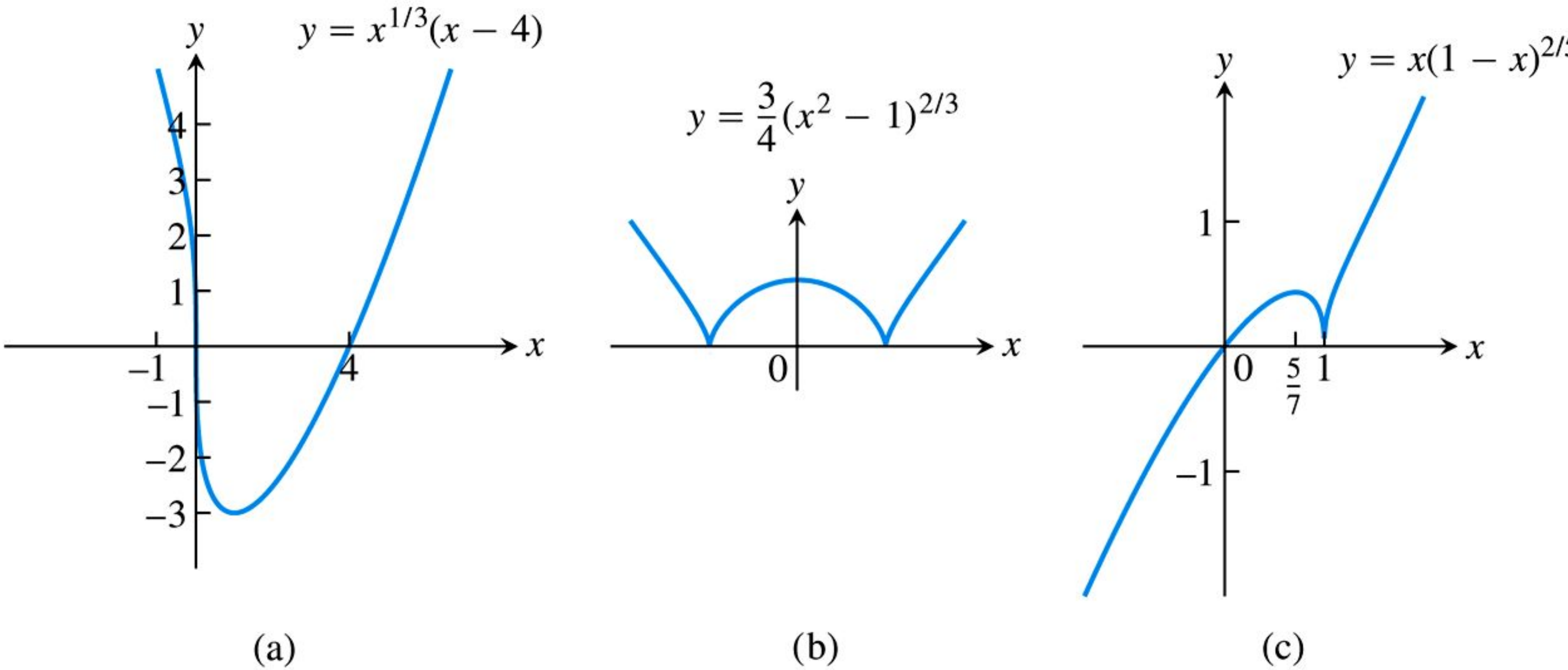


FIGURE 1.19 Graphs of three rational functions. The straight red lines are called *asymptotes* and are not part of the graph.



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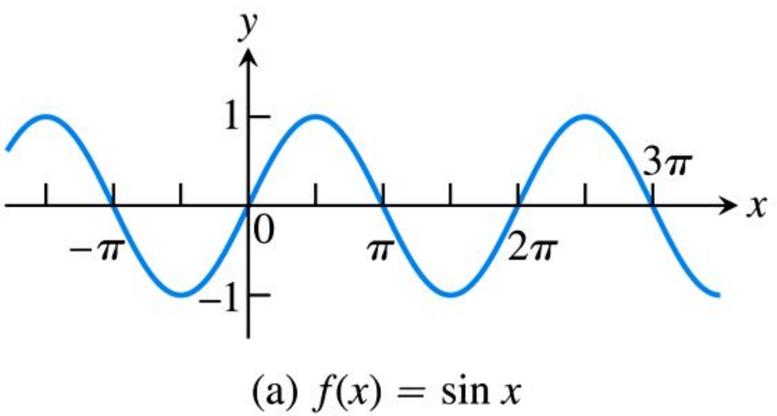

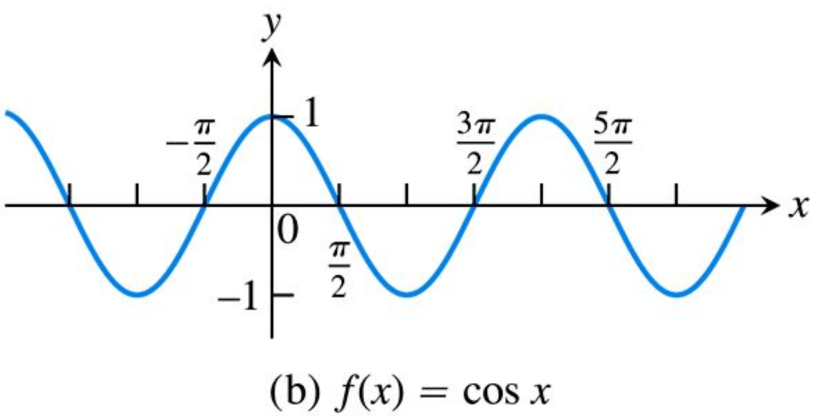

FIGURE 1.21 Graphs of the sine and cosine functions.

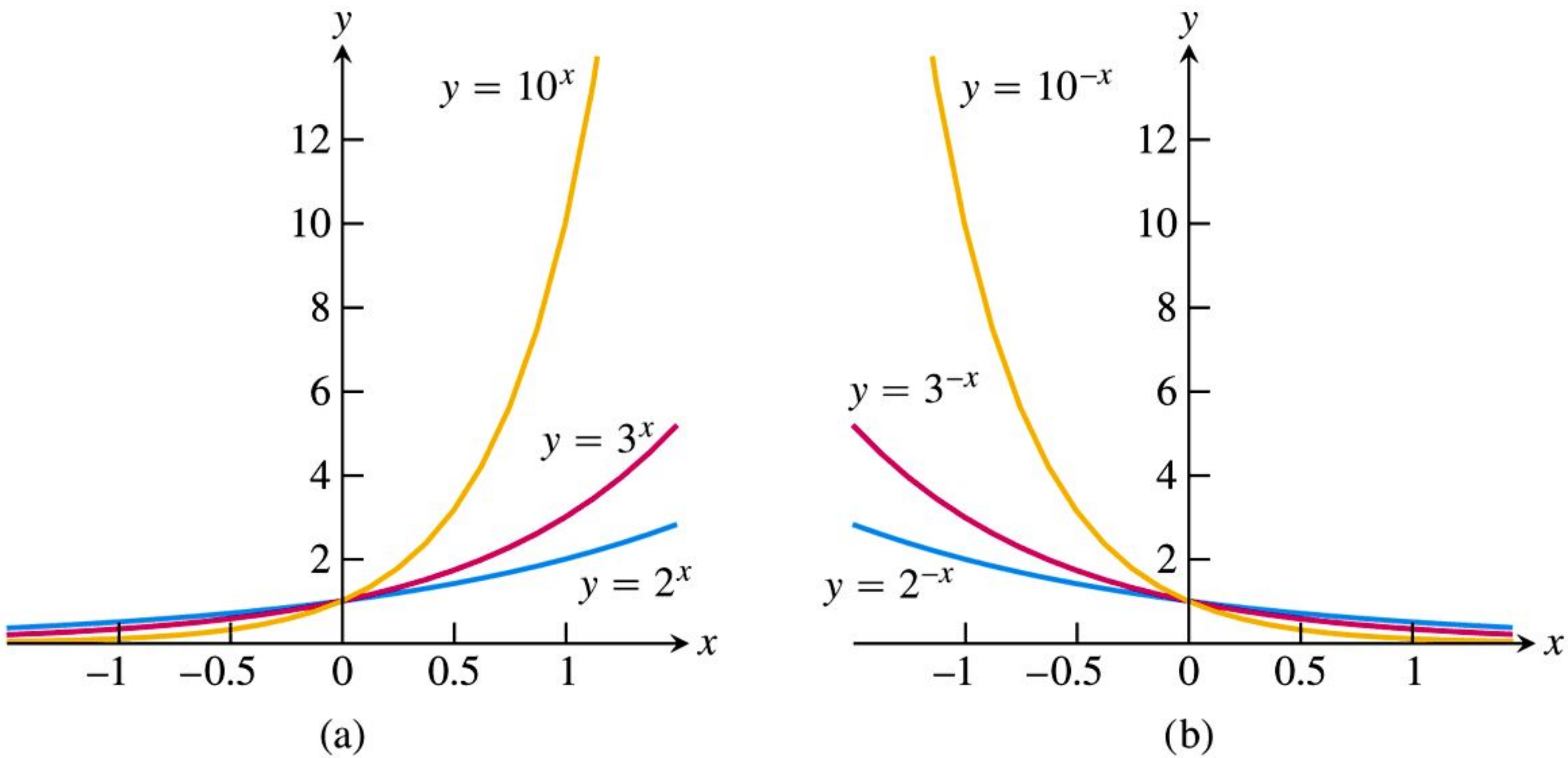

FIGURE 1.22 Graphs of exponential functions.

