

# Notes

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### 3.1: Investigating quadratic functions in vertex form (Day 1)

#### Objectives:

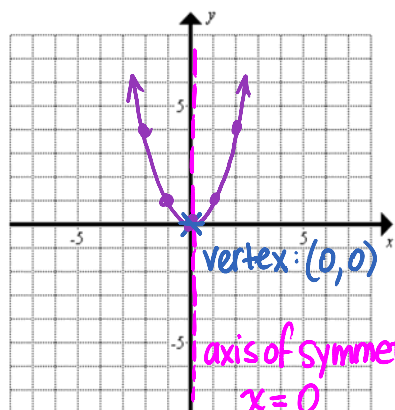
- Define a quadratic function.
- Determine the effects of "p" and "q" on the graph of  $y = a(x - p)^2 + q$

A **quadratic function** is a function of degree 2. (recall: **degree** = highest exponent value).

for example:  $y = x^2$ ,  $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x^2 + 5x - 3$ ,  $g(x) = (x-5)(x+4)$

In general, a quadratic function is of the form:  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  where  $a \neq 0$   
 ↓ 'Basic Quadratic Function'

Ex. 1: Graph the function  $y = x^2$  using a table of values.



x	y
-2	4
-1	1
0	0
1	1
2	4

What is the **domain** of this graph?  
 ↳ all x values

x can be all real numbers.

$$x \in \mathbb{R}$$

What is the **range** of this graph?  
 ↳ all y values

y can be greater than or equal 0

$$y \geq 0$$

#### Definitions:

- **Parabola**: the *shape* of the graph of a quadratic equation
- **Vertex**: the highest (maximum) or lowest (minimum) point of the parabola
- **Axis of symmetry**: the equation of the vertical line that passes through the vertex (note: vertical line equations are always of the form  $x = p$ )

\* Always graph at least 5 points clearly when graphing a parabola \*

Graphing:  $y = x^2 + q$ :

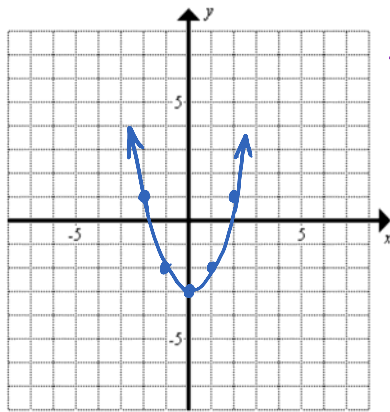
The "q" value is the *vertical shift* of the parabola  $y = x^2$

To graph, simply shift the graph of  $y = x^2$  up or down by the value of "q"

Ex. 2: Graph  $y = x^2 - 3$

1) Graph 'Basic' Parabola

2) Shift Down 3

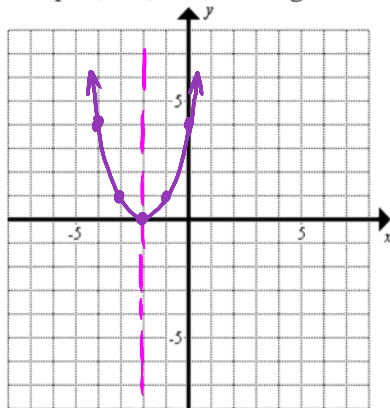


State the:

- a) vertex:  $(0, -3)$
- b) equation of the axis of symmetry:  $x = 0$
- c) domain:  $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- d) range:  $y \geq -3$

Graphing  $y = (x - p)^2$ :

Ex. 3: Graph  $y = (x + 2)^2$  using a table of values.



$x$	$y$
-4	4
-3	1
-2	0
-1	1
0	4

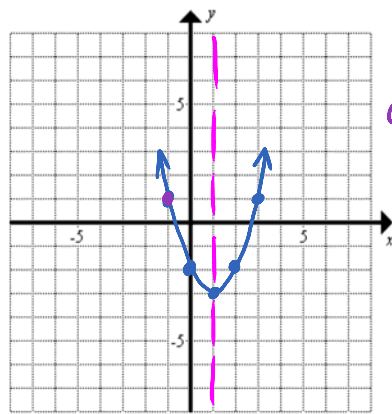
State the:

- a) vertex:  $(-2, 0)$
- b) equation of the axis of symmetry:  $x = -2$
- c) domain:  $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- d) range:  $y \geq 0$

The "p" value is the *horizontal shift* of the parabola  $y = x^2$

To graph, simply shift the graph of  $y = x^2$  left or right by the opposite value of p.

