

2-5 Absolute Value Functions and Graphs

$$y = |x|$$

calculator

$$\boxed{y = } \boxed{\text{math}} \rightarrow \text{Num abs}$$

$$y = |x| + 3$$

moved up 3

$$y = \text{abs}(x)$$

$$y = |x + 3|$$

moved left 3

$$y = |2x - 4|$$

moved right 2

Set what is inside the absolute value bars equal to zero and solve for x to find the x -value of the vertex. The y -value is whatever is outside the bars, if there is nothing y is zero.

$$2x - 4 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +4 \\ +4 \end{array}$$

vertex (2, 0)

$$2x = 4$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{4}{2}$$

$$x = 2$$

$$y = -|x + 1| - 2$$

$$x + 1 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -1 \\ -1 \end{array}$$

$$x = -1$$

vertex (-1, -2)

move left 1, and down 2

(open down)
reflection over the x -axis

-2 ← y -value of the vertex also tells you if it moves up or down

$$y = |2x - 5| + 0 \quad \text{vertex}(2.5, 0)$$

$$2x - 5 = 0$$

$$+5 \quad +5$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$x = 2.5 \quad \swarrow$$

moves right 2.5

$$y = \left| \frac{3}{2}x + 4 \right| - 3 \quad \text{vertex} \left(-2\frac{2}{3}, -3 \right)$$

$$\frac{3}{2}x + 4 = 0$$

$$-4 \quad -4$$

~~$$\frac{3}{2}x = -4 \cdot \frac{2}{3}$$~~

$$x = -\frac{8}{3} \text{ OR } -2\frac{2}{3}$$

left $2\frac{2}{3}$,
down 3

$$y = -|-x| + 5 \quad \text{vertex}(0, 5)$$

reflection

$$-x = 0$$

$$x = 0$$

up 5

$$y = 2 - |x + 1| \quad \text{vertex}(-1, 2)$$

up 2

reflection
left 1

$$x + 1 = 0$$

$$-1 \quad -1$$

$$x = -1$$

Graph $y = |2x - 1| + 3$

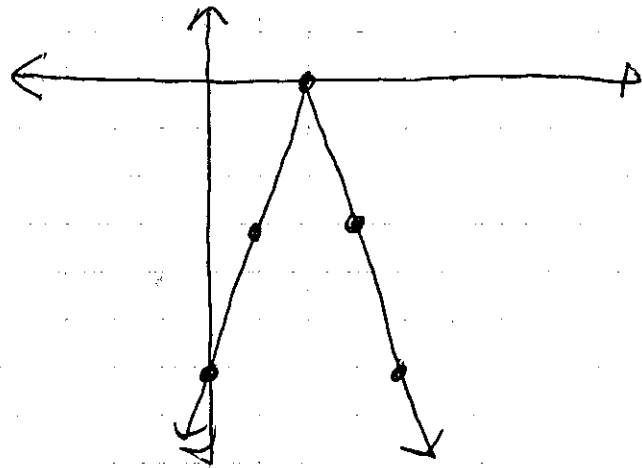
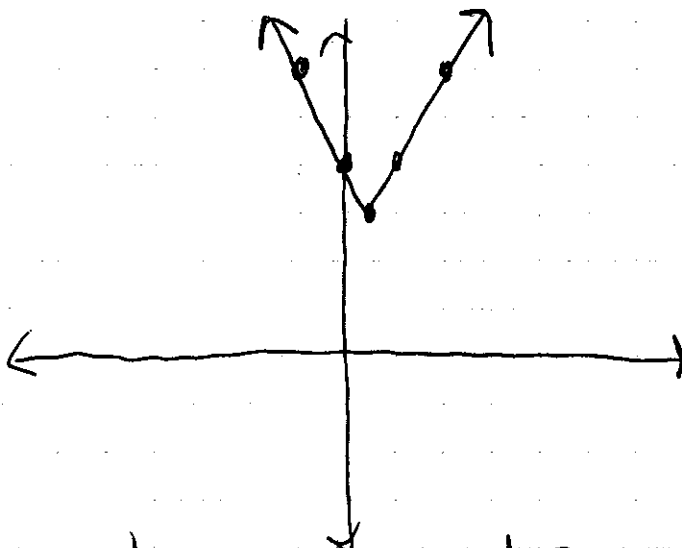
$$2x - 1 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} +1 & +1 \end{array}$$

vertex
 $(\frac{1}{2}, 3)$

$$2x = 1 \quad x = \frac{1}{2}$$

x	y
-1	$y = 2 \cdot (-1) - 1 + 3 = -3 + 3 = 3 + 3 = 6$ (-1, 6)
0	$y = 2 \cdot 0 - 1 + 3 = -1 + 3 = 1 + 3 = 4$ (0, 4)
$\frac{1}{2}$	3
1	$y = 2 \cdot 1 - 1 + 3 = 1 + 3 = 1 + 3 = 4$ (1, 4)
2	$y = 2 \cdot 2 - 1 + 3 = 3 + 3 = 3 + 3 = 6$ (2, 6)