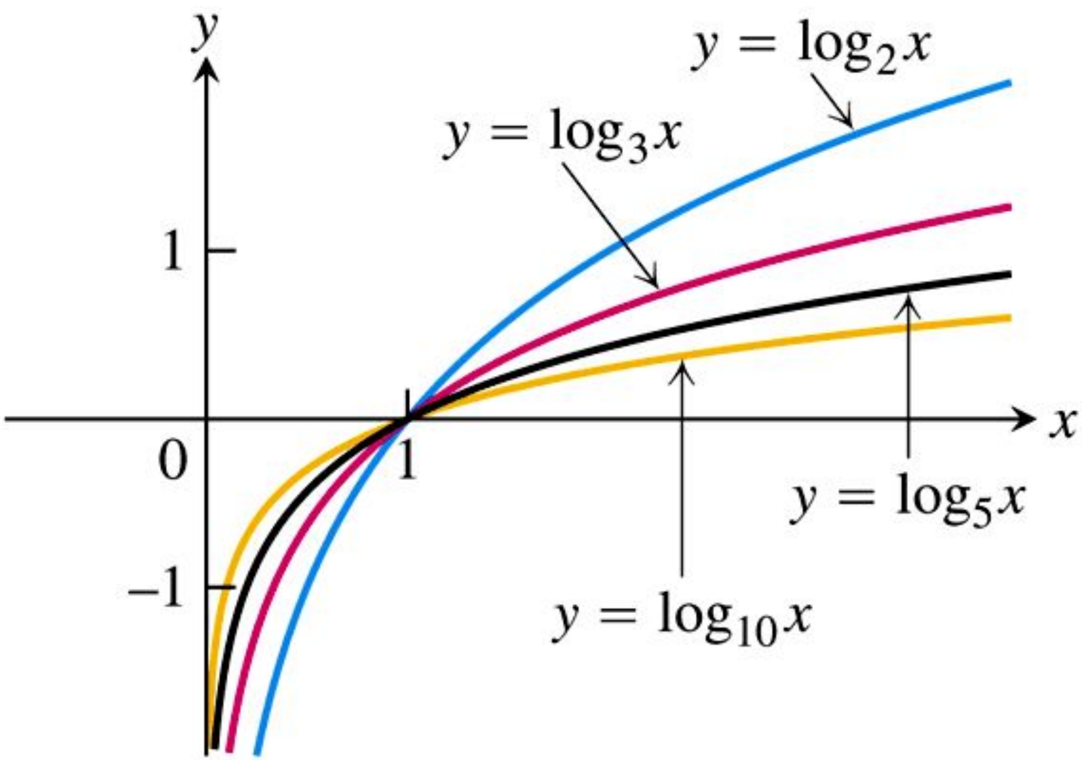

FIGURE 1.23 Graphs of four logarithmic functions.

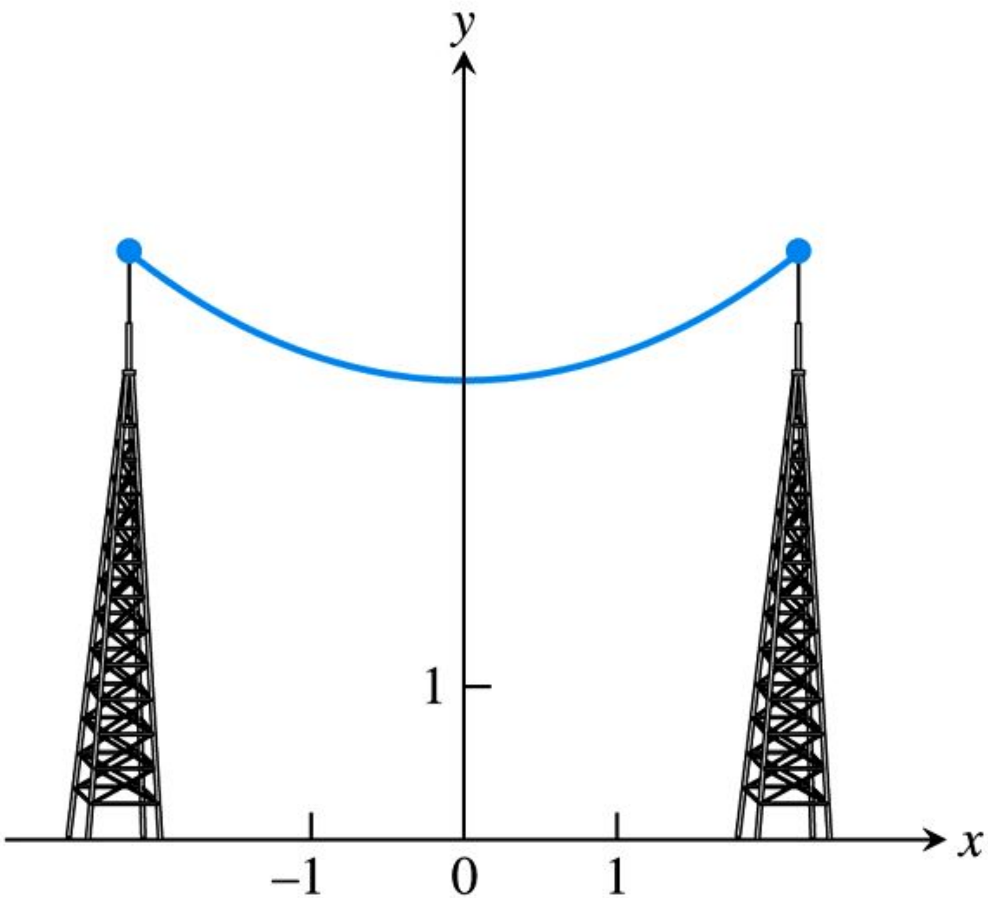

FIGURE 1.24 Graph of a catenary or hanging cable. (The Latin word *catena* means "chain.")

1.2

Combining Functions; Shifting and Scaling Graphs

Function	Formula	Domain
$f+g$	$(f+g)(x)=\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{1-x}$	$[0,1]=D(f)\cap D(g)$
$f-g$	$(f-g)(x)=\sqrt{x}-\sqrt{1-x}$	$[0,1]$
$g-f$	$(g-f)(x)=\sqrt{1-x}-\sqrt{x}$	$[0,1]$
$f\cdot g$	$(f\cdot g)(x)=f(x)g(x)=\sqrt{x(1-x)}$	$[0,1]$
f/g	$\dfrac{f}{g}(x)=\dfrac{f(x)}{g(x)}=\sqrt{\dfrac{x}{1-x}}$	$[0,1)$ ($x=1$ excluded)
g/f	$\dfrac{g}{f}(x)=\dfrac{g(x)}{f(x)}=\sqrt{\dfrac{1-x}{x}}$	$(0,1]$ ($x=0$ excluded)

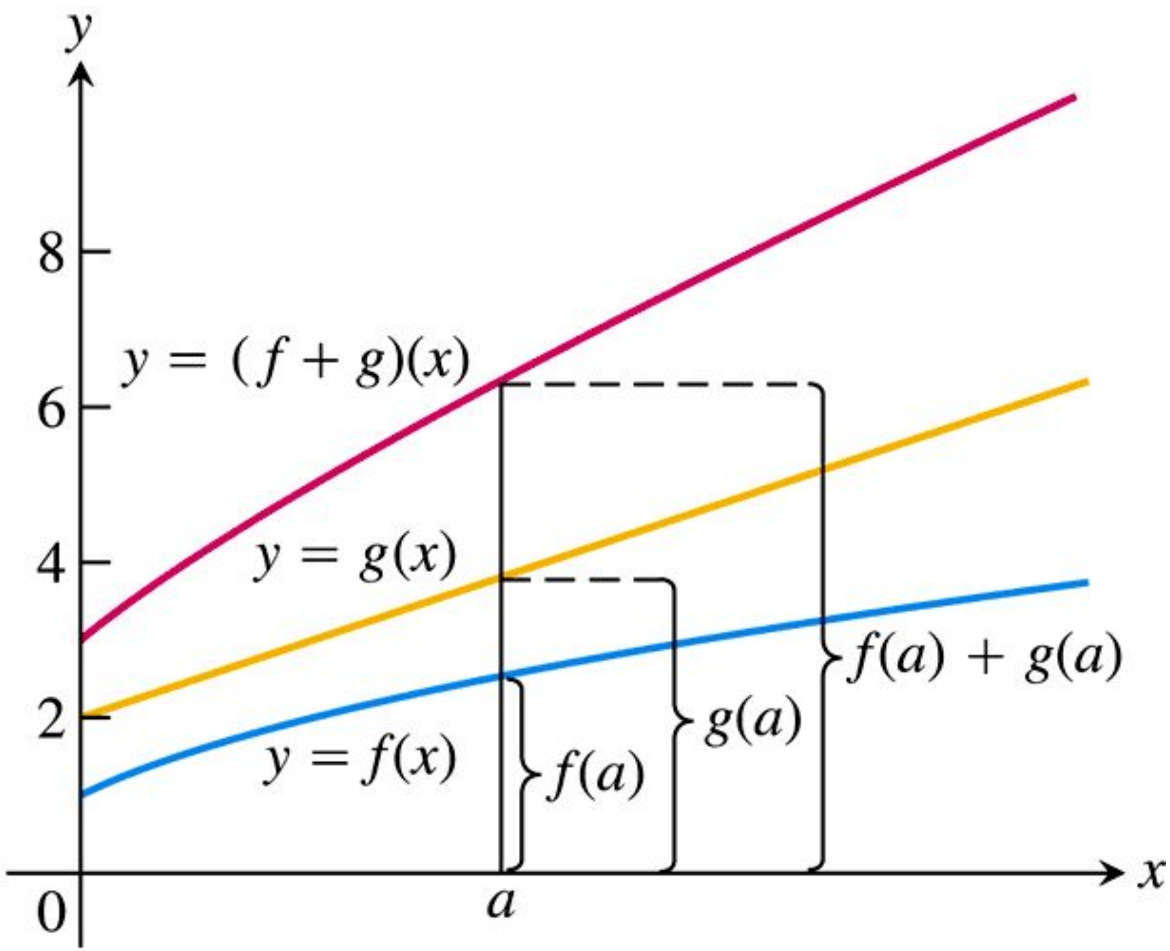

FIGURE 1.25 Graphical addition of two functions.

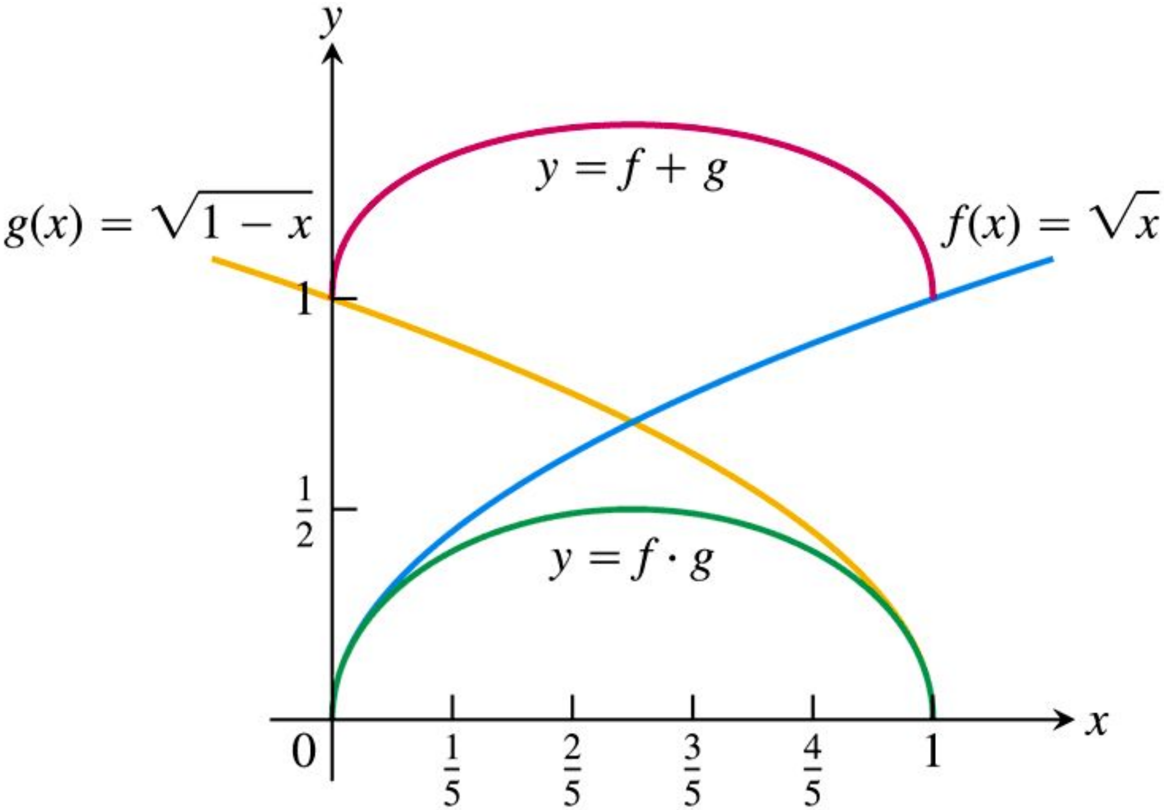

FIGURE 1.26 The domain of the function $f + g$ is the intersection of the domains of f and g, the interval $[0, 1]$ on the x-axis where these domains overlap. This interval is also the domain of the function $f \cdot g$ (Example 1).