Ex. 4: Graph  $y = (x-1)^2 - 3$  by comparing to the graph of  $y = x^2$



$p=1$   
 $\rightarrow$  shift right 1  
 $q=-3$   
 $\rightarrow$  shift down 3

State the:

- a) vertex:  $(1, -3)$
- b) equation of the axis of symmetry:  $x = 1$
- c) domain:  $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- d) range:  $y \geq -3$

left/right opposite  
 $y = (x-p)^2 + q$   
 $\downarrow$  up/down

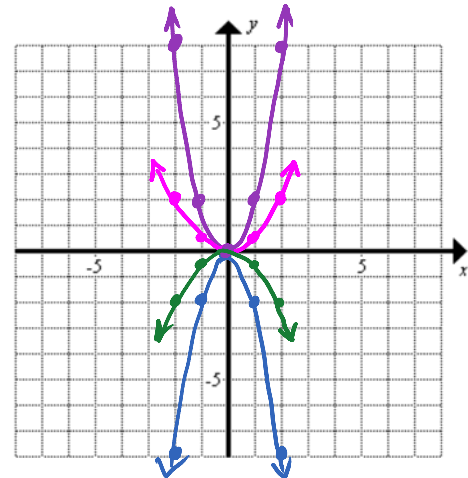
**3.1: Investigating quadratic functions in vertex form (Day 2)**

Objectives:

- Determine the effects of "a" on the graph of  $y = a(x-p)^2 + q$
- Graph any quadratic function in vertex form  $y = a(x-p)^2 + q$

Ex. 1: Graph the following on the same grid using a table of values.

$x$	$y = 2x^2$	$y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$	$y = -2x^2$	$y = -\frac{1}{2}x^2$
-2	8	2	-8	-2
-1	2	0.5	-2	-0.5
0	0	0	0	0
1	2	0.5	-2	-0.5
2	8	2	-8	-2



- What effect does the value of "a" have on the graph?
  - open up or down
  - wider or thinner

If  $a > 0$ : the parabola opens up → ☺

If  $a < 0$ : the parabola opens down → ☹

The value of a is the "stretch" of the parabola.

We graph  $y = ax^2$  by multiplying the values of  $y = x^2$  by "a"

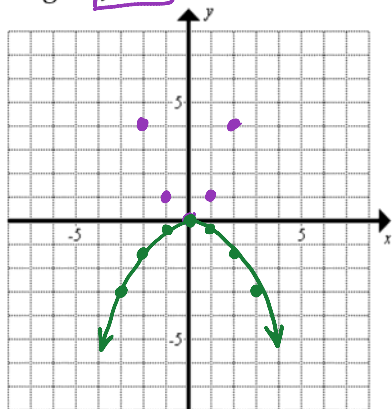
$y = x^2$		$y = ax^2$	
x	y	x	y
0	0	0	0
1	1	1	a
2	4	2	4a
3	9	3	9a

↖  $\times a$  ↗

For our "new" parabola we graph starting from the vertex and shifting over (x) and up/down the original y times "a"

Ex. 2: Graph

comparing to  $y = x^2$



$y = -\frac{1}{3}x^2$  by

$y = -\frac{1}{3}x^2$   
 $p=0$   $q=0$   
 → no shift: vertex (0,0)  
 $a = -\frac{1}{3} \rightarrow$  open down

	$x = -\frac{1}{3}$
1	$1 \times -\frac{1}{3} = -\frac{1}{3}$
2	$4 \times -\frac{1}{3} = -\frac{4}{3}$
3	$9 \times -\frac{1}{3} = -\frac{9}{3} = -3$

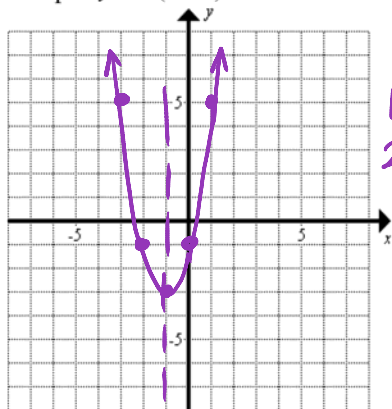
In general for any parabola in vertex form  $y = a(x - p)^2 + q$

- vertex: (p, q) \* note sign change on "p"
- equation of the axis of symmetry:  $x = p$

To graph:  $y = a(x - p)^2 + q$

1. Graph vertex  $(p, q)$
2. Graph 2 points on either side of the vertex using the stretch value of "a" compared to  $y = x^2$ . \*Make table.

