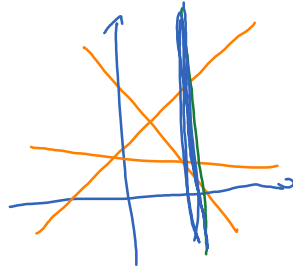


# Lecture 6

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## Linear function

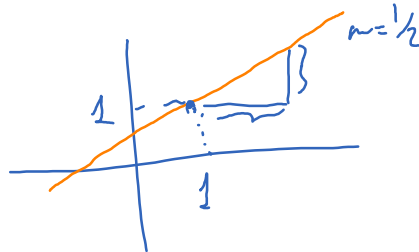
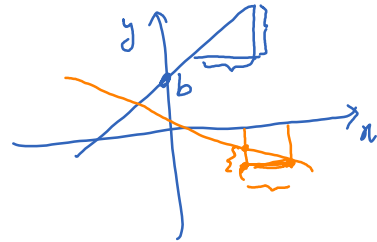


Except for the vertical straight lines, every str. line is a graph of a linear function.

$$y = f(x) = mx + b \quad \text{: slope-intercept}$$

↑ slope      ↑ y-intercept

$$y - b = m(x - a) \quad \text{: slope-point}$$



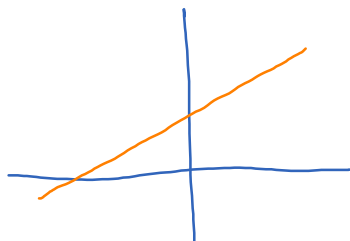
$$y - 1 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 1) = \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}$$

Add 1:

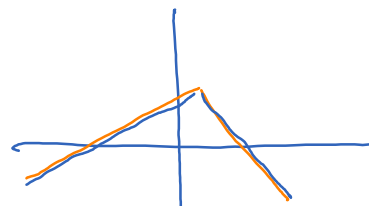
$$y - 1 + 1 = \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2} + 1$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}$$

slope-intercept



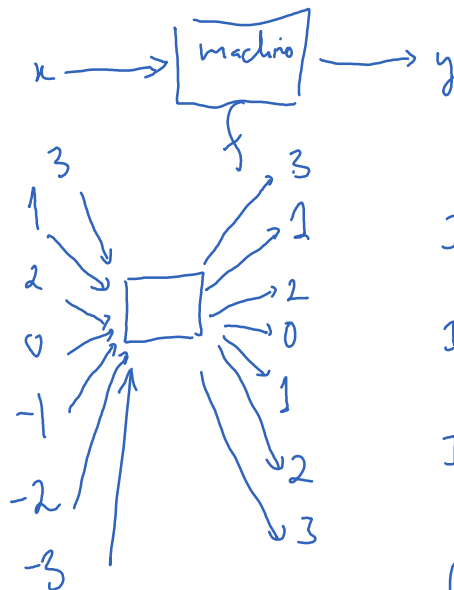
linear



piecewise linear function

# Absolute-value function

$$y = f(x)$$



$$\text{If } x > 0: f(x) = x$$

$$\text{If } x = 0: f(x) = x$$

$$\text{If } x < 0: f(x) = -x$$

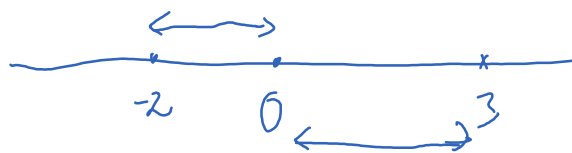
$$f(-2) = -(-2) = 2$$

$$-(-2) = 2$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Absolute-value function

$$f(x) = |x| : \text{absolute value of } x$$



$|x|$  = how far  $x$  is from 0.

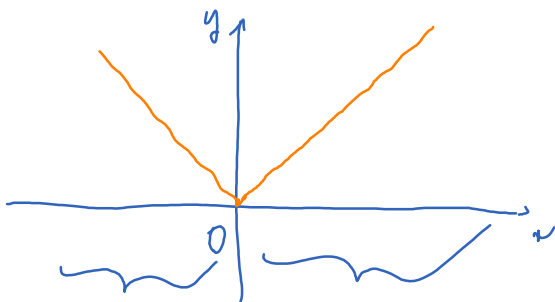
$$|3| = 3$$

$$|-2| = 2$$

$$|0| = 0$$

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x, & x \geq 0 \\ -x, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$f(x) = |x| = x$$

$$\text{slope} = 1$$

$$f(x) = -x$$

$$\text{slope} = -1$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = x \quad ? \quad \text{wrong}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = |x| \quad \checkmark$$