DEFINITION If f and g are functions, the **composite** function $f \circ g$ ("f composed with g") is defined by

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

The domain of $f \circ g$ consists of the numbers x in the domain of g for which $g(x)$ lies in the domain of f.

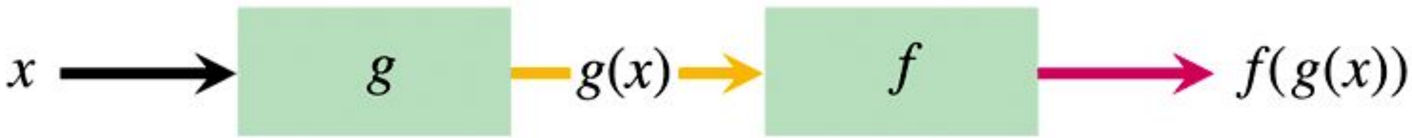

FIGURE 1.27 Two functions can be composed at x whenever the value of one function at x lies in the domain of the other. The composite is denoted by $f \circ g$.

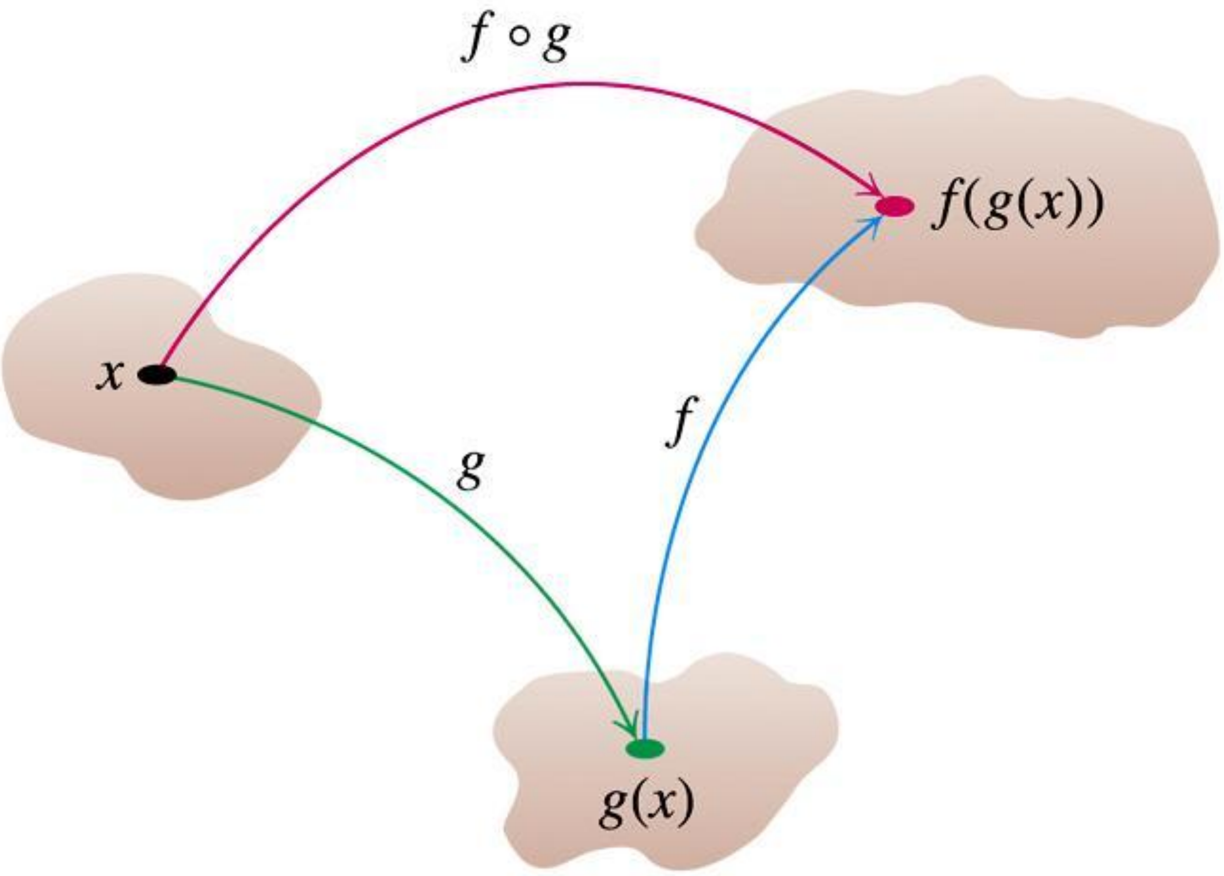

FIGURE 1.28 Arrow diagram for $f \circ g$.

Shift Formulas

Vertical Shifts

$y = f(x) + k$	Shifts the graph of f *up* k units if $k > 0$
	Shifts it *down* $\lvert k \rvert$ units if $k < 0$

Horizontal Shifts

$y = f(x + h)$	Shifts the graph of f *left* h units if $h > 0$
	Shifts it *right* $\lvert h \rvert$ units if $h < 0$

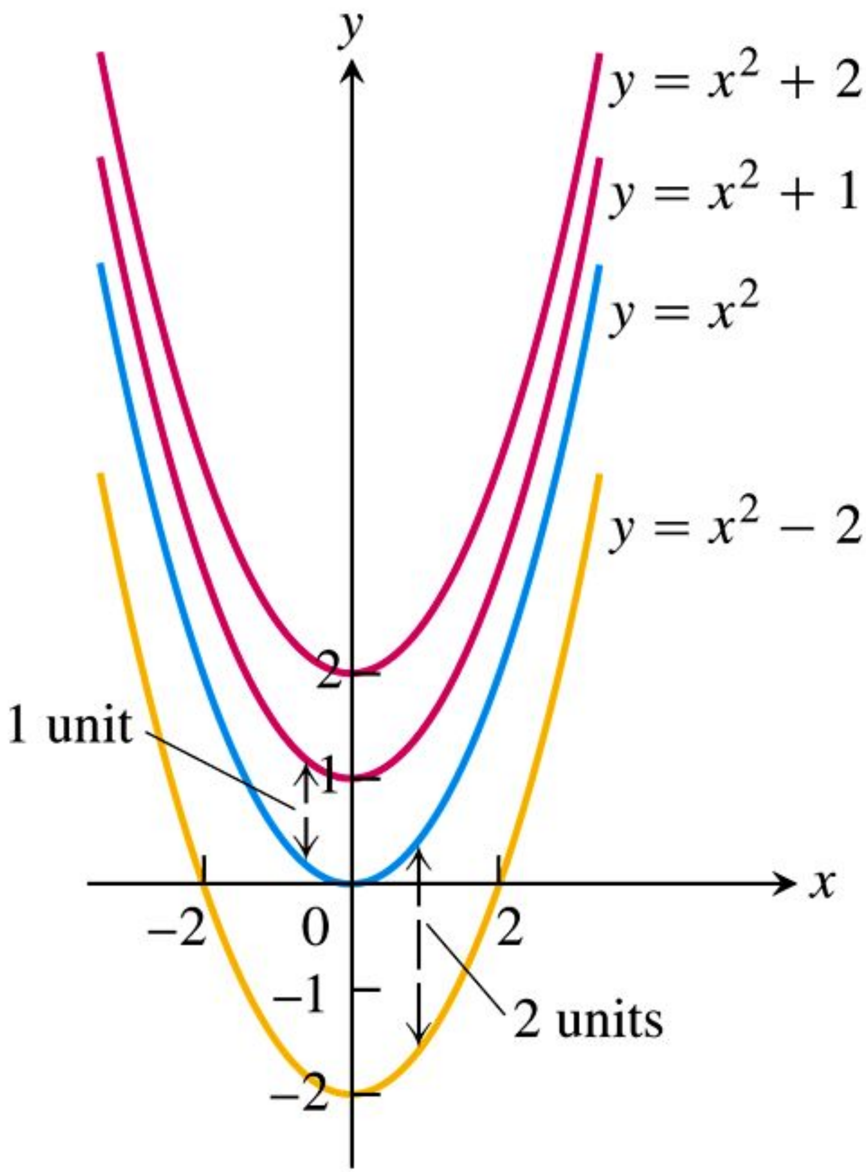

FIGURE 1.29 To shift the graph of $f(x) = x^2$ up (or down), we add positive (or negative) constants to the formula for f (Examples 3a and b).