Graph. $y = -|3x - 6|$

vertex (2, 0)

$$3x - 6 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} +6 & +6 \end{array}$$

$$3x = 6$$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{6}{3}$$

$$x = 2$$

x	y
0	$- 3 \cdot 0 - 6 = - -6 = -6$
1	$- 3 \cdot 1 - 6 = - -3 = -3$
2	0
3	$- 3 \cdot 3 - 6 = - 3 = -3$
4	$- 4 \cdot 3 - 6 = - 6 = -6$

$$y = 6 + 2|3x + 1|$$

OR

$$y = 2|3x + 1| + 6 \leftarrow y\text{-value}$$

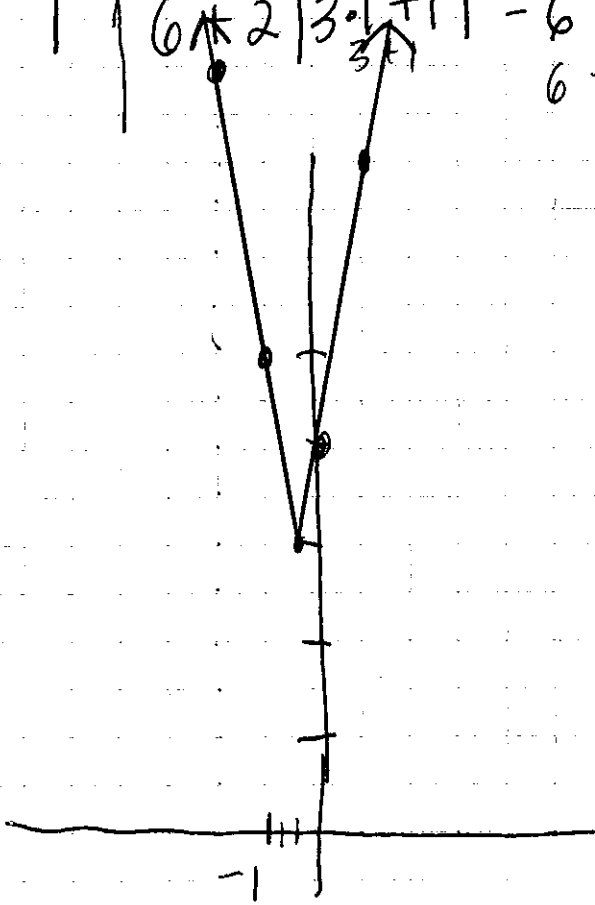
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$$3x + 1 = 0$$

vertex $(-\frac{1}{3}, 6)$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

X	Y
-2	$6 + 2 3 \cdot (-2) + 1 = 6 + 2 -5 = 6 + 2 \cdot 5 = 16$ <small>$6 + 10$</small>
-1	$6 + 2 3 \cdot (-1) + 1 = 6 + 2 -2 = 6 + 2 \cdot 2 = 10$ <small>$6 + 4$</small>
$-\frac{1}{3}$	6
0	$6 + 2 3 \cdot 0 + 1 = 6 + 2 1 = 6 + 2 = 8$ <small>$6 + 2 \cdot 1$</small>
1	$6 + 2 3 \cdot 1 + 1 = 6 + 2 4 = 6 + 2 \cdot 4 = 14$ <small>$6 + 8$</small>



Alg.2 Practice 2-5

Absolute Value Functions and Graphs

Find the vertex

Match each equation with its graph.