$$(-3)^2 = (-3)(-3) = 9$$

$$\sqrt{(-3)^2} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

$$\underline{\underline{Ex}} \quad f(x) = |x+2| - |2x-2|$$

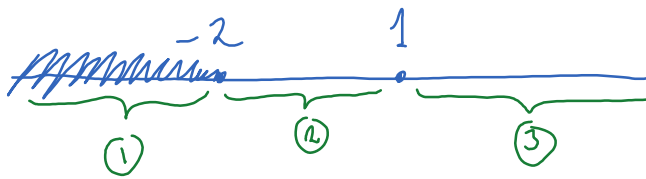
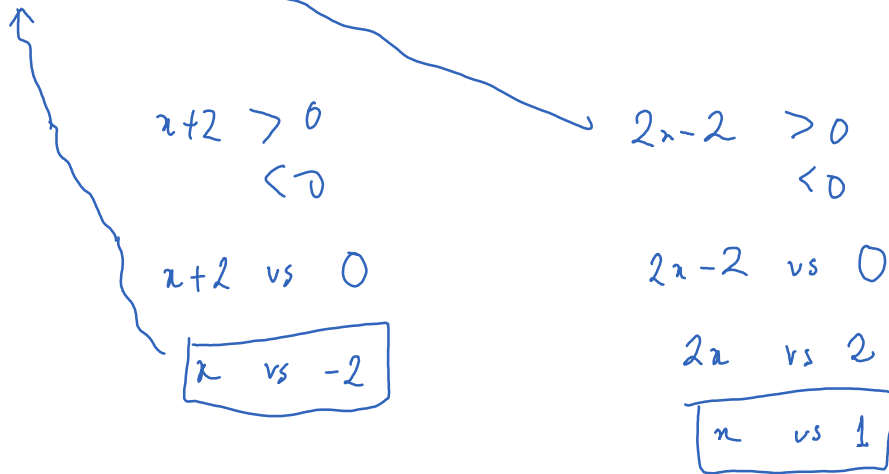
$$f(-3) = |-3+2| - |2(-3)-2| = |-1| - |-8| = 1 - 8 = -7$$

$$f(2) = |2+2| - |2(2)-2| = |4| - |2| = 4 - 2 = 2$$

How to graph function  $f$ ?

Strategy: remove vertical bars

$$f(x) = |x+2| - |2x-2|$$



\* When  $x$  is in (1): ( $x < -2$ )

$$f(x) = \underbrace{|x+2|}_{-(x+2)} - \underbrace{|2x-2|}_{-(2x-2)}$$

$$= -(x+2) + (2x-2)$$

$$= -x-2+2x-2$$

$$f(x) = x-4$$

$$x < -2$$

$$x+2 < -2+2=0$$

$$2x-2$$

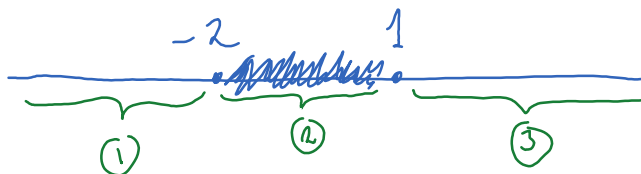
$$2(-3)-2 = -6-2 < 0$$

\* When  $x$  is in (2):  $-2 < x < 1$

$$f(x) = \underbrace{|x+2|}_{x+2} - \underbrace{|2x-2|}_{-(2x-2)}$$

$$x+2 > 0$$

$$2x-2 < 0$$



$$f(x) = x+2 - -(2x-2)$$

$$= x+2+2x-2$$

$$f(x) = 3x$$

\* When  $x > 1$ :

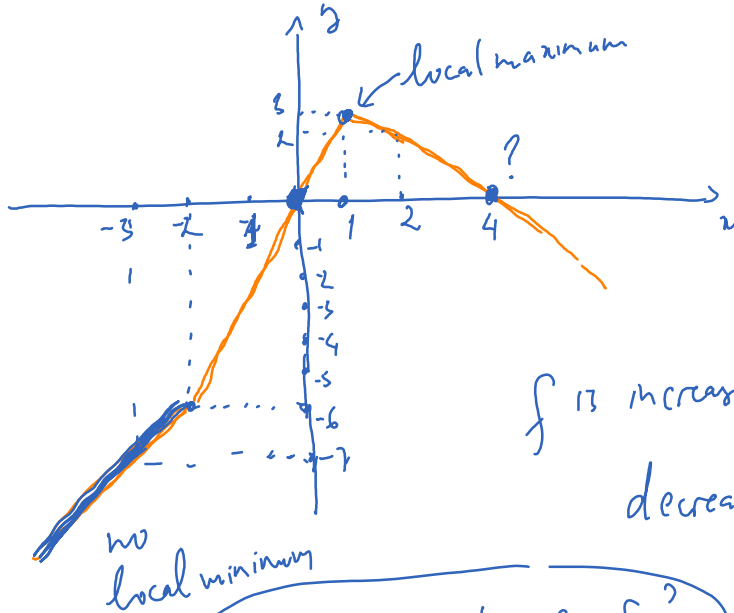
$$f(x) = -x + 4$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x-4 & \text{if } x < -2 \\ 3x & \text{if } -2 < x < 1 \\ -x+4 & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = 0 \\ x - 4 = 0 \\ x = 4$$

$$x = 0$$

$$-x + 4 = 0, x = 4$$



$f$  is increasing on  $(-\infty, 1]$   
decreasing on  $[1, \infty)$

$x, y$  intercepts of  $f$ ?

$y$ -intercept: plug  $x = 0$

$$f(0) = |0+2| - |2(0)-2| = |2| - |-2| = 0$$

$$x = 0, y = 0$$

$y$ -int. is the origin

$x$ -intercept.

$$f(x) = 0 \text{ solve for } x$$

$$|x+2| - |2x-2| = 0$$

$x$ -intercepts are  $(0, 0)$  and  $(4, 0)$

$$|x+2| - |2x-2| = 0$$

$$\underbrace{|x+2|}_{\pm(x+2)} = \underbrace{|2x-2|}_{\pm(2x-2)}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x+2 = 2x-2 \rightarrow x=4$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad x+2 = -(2x-2) \rightarrow x=0$$