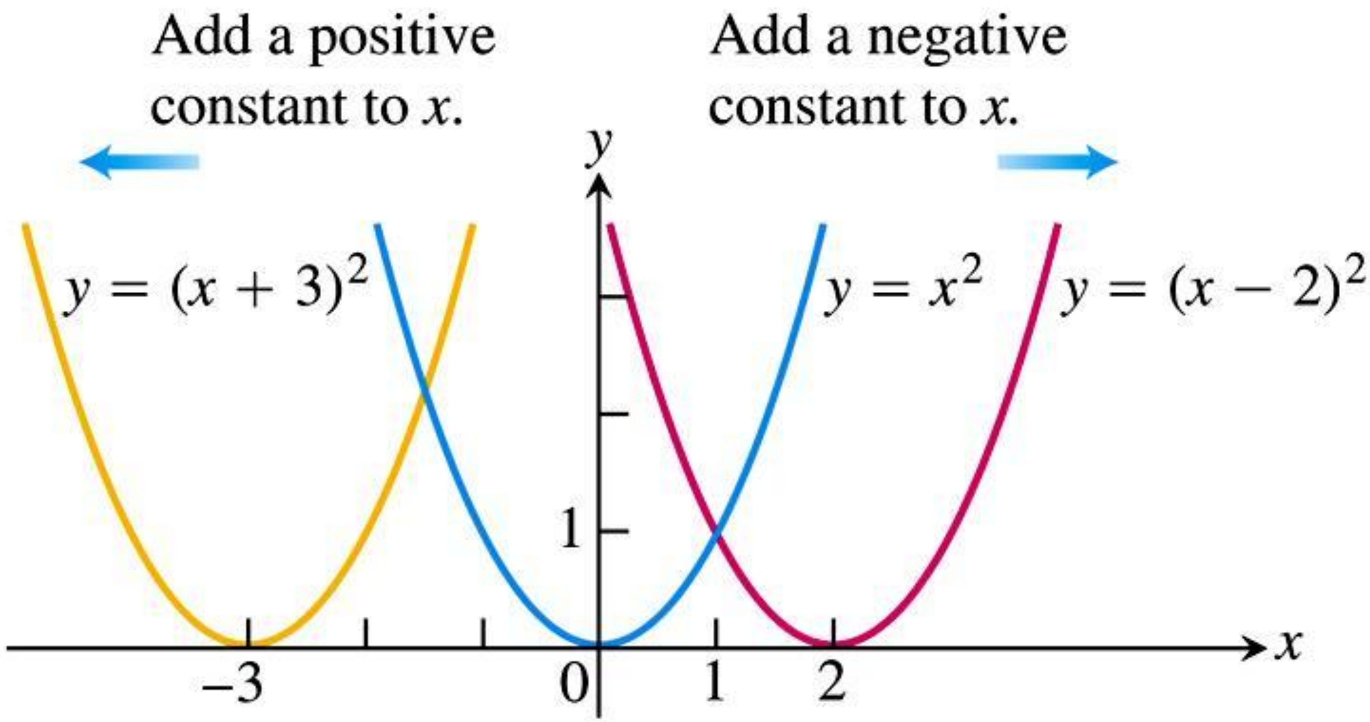

FIGURE 1.30 To shift the graph of $y = x^2$ to the left, we add a positive constant to x (Example 3c). To shift the graph to the right, we add a negative constant to x.

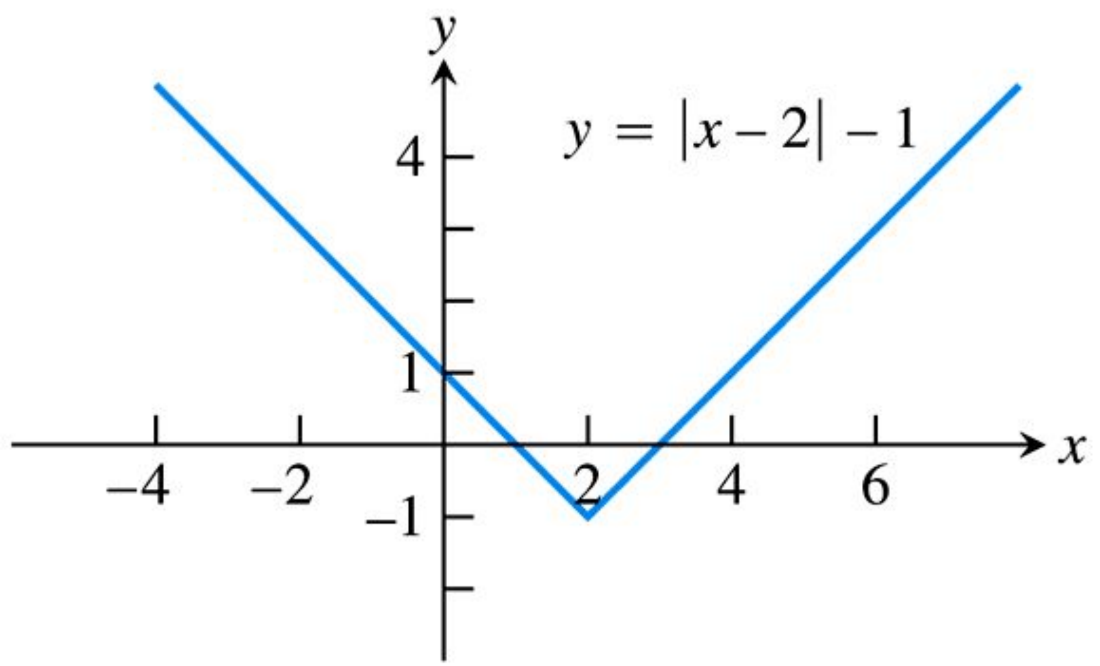

FIGURE 1.31 Shifting the graph of $y = |x|$ 2 units to the right and 1 unit down (Example 3d).

Vertical and Horizontal Scaling and Reflecting Formulas

For $c > 1$, the graph is scaled:

$y = cf(x)$	Stretches the graph of f vertically by a factor of c.
$y = \frac{1}{c}f(x)$	Compresses the graph of f vertically by a factor of c.
$y = f(cx)$	Compresses the graph of f horizontally by a factor of c.
$y = f(x/c)$	Stretches the graph of f horizontally by a factor of c.

For $c = -1$, the graph is reflected:

$y = -f(x)$	Reflects the graph of f across the x-axis.
$y = f(-x)$	Reflects the graph of f across the y-axis.

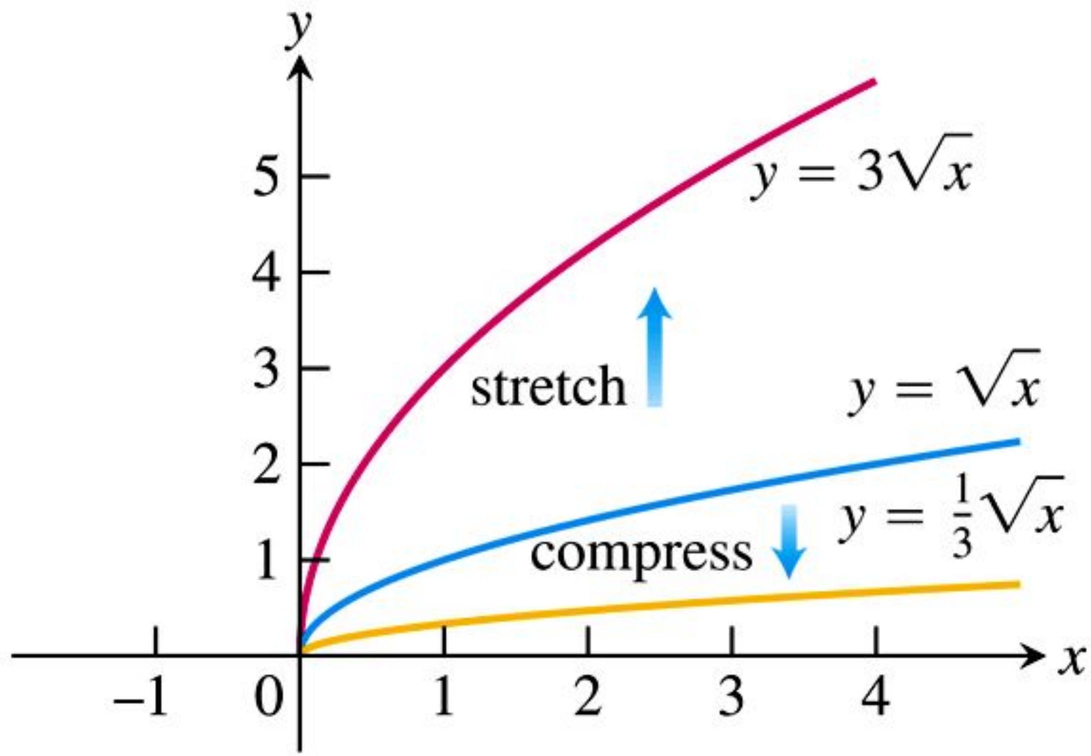

FIGURE 1.32 Vertically stretching and compressing the graph $y = \sqrt{x}$ by a factor of 3 (Example 4a).

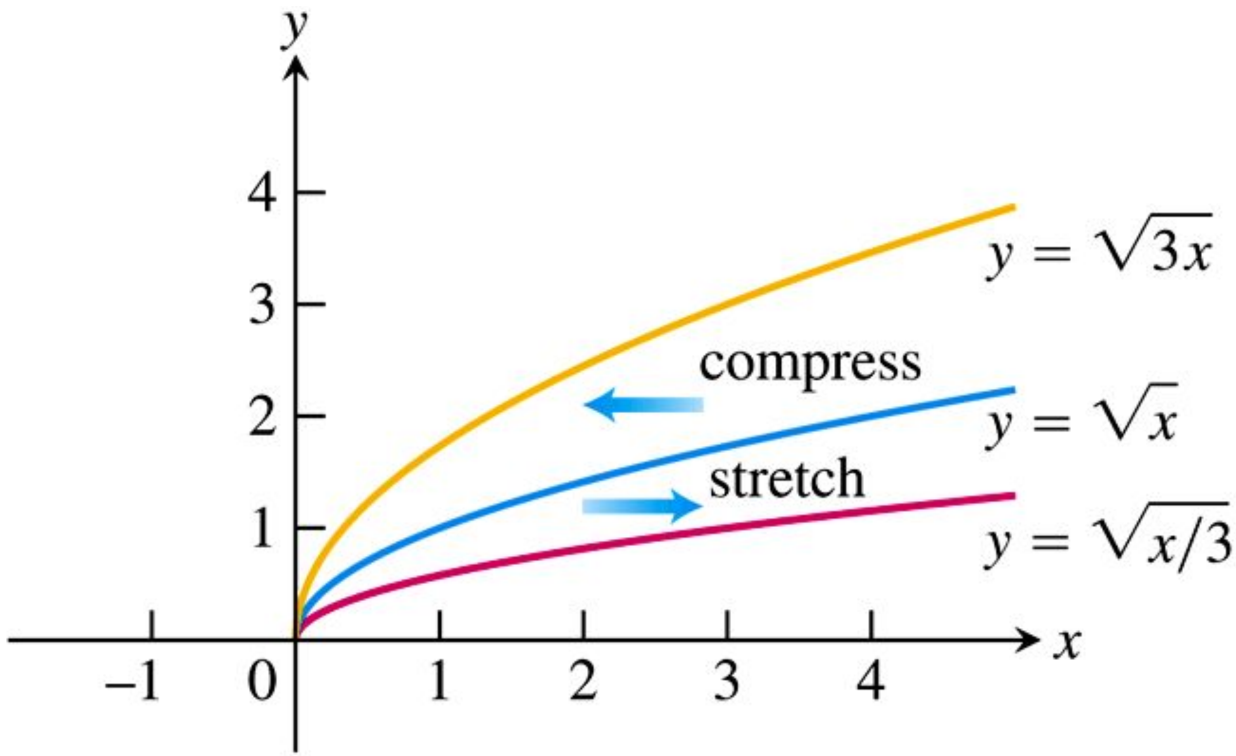

FIGURE 1.33 Horizontally stretching and compressing the graph $y = \sqrt{x}$ by a factor of 3 (Example 4b).