1. $y = |x - 1|$ _____

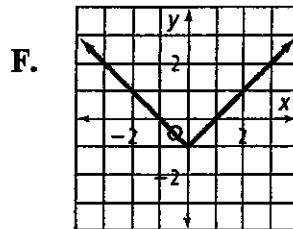
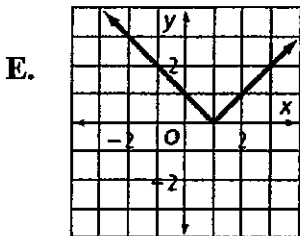
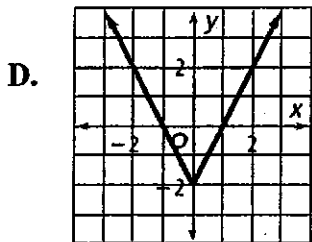
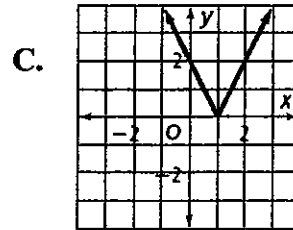
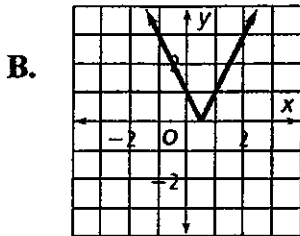
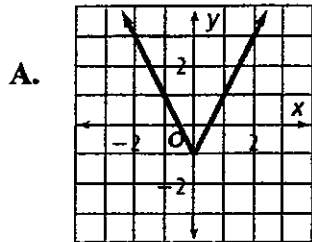
2. $y = 2|x - 1|$ _____

3. $y = |2x| - 1$ _____

4. $y = |x| - 1$ _____

5. $y = |2x - 1|$ _____

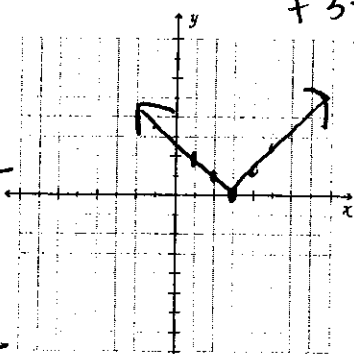
6. $y = |2x| - 2$ _____



Graph each equation by writing two linear equations.

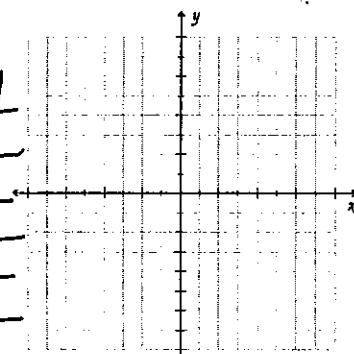
7. $y = |x - 3|$ $x - 3 = 0$
 $+ 3 + 3$
 $x = 3$

x	y
1	2
2	1
3	0
4	1
5	2

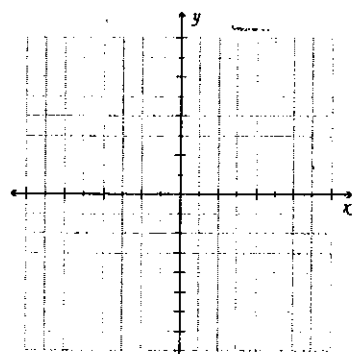


x	y

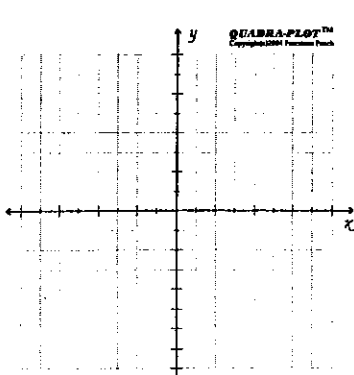
8. $y = |2x - 5|$



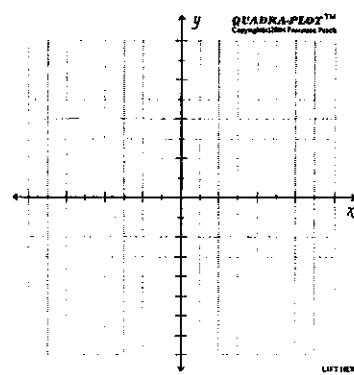
9. $y = 2|x + 2|$



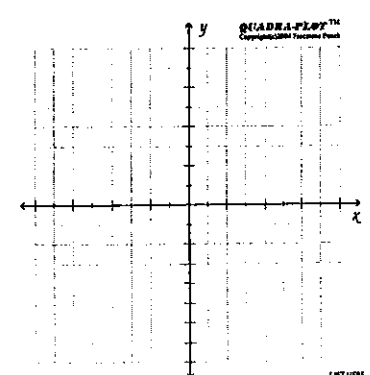
10. $y = |x + 3| - 1$



11. $y = -|3x + 4|$

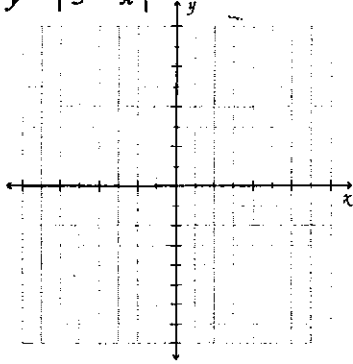


12. $y = \left| \frac{1}{2}x - 2 \right| + 1$

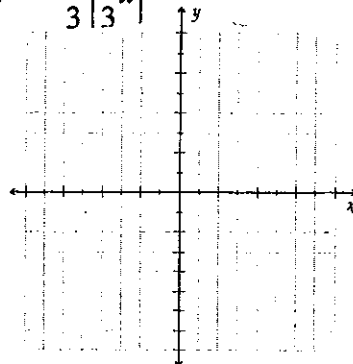


Graph each absolute value equation.

