(I) Sketch a graph of the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 - x, & \text{if } x < 0\\ 2 + x, & \text{if } 0 \le x \le 1\\ x^2, & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

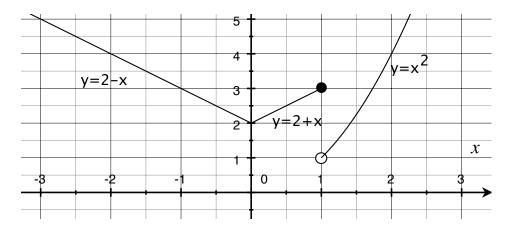
Graph must be neat, approximately to scale, include detailed labels, and indicate open/closed intervals wherever needed.

(II) Use the laws of exponents to simplify and rewrite the expression:

$$\frac{\sqrt{x \ y^4}}{\sqrt[3]{x \ y}}$$

Solution

(I) The graph is shown below



(II) Rewrite square-roots and other roots to get

$$\frac{\sqrt{x} \ y^4}{\sqrt[3]{x} \ y} = \frac{(x \ y^4)^{1/2}}{(x \ y)^{1/3}} = \frac{x^{1/2} \ y^2}{x^{1/3} \ y^{1/3}} = \ x^{1/6} \ y^{5/3}$$

Answer:
$$\frac{\sqrt{x y^4}}{\sqrt[3]{x y}} = x^{1/6} y^{5/3}$$
 OR $\sqrt[6]{x} \sqrt[3]{y^5}$

Grading: Total points possible = 6.

1 pt - Any reasonable attempt.

3.5 pt for (I): 1.5 pt = correct shape and location of 3 pieces.

1pt = complete & clear labels on axes.

1pt = correct open/closed circles at <math>x = 1.

1.5 pt for (II): 1pt = translate radicals to exponents correctly. 0.5pt = correctly simplify result.