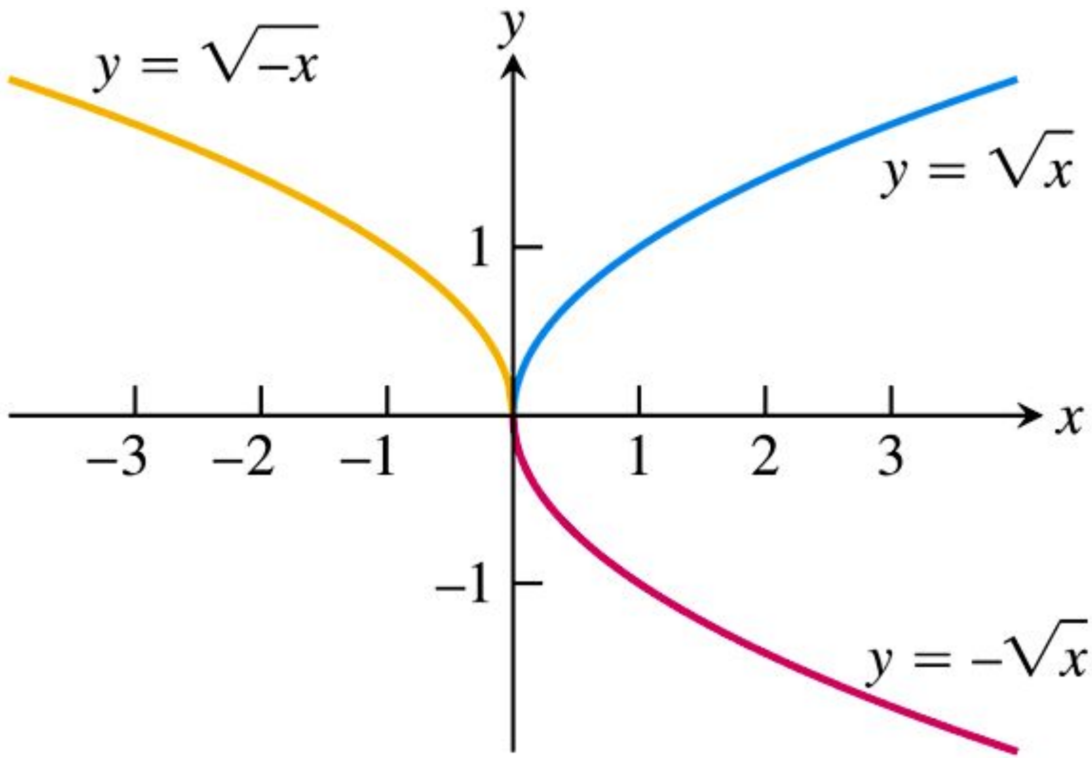

FIGURE 1.34 Reflections of the graph $y = \sqrt{x}$ across the coordinate axes (Example 4c).

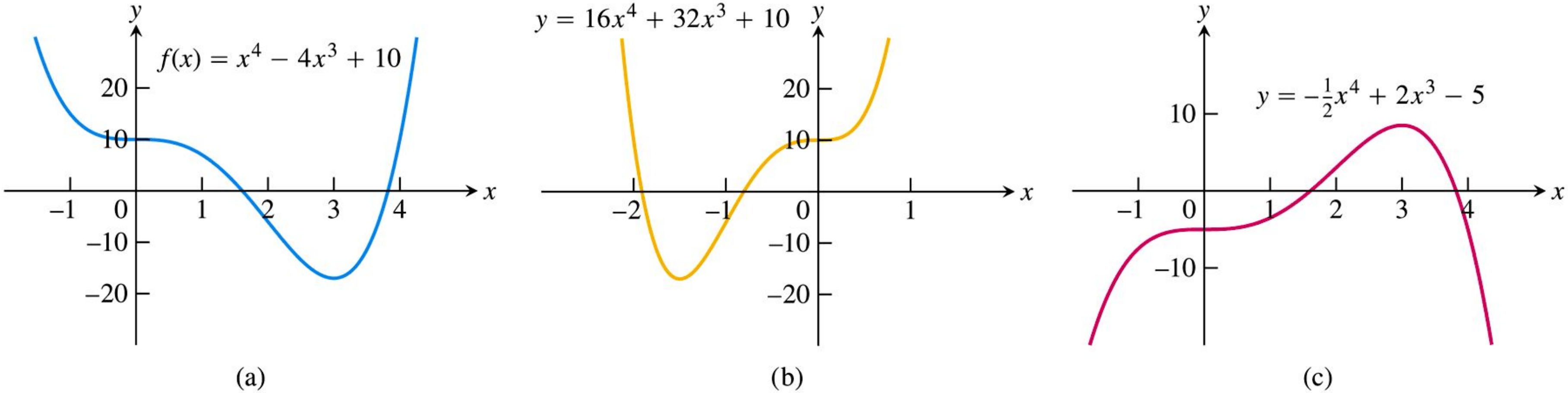

FIGURE 1.35 (a) The original graph of f. (b) The horizontal compression of $y = f(x)$ in part (a) by a factor of 2, followed by a reflection across the y-axis. (c) The vertical compression of $y = f(x)$ in part (a) by a factor of 2, followed by a reflection across the x-axis (Example 5).

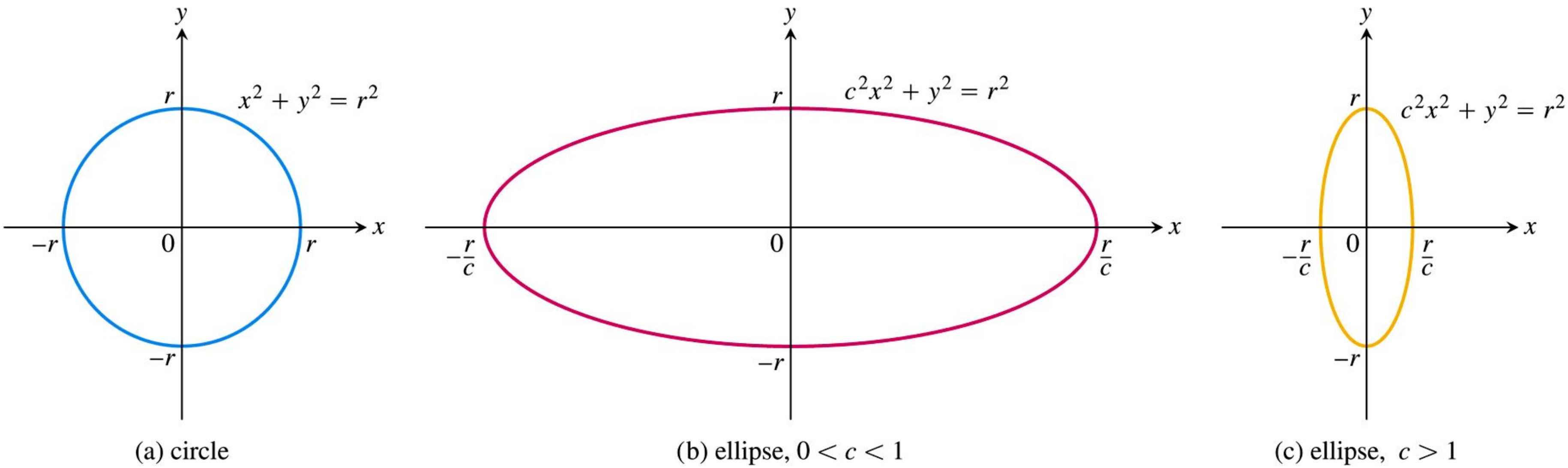

FIGURE 1.36 Horizontal stretching or compression of a circle produces graphs of ellipses.

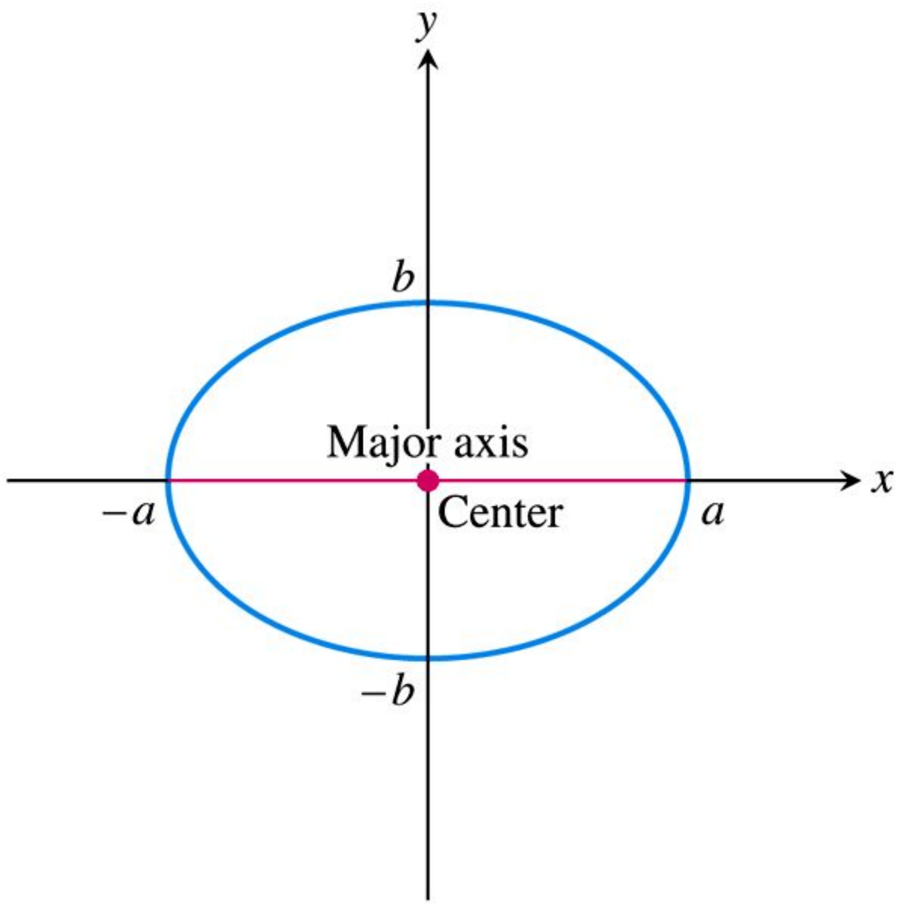

FIGURE 1.37 Graph of the ellipse $\dfrac{x^2}{a^2} + \dfrac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$, $a > b$, where the major axis is horizontal.

