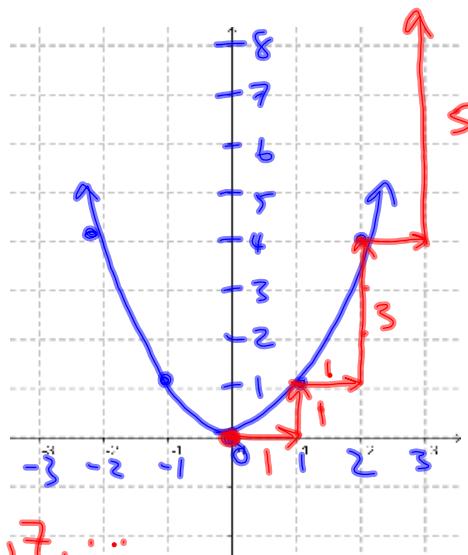


Reflecting & Stretching Quadratic Relations

The simplest quadratic relation is $y = x^2$, called the [parent function](#).

x	$y = x^2$
-2	4
-1	1
0	0
1	1
2	4



pattern: 1, 3, 5, 7, ...

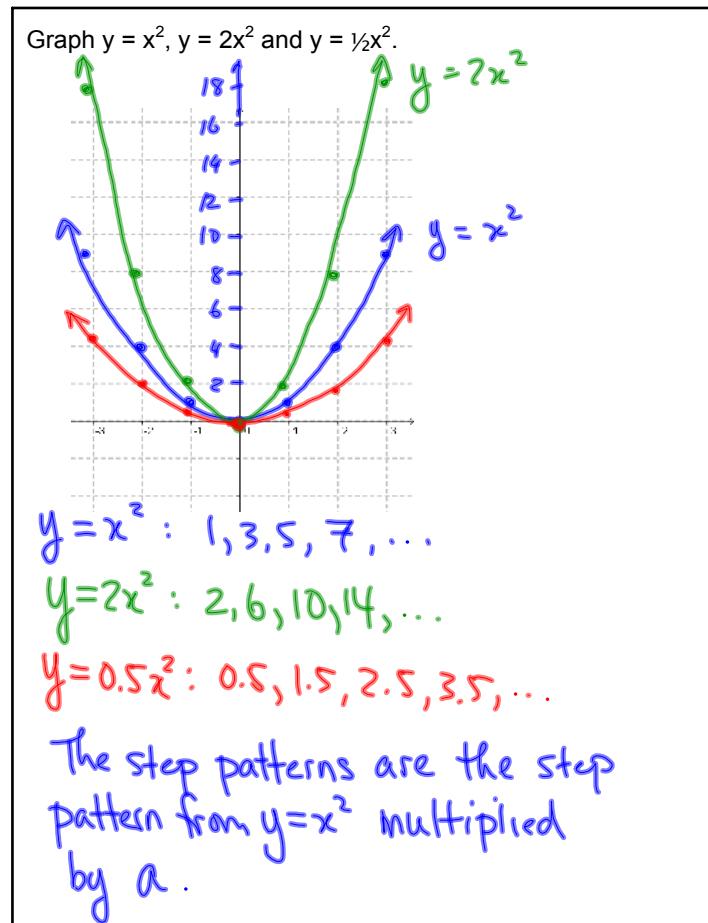
called the "step pattern"

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Compare the graphs and TOV for $y = x^2$, $y = 2x^2$, and $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$. What do you notice?

x	$y = x^2$	$y = 2x^2$	$y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$
-3	9	18	4.5
-2	4	8	2
-1	1	2	0.5
0	0	0	0
1	1	2	0.5
2	4	8	2
3	9	18	4.5

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See Geogebra quadratic translation demo
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$$y = x^2 \quad a = 1, \text{ so } a > 0, \text{ parabola opens up}$$

$$y = -x^2 \quad a = -1, \text{ so } a < 0, \text{ parabola opens down}$$

vertical reflection

Vertically reflected

The sign of **a** determines if there is a vertical reflection of the parent function, $y = x^2$.

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When '**a**' is a number other than 1 or -1, we say that $y = x^2$ has been vertically scaled.

For a vertical scaling, we only care about the size, or magnitude, of '**a**', so we ignore the sign. This is called the "absolute value", and has the symbol $|a|$.