Ex. 3: Graph  $y = 2(x+1)^2 - 3$



$a=2$   
 $p=-1$   
 $q=-3$

1. vertex:  $(-1, -3)$

2.

	$\times a$
1	$1 \times 2 = 2$
2	$4 \times 2 = 8$
3	$9 \times 2 = 18$

\*Move from vertex

State the:

- a) vertex:  $(-1, -3)$
- b) equation of the axis of symmetry:  $x = -1$
- c) domain:  $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- d) range:  $y \geq -3$

Ex. 4: Determine the quadratic function written in the standard form  $y = a(x - p)^2 + q$  with the given information:

a) vertex  $(3, -5)$ , and  $a = 2$

$y = 2(x - 3)^2 - 5$

Same shape

b) congruent to  $y = 0.4x^2$ , opens down, and vertex  $(3, -3)$

$a = -0.4$

$y = -0.4(x - 3)^2 - 3$

c) vertex  $(0, 3)$ , passing through  $(3, 4)$

$y = a(x - 0)^2 + 3$

$4 = a(3)^2 + 3$

$4 = 9a + 3$

$1 = 9a$

$a = \frac{1}{9}$

$y = \frac{1}{9}(x)^2 + 3$

*→ plug in (3,4), solve for a.*

d) vertex  $(4, -1)$ , and  $y$ -intercept  $3$

$y = a(x - 4)^2 - 1$

$3 = a(0 - 4)^2 - 1$

$3 = 16a - 1$

$4 = 16a$

$a = \frac{4}{16} = \frac{1}{4}$

$y = \frac{1}{4}(x - 4)^2 - 1$

*→ plug in (0,3), solve for a*

Ex.5: Write the equation from Example 3, part a, in general form ( $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ )

$y = 2(x+1)^2 - 3$

$= 2(x+1)(x+1) - 3$

$= 2(x^2 + x + x + 1) - 3$

$= 2(x^2 + 2x + 1) - 3$

$= 2x^2 + 4x + 2 - 3$

$y = 2x^2 + 4x - 1$

**3.2: Investigating quadratic functions in general form**

$$y = ax^2 + bx + c$$

**Objectives:**

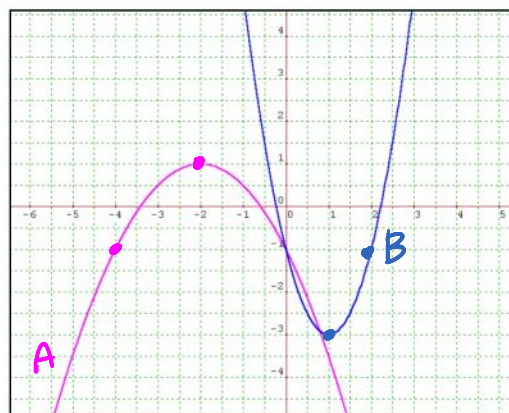
- Determine the vertex, axis of symmetry, domain and range for quadratic functions in general form.
- Use a graphing calculator to graph quadratic functions.
- Analyze word problems involving quadratic functions.

Ex. 1: What are the equations of the functions shown?

→ extra practice for the quiz!

A)  $y = a(x+2)^2 + 1$   
 $-1 = a(-4+2)^2 + 1$   
 $-2 = 4a$   
 $a = -\frac{1}{2}$   
 $y = -\frac{1}{2}(x+2)^2 + 1$

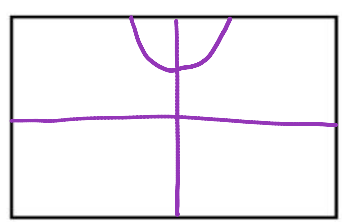
B)  $y = a(x-1)^2 - 3$   
 $-1 = a(2-1)^2 - 3$   
 $2 = a$   
 $y = 2(x-1)^2 - 3$



**Part 1.** Graph each of the following functions using a graphing calculator. For each function, determine the coordinates of the vertex and any intercepts. Round to the nearest tenth, where necessary for 1 to 4 and to the nearest hundredth for 5.