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Trigonometric Functions

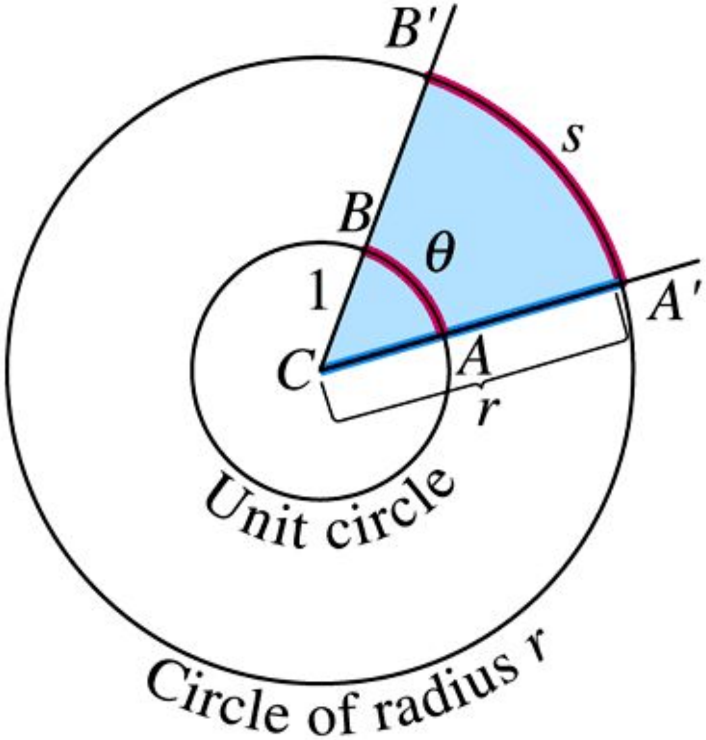


FIGURE 1.38 The radian measure of the central angle $A'CB'$ is the number $\theta = s/r$. For a unit circle of radius $r = 1$, θ is the length of arc AB that central angle ACB cuts from the unit circle.

TABLE 1.2 Angles measured in degrees and radians

Degrees	−180	−135	−90	−45	0	30	45	60	90	120	135	150	180	270	360
θ (radians)	$-\pi$	$\frac{-3\pi}{4}$	$\frac{-\pi}{2}$	$\frac{-\pi}{4}$	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$	π	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	2π

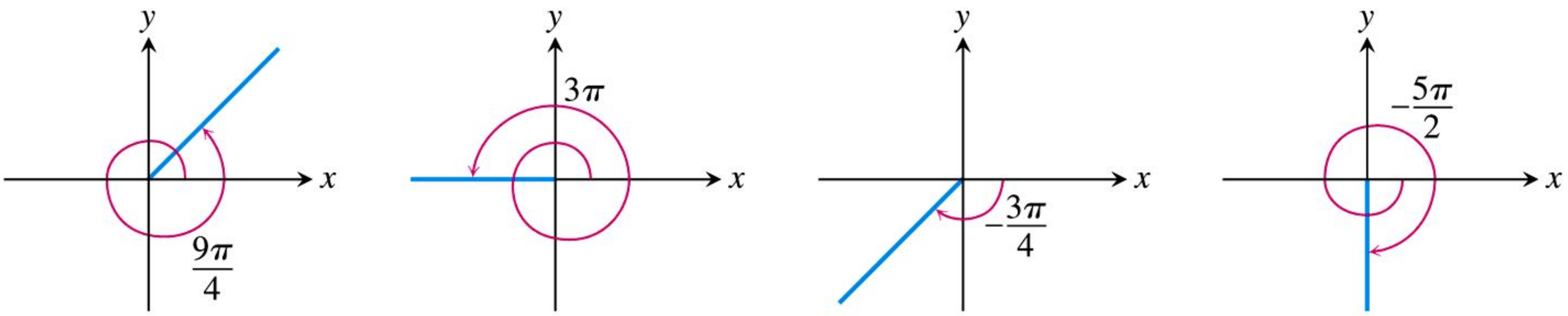


FIGURE 1.40 Nonzero radian measures can be positive or negative and can go beyond 2π.

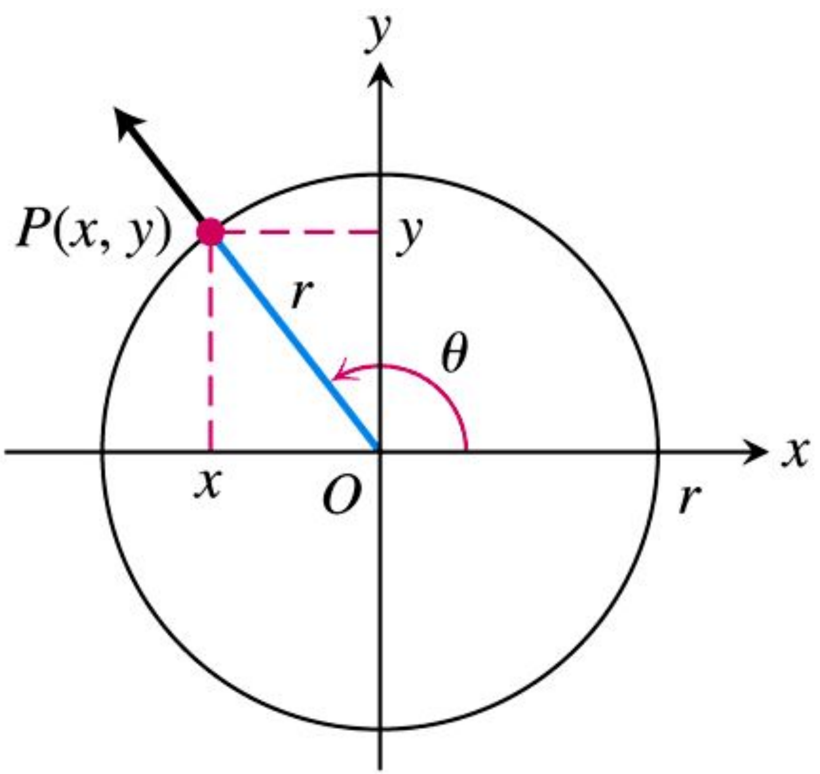


FIGURE 1.42 The trigonometric functions of a general angle θ are defined in terms of x, y, and r.

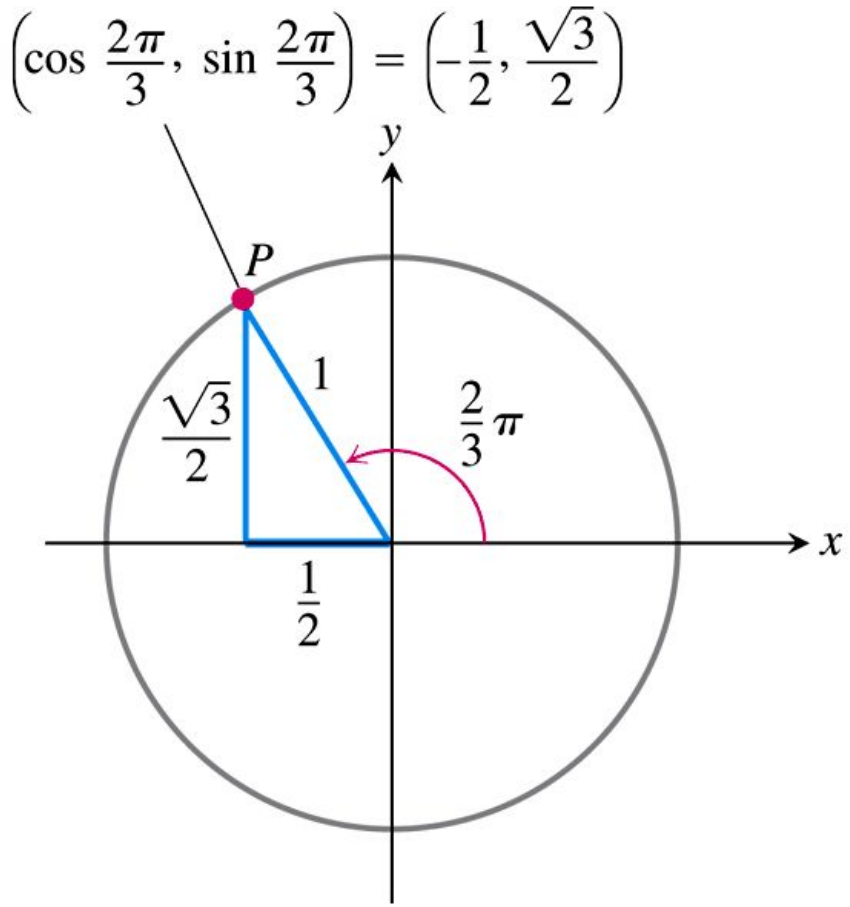


FIGURE 1.45 The triangle for calculating the sine and cosine of $2\pi/3$ radians. The side lengths come from the geometry of right triangles.

TABLE 1.3 Values of $\sin\theta$, $\cos\theta$, and $\tan\theta$ for selected values of θ

Degrees	**−180**	**−135**	**−90**	**−45**	**0**	**30**	**45**	**60**	**90**	**120**	**135**	**150**	**180**	**270**	**360**
θ (radians)	$-\pi$	$\frac{-3\pi}{4}$	$\frac{-\pi}{2}$	$\frac{-\pi}{4}$	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$	π	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	2π
$\sin\theta$	0	$\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2}$	-1	$\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	-1	0
$\cos\theta$	-1	$\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2}$	0	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}$	-1	0	1
$\tan\theta$	0	1		-1	0	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$	1	$\sqrt{3}$		$-\sqrt{3}$	-1	$\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{3}$	0		0

Periods of Trigonometric Functions

Period π:

$$\tan(x + \pi) = \tan x$$

$$\cot(x + \pi) = \cot x$$

Period 2π:

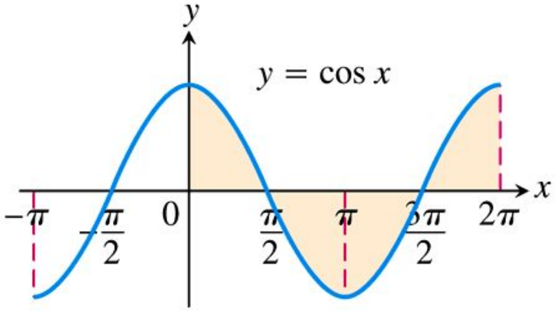
$$\sin(x + 2\pi) = \sin x$$

$$\cos(x + 2\pi) = \cos x$$

$$\sec(x + 2\pi) = \sec x$$

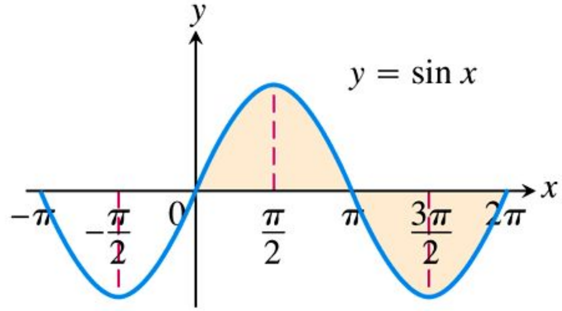
$$\csc(x + 2\pi) = \csc x$$

DEFINITION A function $f(x)$ is **periodic** if there is a positive number p such that $f(x + p) = f(x)$ for every value of x. The smallest such value of p is the **period** of f.