When $|a| > 1$, the graph of $y = x^2$ gets thinner. The parent function undergoes a vertical stretch.

e.g., $y = 2x^2, y = -3x^2, y = 1.01x^2$

When $0 < |a| < 1$, the graph of $y = x^2$ gets wider. The parent function undergoes a vertical compression.

e.g., $y = 0.5x^2, y = -\frac{1}{4}x^2, y = 0.999x^2$

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Ex. 1. Describe the transformations to $y = x^2$ that yield the following:

(a) $y = \frac{1}{4}x^2$

Vertical compression
(by a factor of $\frac{1}{4}$)
or a factor of 4

(b) $y = -3x^2$

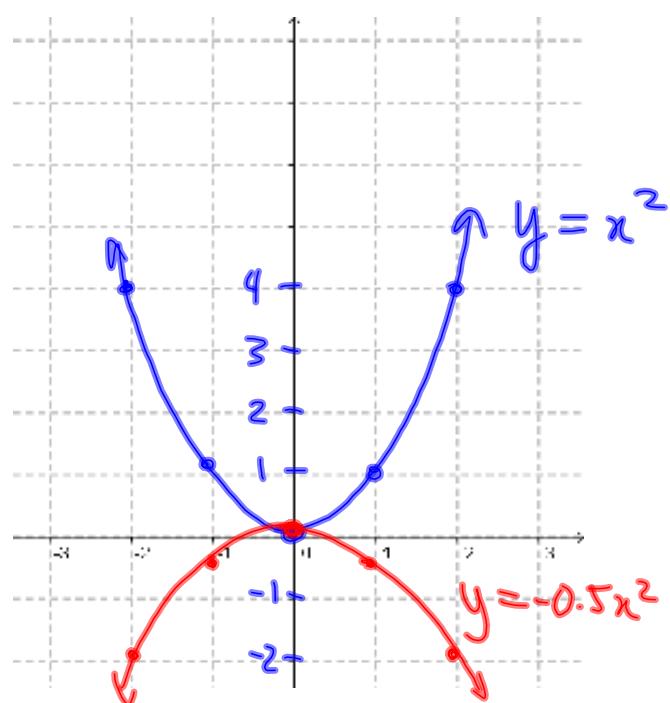
vertical stretch
by 3
vertically reflected

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Ex. 2. Graph (a) $y = -0.5x^2$

(b) $y = 3x^2$

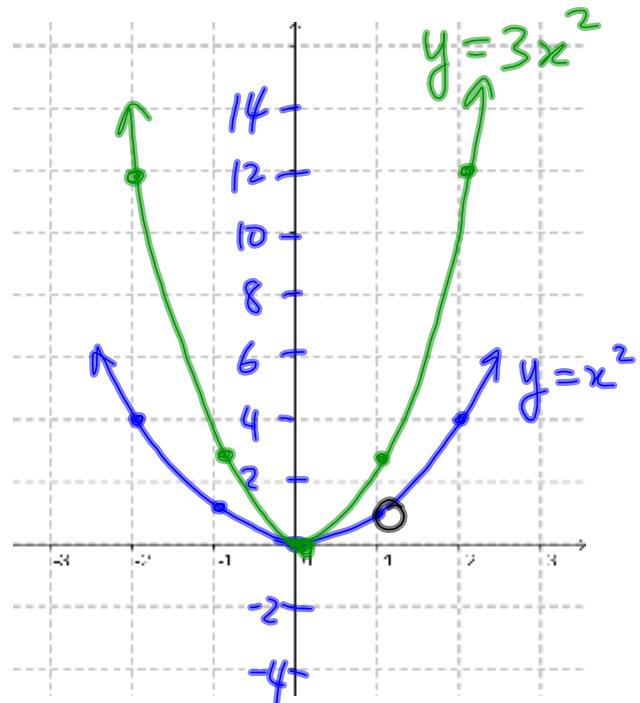
x	$y = x^2$	$-0.5x^2$
-2	4	-2
-1	1	-0.5
0	0	0
1	1	-0.5
2	4	-2



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Ex. 2. Graph (a) $y = -0.5x^2$

x	$y = x^2$	$3x^2$
-2	4	12
-1	1	3
0	0	0
1	1	3
2	4	12

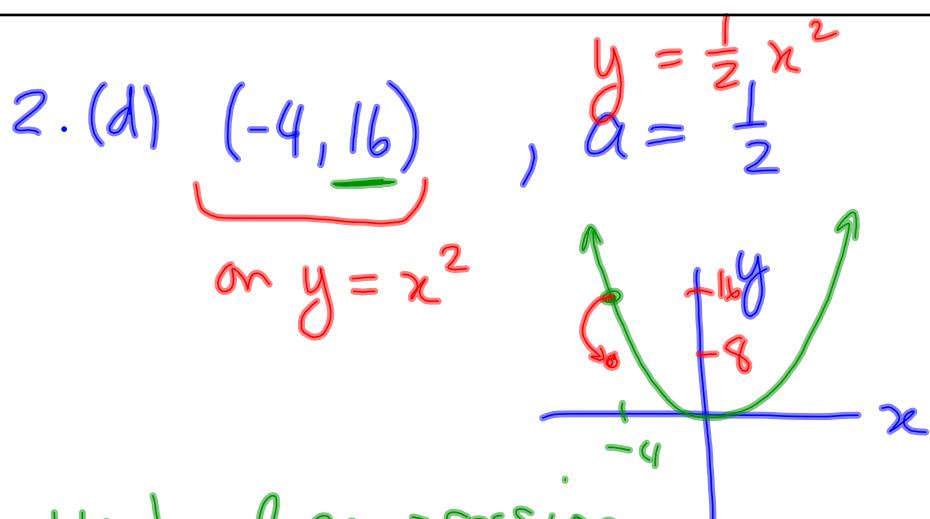
 $1, 3, 5, 7, \dots$ $3, 9, 15, 21, \dots$ (b) $y = 3x^2$ 

