## Parent Functions

There are five functions which you should be familiar with. You have seen some of them before; others are new. The simplest, most basic of each is called the parent function.

| Name of Function | Equation of Parent Function | Sketch of Graph | Domain | Range |
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| linear function | $f(x)=x$ |  | $\{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ | $\{y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ |
| quadratic function | $f(x)=x^{2}$ |  | $\{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ | $\{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \geq 0\}$ |
| square root $\dagger$ function | $f(x)=\sqrt{x}$ |  | $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\}$ | $\{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \geq 0\}$ |
| reciprocal function | $f(x)=\frac{1}{x}$ |  | $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq 0\}$ | $\{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \neq 0\}$ |
| absolute value function | $f(x)=\|x\|$ <br> (represents the distance from 0 ) |  | $\{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ | $\{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \geq 0\}$ |