1.  $y = x^2 + 5$   
 vertex:  $(0, 5)$  ← 3: minimum  
 the y-intercept:  $(0, 5)$  1: value →  $x = 0$   
 the x-intercepts: none

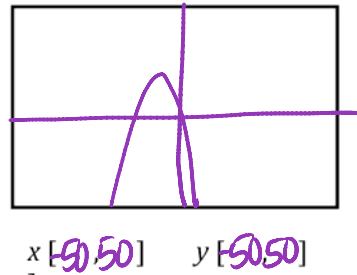
2<sup>nd</sup> TRACE  
 window settings →  $x[-10, 10]$   $y[10, 10]$  ← screen display



2.  $y = -x^2 - 2x + 5$   
 vertex:  $(-1, 6)$   
 the y-intercept:  $(0, 5)$  or  $= 5$   
 the x-intercepts:  $(-3.45, 0) = -3.45$   
 ("zero"  $(1.45, 0)$  1.45)

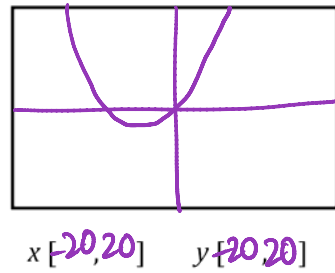


3.  $y + 7x = -0.5x^2 - 3$   
 vertex:  $(-7, 21.5)$   
 the  $y$ -intercept:  $(0, -3)$  or  $-3$   
 the  $x$ -intercepts:  $(-13.56, 0) = -13.56$   
 $(-0.44, 0) = -0.44$



$Y_1 = -0.5x^2 - 7x - 3$

4.  $y = 0.1x(5 + x)$   
 vertex:  $(-2.5, -0.625)$   
 the  $y$ -intercept:  $(0, 0)$  or  $0$   
 the  $x$ -intercepts:  $(-5, 0)$  or  $-5$   
 $(0, 0)$  or  $0$



$Y_1 = 0.1x(5 + x)$

**Applications of Quadratic Functions**

**Part 2. Problem Solving.** Solve using a graphing calculator. Round answers to the nearest hundredth.

1. A rock is thrown off a cliff. The height, in metres, with respect to time, in seconds, is defined by the quadratic function  $h(t) = -4.9t^2 + 90t + 50$ .

a) What is the maximum height? 463.27 m  
 $\hookrightarrow$  vertex!  $(9.18, 463.27)$

b) When does it reach this height? 9.18 s

c) How long does it take to reach the ground?  $(18.91, 0)$  18.91 s  
 $x$ -int = 'zero'

d) How high is the cliff? 50m  
 $y$ -int  $\rightarrow$  value  $x=0$   $(0, 50)$

e) What is the domain of this function?  $0 \leq t \leq 18.91$



2. Two numbers have a difference of 10. Their product is a minimum. Determine the two numbers.

let  $x, y = 2$  numbers

$$x - y = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y + 10$$

Product:  $P = x \cdot y$

$$P = (y + 10)y$$

$$P = y^2 + 10y$$

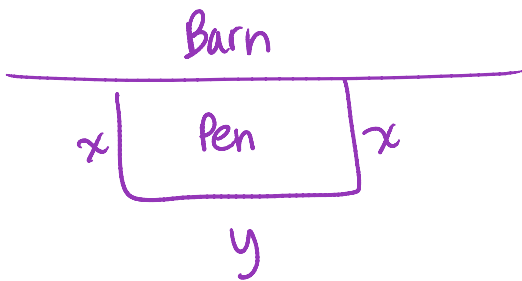
$$\rightarrow \text{vertex: } (-5, -25)$$

$y$        $P$

If  $y = -5$   
 $x = y + 10$   
 $= -5 + 10$   
 $= 5$

The 2 numbers are -5 and 5

3. A rectangular pen is to be built along the side of a barn to house chickens.



Fence:  $2x + y = 60$

$$\rightarrow y = 60 - 2x$$

Area:  $A = x \cdot y$

$$A = x(60 - 2x)$$

$$A = 60x - 2x^2$$

$$\rightarrow \text{vertex: } (15, 450)$$

$x$        $A$

- a) Find the maximum area that can be enclosed with 60 m of fencing if the barn is one side of the enclosure.