Domain: $-\infty < x < \infty$
Range: $-1 \le y \le 1$
Period: 2π

(a)



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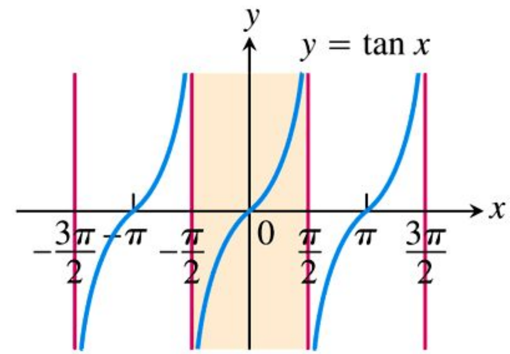

Domain: $x \ne \pm\frac{\pi}{2}, \pm\frac{3\pi}{2}, \ldots$
Range: $-\infty < y < \infty$
Period: π

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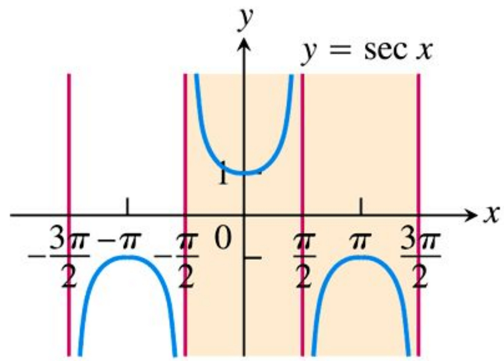
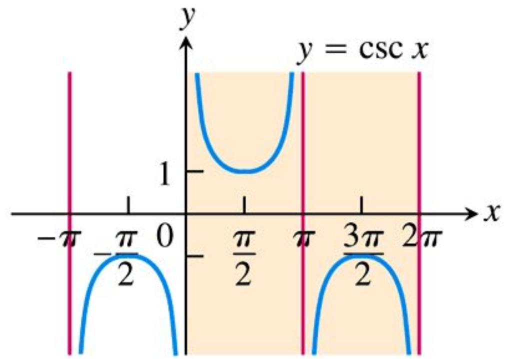


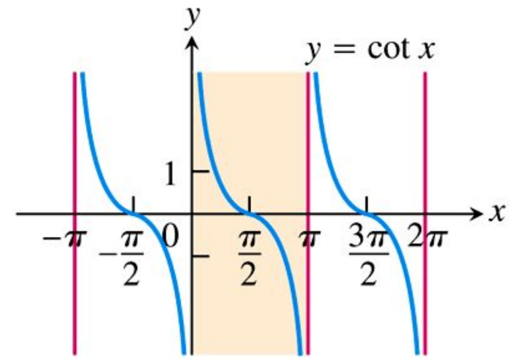
Domain: $x \ne \pm\frac{\pi}{2}, \pm\frac{3\pi}{2}, \ldots$
Range: $y \le -1$ or $y \ge 1$
Period: 2π

(d)



Domain: $x \ne 0, \pm\pi, \pm 2\pi, \ldots$
Range: $y \le -1$ or $y \ge 1$
Period: 2π

(e)



Domain: $x \ne 0, \pm\pi, \pm 2\pi, \ldots$
Range: $-\infty < y < \infty$
Period: π

(f)

FIGURE 1.46 Graphs of the six basic trigonometric functions using radian measure. The shading for each trigonometric function indicates its periodicity.

Even
$\cos(-x) = \cos x$
$\sec(-x) = \sec x$

Odd
$\sin(-x) = -\sin x$
$\tan(-x) = -\tan x$
$\csc(-x) = -\csc x$
$\cot(-x) = -\cot x$

$$\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1. \tag{3}$$

$$1 + \tan^2\theta = \sec^2\theta.$$
$$1 + \cot^2\theta = \csc^2\theta.$$

Addition Formulas

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(A + B) &= \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B \\ \sin(A + B) &= \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Double-Angle Formulas

$$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta \qquad (5)$$

$$\sin 2\theta = 2\sin\theta\cos\theta$$

Half-Angle Formulas

$$\cos^2\theta = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2} \qquad (6)$$

$$\sin^2\theta = \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2} \qquad (7)$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab\cos\theta. \qquad (8)$$

Vertical stretch or compression; reflection about x-axis if negative

Vertical shift

$$y = af(b(x + c)) + d$$

Horizontal stretch or compression; reflection about y-axis if negative

Horizontal shift

1.4

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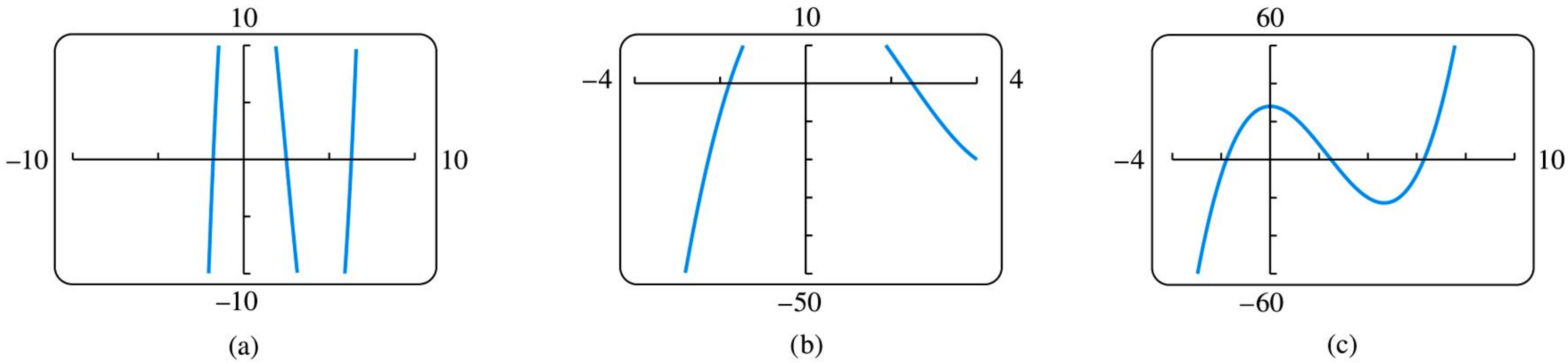

FIGURE 1.50 The graph of $f(x) = x^3 - 7x^2 + 28$ in different viewing windows. Selecting a window that gives a clear picture of a graph is often a trial-and-error process (Example 1).

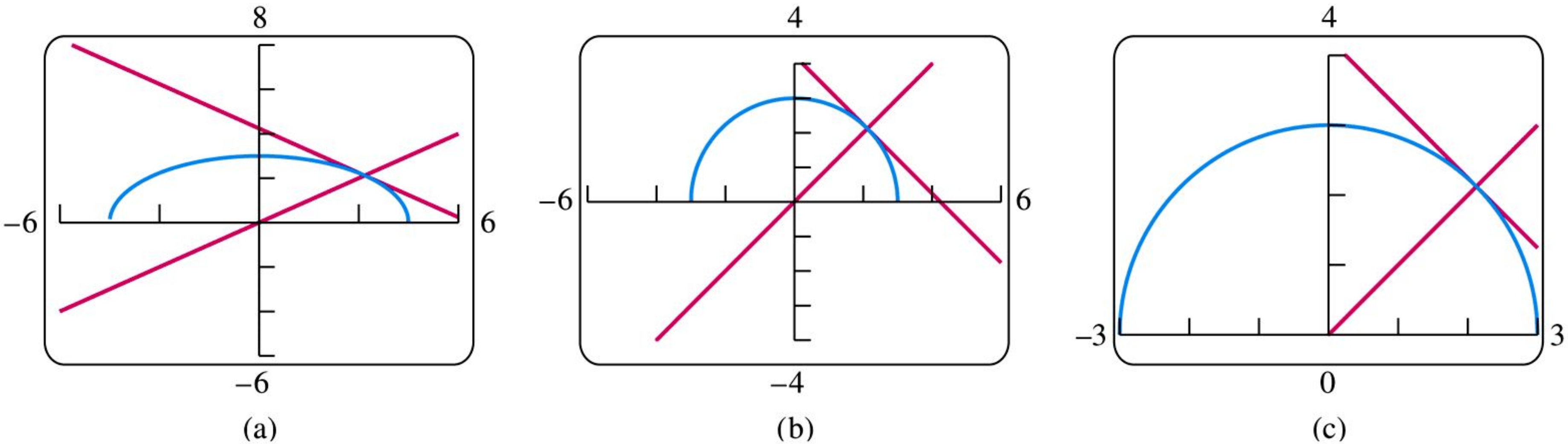

FIGURE 1.51 Graphs of the perpendicular lines $y = x$ and $y = -x + 3\sqrt{2}$, and the semicircle $y = \sqrt{9 - x^2}$ appear distorted (a) in a nonsquare window, but clear (b) and (c) in square windows (Example 2).