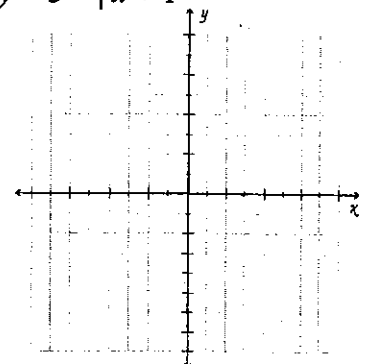
13. $y = |3 - x|$



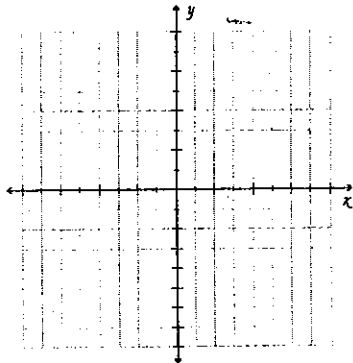
14. $y = -\frac{2}{3} \left| \frac{1}{3}x \right|$



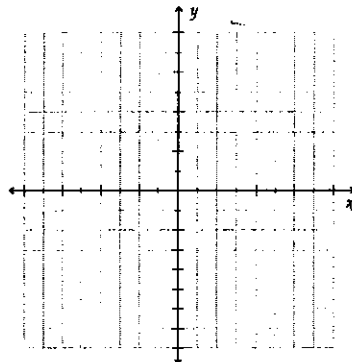
15. $y = 3 - |x + 1|$



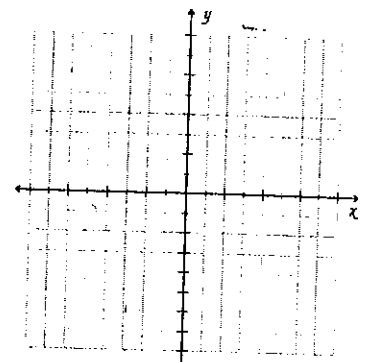
16. $y = -|-x - 2|$



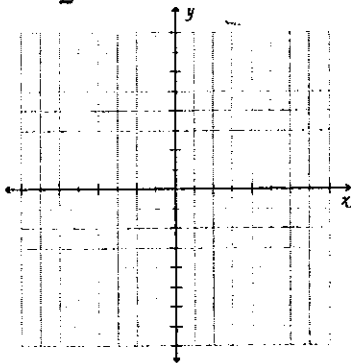
17. $3y = |2x - 9|$



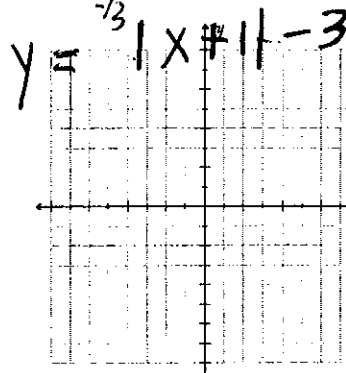
18. $y = -|x| + 2$



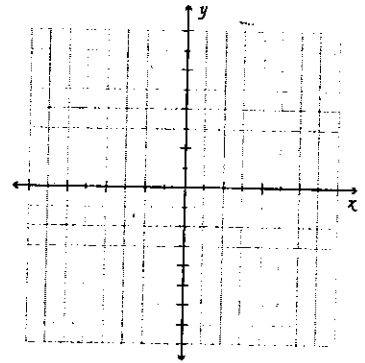
19. $\frac{1}{2}y = |3x - 1| - 2$



20. $y + \frac{3}{2} = |x + 1| - 3$



21. $-2y = |2x - 4|$



Alg.2 Practice 2-6

Families of Functions

Describe each translation of $f(x) = |x|$ as vertical, horizontal, or combined.

1. $f(x) = |x + 2|$

2. $f(x) = |x + 4|$

3. $f(x) = |x| - 5$

4. $f(x) = |x + 1| - 1$

5. $f(x) = |x - 2| + 1$

6. $f(x) = \left| x - \frac{3}{2} \right|$