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Assigned Work:

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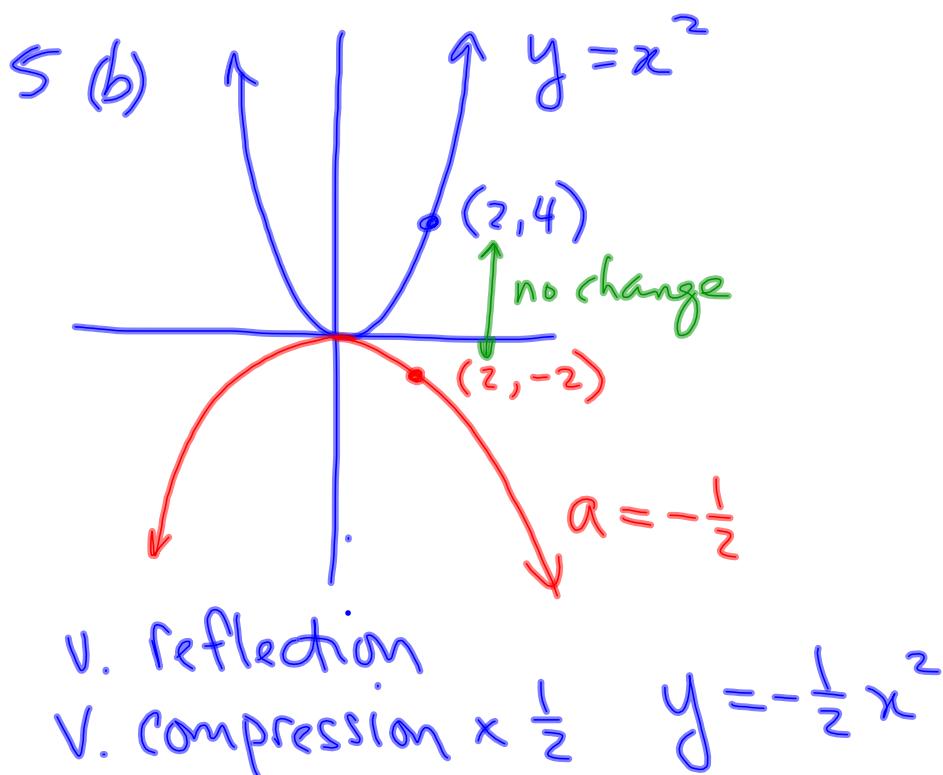