Area = 450 m<sup>2</sup>

- b) What are the dimensions that gives the maximum area?

$$x = 15 \text{ m}$$

$$y = 60 - 2x$$

$$= 60 - 2(15)$$

$$= 30 \text{ m}$$

Dimensions are 15 m by 30 m

### 3.3: Completing the Square

#### Objectives:

- Converting quadratic functions from standard to vertex form.
- Writing quadratic functions to model situations.

Given a quadratic function in standard form  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  we don't know how to graph by hand.

- We can RE-WRITE the standard form into vertex form  $y = a(x-p)^2 + q$  by the method of completing the square.

Ex. 1: Rewrite  $y = x^2 + 6x + 8$  in vertex form.

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= (x^2 + 6x) + 8 \quad \rightarrow \left[\frac{1}{2}(6)\right]^2 = 9 \\
 &= (x^2 + 6x + 9 - 9) + 8 \\
 &= (x^2 + 6x + 9) - 9 + 8 \\
 &\quad \text{factor!} \\
 &= (x+3)^2 - 1 \quad \rightarrow \text{vertex: } (-3, -1)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Why do you think this is called completing the square? Where is the square?

Ex. 2: Rewrite  $y = 3x^2 - 12x + 11$  in vertex form.

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= 3x^2 - 12x + 11 \quad y = a(x-p)^2 + q \\
 &= 3(x^2 - 4x) + 11 \quad \rightarrow \left[\frac{1}{2}(-4)\right]^2 \\
 &= 3(x^2 - 4x + 4 - 4) + 11 \\
 &= 3(x^2 - 4x + 4) - 12 + 11 \\
 &\quad \text{factor!} \\
 &= 3(x-2)^2 - 1 \quad \rightarrow \text{vertex: } (2, -1)
 \end{aligned}$$

To complete the square:

1. Group the x terms - factor out 'a' from the two terms with x if necessary.
2. Add and subtract  $(\frac{1}{2}b)^2$  inside of the brackets from part 1.
3. Move the subtracted value outside of the brackets by multiplying by 'a'.
4. Factor x terms inside of brackets and simplify constant terms outside of the brackets.

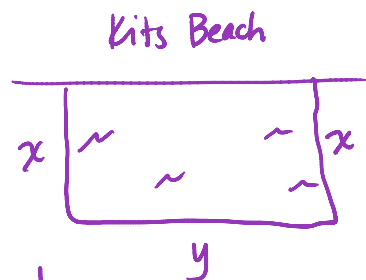
Ex. 3: Analyze the function  $y = -2x^2 + 3x - 2$  by re-writing in vertex form. State the vertex, axis of symmetry, maximum or minimum and domain/range.

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= -\frac{2x^2}{-2} + \frac{3x}{-2} - 2 \\
 &= -2\left(x^2 - \frac{3}{2}x\right) - 2 && \left(\frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)\right)^2 = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{16} \\
 &= -2\left(x^2 - \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{9}{16} - \frac{9}{16}\right) - 2 && -\frac{9}{16}(-2) = \frac{18}{16} \\
 &= -2\left(x^2 - \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{9}{16}\right) + \frac{9}{8} - \frac{2}{8} \\
 &= -2\left(x - \frac{3}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{7}{8} && \text{vertex: } \left(\frac{3}{4}, -\frac{7}{8}\right) \text{ domain: } x \in \mathbb{R} \\
 & && \text{axis: } x = \frac{3}{4} \text{ range: } y \leq -\frac{7}{8} \\
 & && \text{max/min: } = -\frac{7}{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex. 4: We will be roping off a swimming area down at Kits Beach for the day. If we have only 100 m of rope and want a maximized swimming area, what should the dimensions of the area be?

Rope :  $2x + y = 100$   
 $y = 100 - 2x$

Area:  $A = xy$   
 $= x(100 - 2x)$   
 $= 100x - 2x^2 \rightarrow \text{vertex? complete the square!}$   
 $= -2x^2 + 100x$   
 $= -2(x^2 - 50x) \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2}(-50)\right)^2$   
 $= -2(x^2 - 50x + 625 - 625)$   
 $= -2(x^2 - 50x + 625) + 1250$



vertex:  $(25, 1250)$   
 $x \uparrow$        $\uparrow A$

Dimensions: 25m by 50m

$A = -2(x - 25)^2 + 1250$