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# Transformations of functions 

Numeracy Program

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## Introduction

These slides introduce a useful way to graph functions based on manipulating (or transforming) the basic form of the graph.

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