Vertical compression

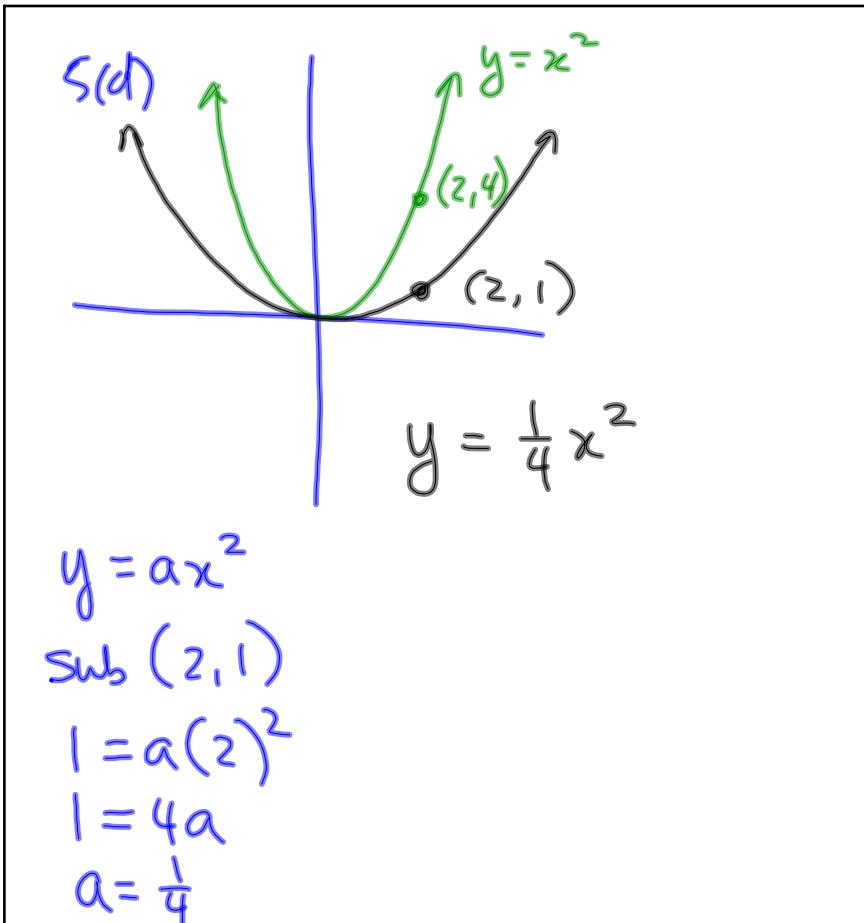
→ y value smaller

$$(-4, 16) \rightarrow (-4, 8)$$

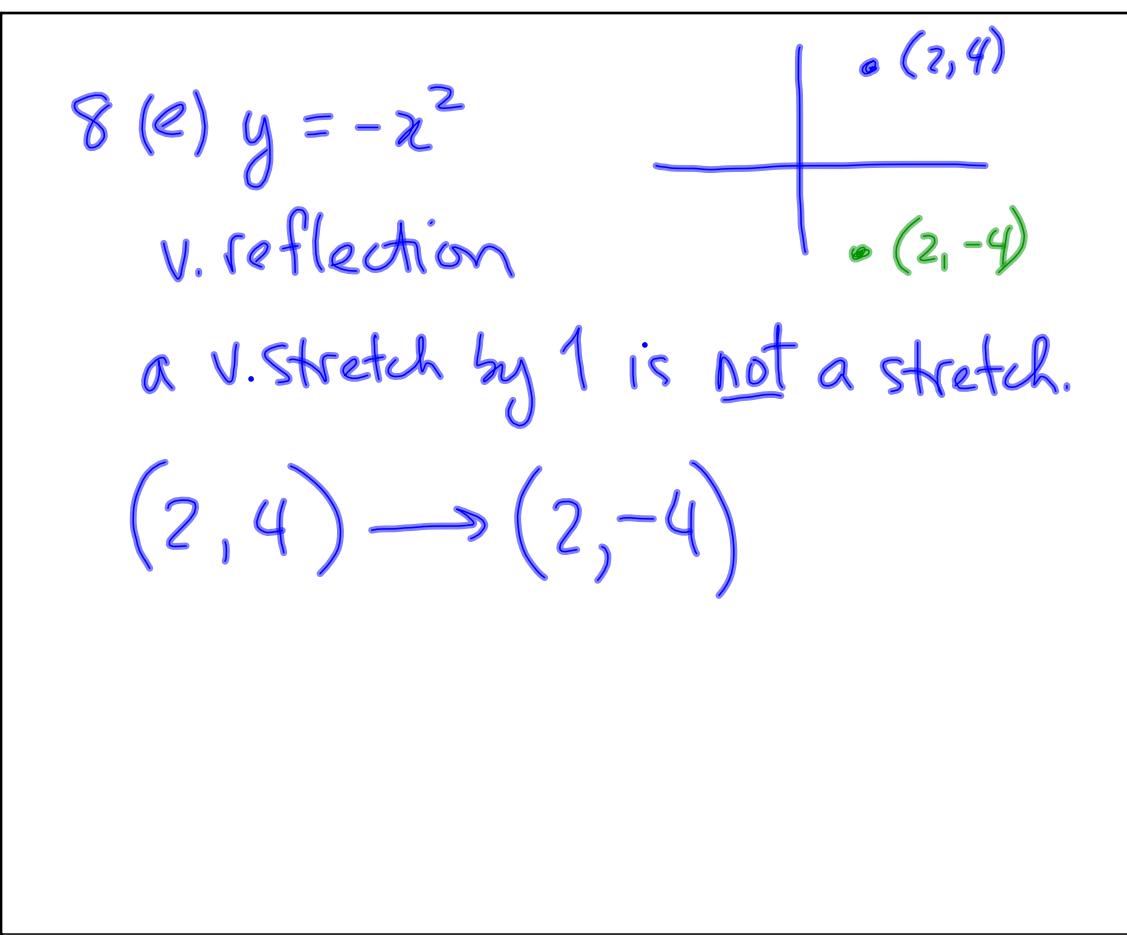
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$$8(b) \quad y = -\frac{2}{3}x^2$$

V. reflection

V. compression (y-value smaller)

$$(2, 4) \rightarrow (2, -\frac{2}{3}(4)) \\ \rightarrow (2, -\frac{8}{3})$$

$$(5, -8) \rightarrow (5, -8(-\frac{2}{3})) \\ \rightarrow (5, \frac{16}{3})$$

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