

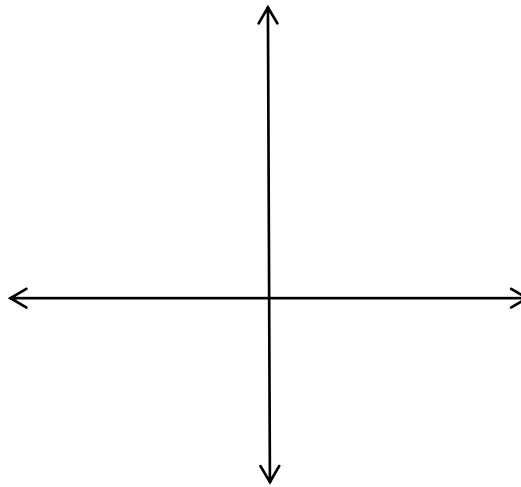
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Piecewise Function – A Function in which different equations are used for different intervals of the domain. It is defined in pieces.

Absolute Value Function – A piecewise function, written as $f(x) = |x|$, where $f(x) \geq 0$ for all values of x . An absolute value function will always have a V-Shaped graph. If the coefficient in front of the absolute value symbol is positive, the v-shape will open upwards. If the coefficient in front of the absolute value symbol is negative, the v-shape will open downwards.

Consider $f(x) = |x|$, this function can be written as a piecewise function:

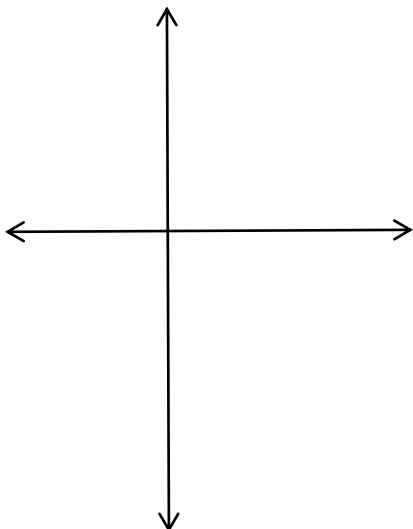
$$f(x) = f(x) = \begin{cases} -x, & x < 0 \\ x, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$



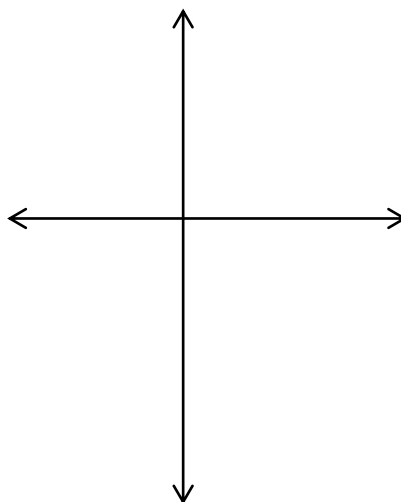
EX.1 – Graphing Absolute Value Functions

Graph the following absolute value functions using piecewise functions.

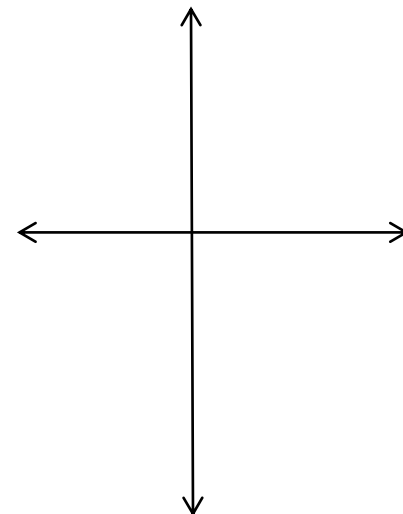
a.) $f(x) = 2|x| - 6$



b.) $f(x) = -2|x| + 3$



c.) $f(x) = |x + 6|$



Graph the following absolute value functions using a table of values.

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

e.) $g(x) = |2x + 3|$

f.) $h(x) = 2|x - 3| - 4$