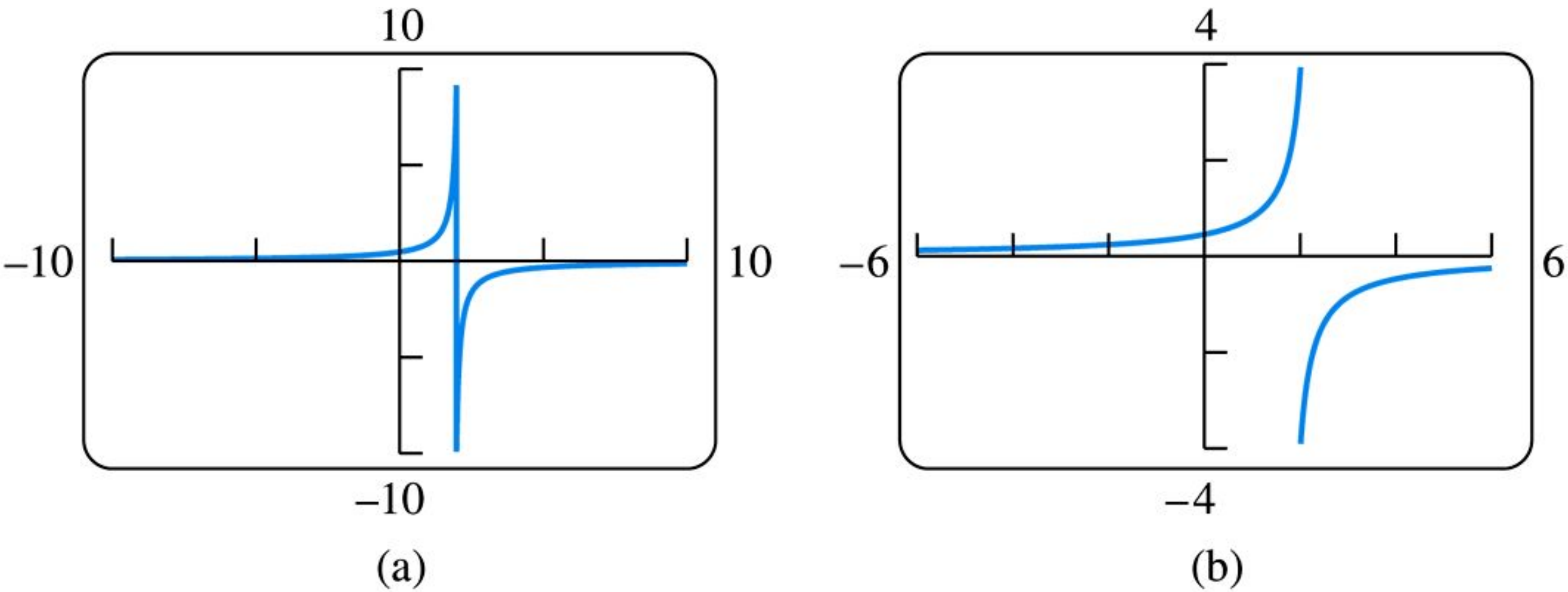

FIGURE 1.52 Graphs of the function $y = \frac{1}{2 - x}$. A vertical line may appear without a careful choice of the viewing window (Example 3).

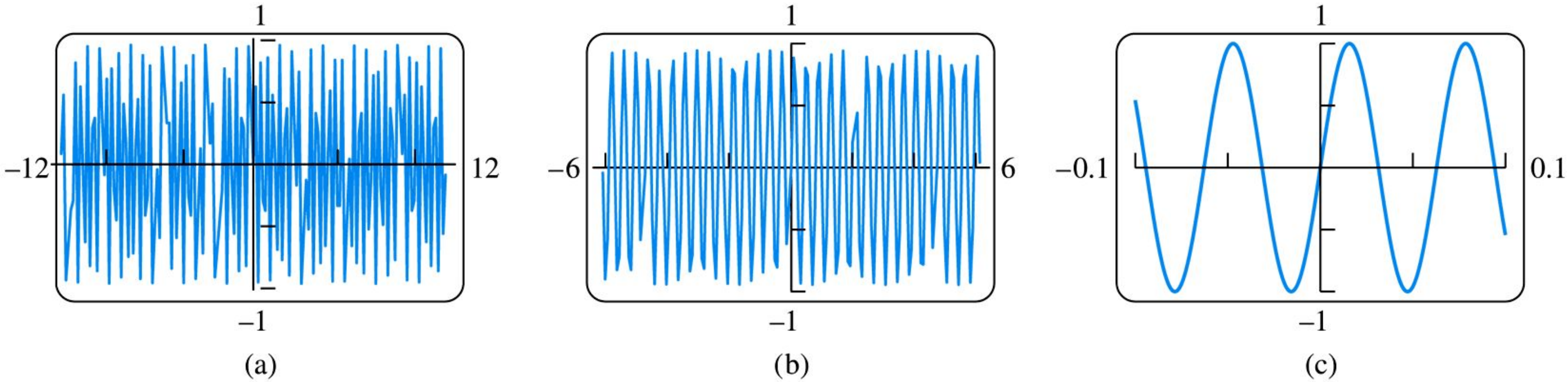

FIGURE 1.53 Graphs of the function $y = \sin 100x$ in three viewing windows. Because the period is $2\pi/100 \approx 0.063$, the smaller window in (c) best displays the true aspects of this rapidly oscillating function (Example 4).

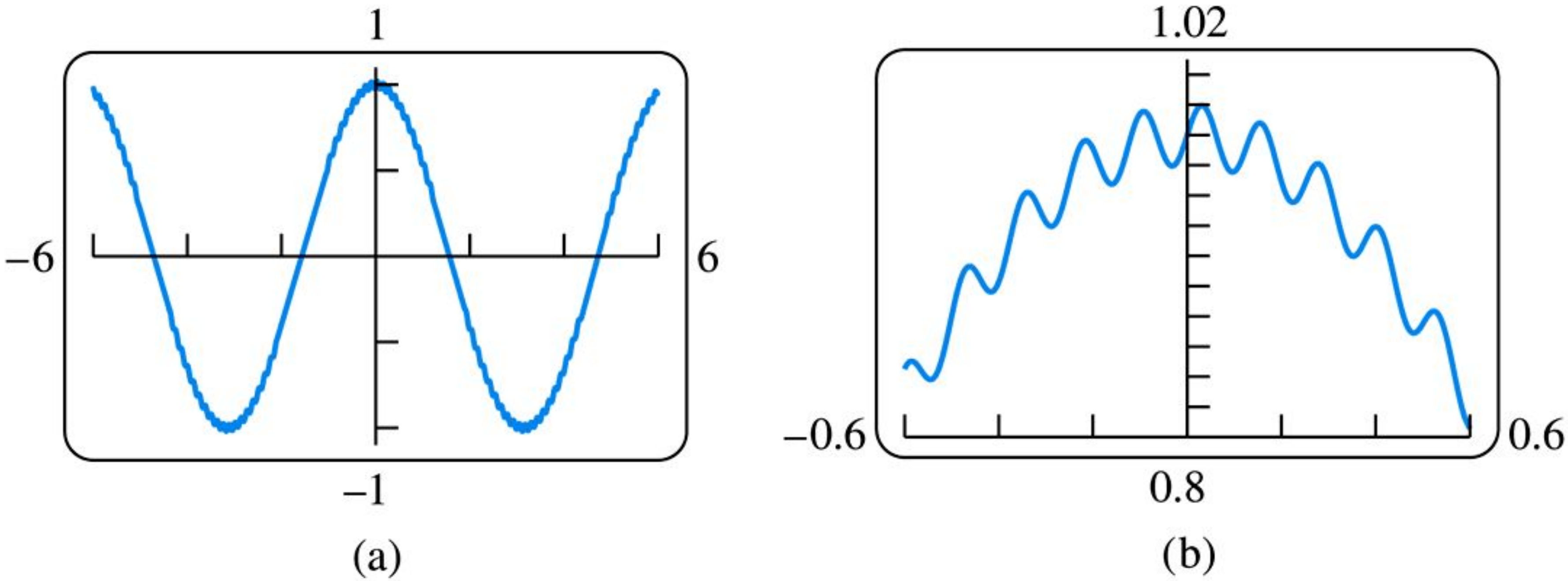

FIGURE 1.54 In (b) we see a close-up view of the function $y = \cos x + \dfrac{1}{50}\sin 50x$ graphed in (a). The term $\cos x$ clearly dominates the second term, $\dfrac{1}{50}\sin 50x$, which produces the rapid oscillations along the cosine curve. Both views are needed for a clear idea of the graph (Example 5).

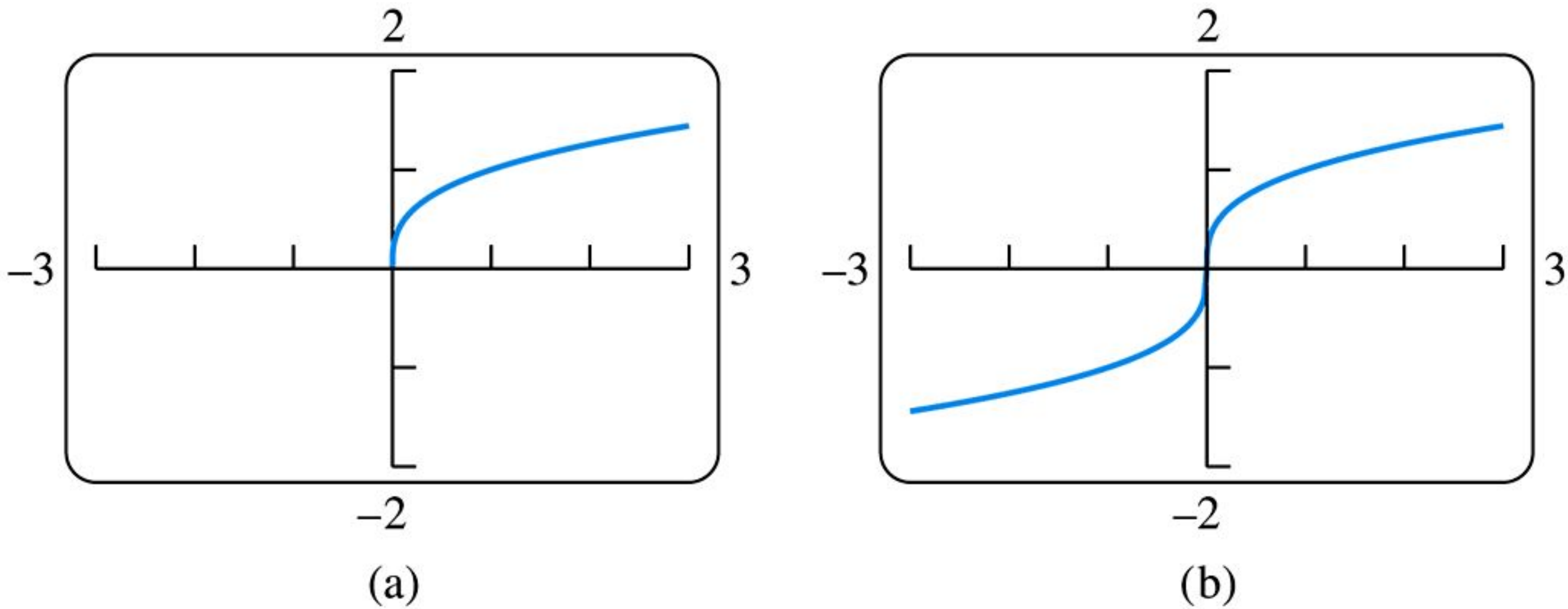

FIGURE 1.55 The graph of $y = x^{1/3}$ is missing the left branch in (a). In (b) we graph the function $f(x) = \dfrac{x}{|x|} \cdot |x|^{1/3}$, obtaining both branches. (See Example 6.)