

Section: 7.1

Objective: Recognize different forms of quadratic functions, find the vertex, axis of symmetry, and y-intercept of quadratic graphs.

What does quadratic mean?

Forms of Quadratic Functions: an expression of degree 2.

Standard Form: $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$, where $a \neq 0$. There are no parentheses.
 $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ $y = ax^2 + bx + c$
 Example: $f(x) = -3x^2 + 2x - 7$
 $a = -3$ $b = 2$ $c = -7$

Factored Form: $f(x) = a(x-p)(x-q)$, where $a \neq 0$. Written as a multiplication problem.
 Example: $f(x) = (x-4)(x+5)$ $y = (x-4)(x+5)$
 $a = 1$ $p = 4$ $q = -5$

Vertex Form: $f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k$, where $a \neq 0$. x only shows up once, as part of a perfect square.
 Example: $f(x) = 2(x+7)^2 - 1$
 $y = 2(x+7)^2 - 1$
 $a = 2$ $h = 7$ $k = -1$

Examples: State whether each quadratic function is in standard, factored, or vertex form. Identify the values of a , b , and c for standard form; a , p , and q for factored form; or a , h , and k for vertex form.

a) $f(x) = 2(x+3)(x-5)$
 $a = 2$ $p = -3$ $q = 5$

b) $f(x) = -(x+4)^2 - 5$
 $a = -1$ $h = -4$ $k = -5$

c) $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 4$
 $a = 1$ $b = 2$ $c = 4$

factored
 $a(x-p)(x-q)$

vertex

standard

d) $f(x) = -x^2 + 5x + 0$
 $a = -1$ $b = 5$ $c = 0$

e) $f(x) = 3(x-0)(x-2)$
 $a = 3$ $p = 0$ $q = 2$

f) $f(x) = 2(x+1)^2 - 3$
 $a = 2$ $h = -1$ $k = -3$

standard

factored

vertex

g) $f(x) = -(x+5)^2 + 0$
 $a = -1$ $h = -5$ $k = 0$

h) $f(x) = -3x^2 + 0x + 4$
 $a = -3$ $b = 0$ $c = 4$

i) $f(x) = 5x^2$

vertex

standard
 $y = 5x^2 + 0x + 0$
 $a = 5$ $b = 0$ $c = 0$

vertex
 $y = 5(x-0)^2 + 0$
 $a = 5$ $h = 0$ $k = 0$

factored
 $y = 5x^2$
 $y = 5(x-0)(x-0)$
 $a = 5$ $p = 0$ $q = 0$

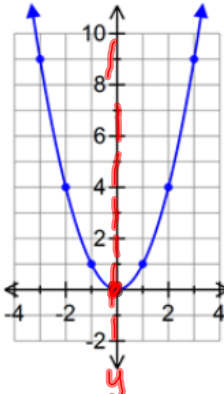
The graph of $y = x^2$:

Vertex: $(0,0)$

Axis of Symmetry: $x=0$
x coord of vertex

Direction of Opening: *up*

y-intercept: $(0,0)$



x	y
-3	9
-2	4
-1	1
0	0
1	1
2	4
3	9

A) **Parabola:** The shape of the graph of a quadratic function.

B) **Axis of Symmetry:** A line that cuts a parabola in half. If you were to fold a parabola along its axis of symmetry, the two sides would overlap. The equation of the axis of symmetry looks like $x = \#$.

C) **Vertex:** The "tip" of the parabola – the point at which it changes direction.

- If the **parabola opens up** ($a > 0$), the vertex is the lowest point on the graph, or the **minimum point**.
- If the **parabola opens down** ($a < 0$), the vertex is the highest point on the graph, or the **maximum point**.

D) **y-intercept:** The point where the graph crosses or touches the y-axis written as an ordered pair $(0,y)$

Finding the vertex in each form.

1) **Vertex Form of a Quadratic Function:** $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$
 a is the number in front of the parentheses.
 (If there isn't a number written in front, $a = 1$. If there's just a negative sign in front, $a = -1$.)

h is the *opposite* of the number with x in the parentheses.
 k is the number at the end.

Vertex: (h,k)

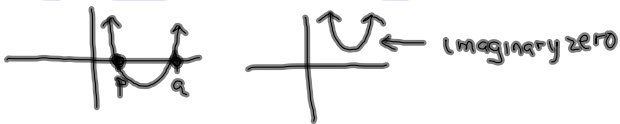
2) **Standard Form:** $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ or $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

- Just like with the other forms, the graph opens up if a is positive and opens down if a is negative.
- Vertex:
 - The x-coordinate of the vertex is $-\frac{b}{2a}$. (The opposite of b divided by 2 times a)
 - To find the y-coordinate, plug the x-coordinate into the original equation.

3) **Factored Form:** $f(x) = a(x - p)(x - q)$ where $a \neq 0$
 Factored form shows the zeros or x-intercepts of the quadratic.

Zeros of a Function: The values of x that make $f(x)$ or y equal zero. If the zeros are real, they tell you the places where the graph crosses the x-axis, or the **x-intercepts** of the graph.

Other words for **zeros** are **solutions** to $f(x) = 0$, **roots**, **x-intercepts**.



Finding the axis of symmetry, direction of opening, and y-intercept is the same in all forms.

Axis of Symmetry: Find the x-coordinate of the vertex and write the equation of the vertical line.

In standard form it is $x = \frac{-b}{2a}$. In vertex form it is $x = h$. In factored form its

$$x = \frac{(p+q)}{2}$$

$$X = \frac{(p+q)}{2}$$

Direction of Opening:

- Opens up if a is **positive**.
- Opens down if a is **negative**.

Finding the y-intercept:

1. Plug in 0 for x . $Let\ x=0$
2. Simplify. **Don't forget to use order of operations.**

Write the form each quadratic equation is in. Find the vertex and the direction of the opening of the graph for each of the following quadratic equations. Find the y-intercept and axis of symmetry.

a) $y = (x-7)^2 + 9$
 $h = 7, k = 9, a = 1$

vertex (h, k)

Let $x=0$

$$y = (0-7)^2 + 9$$

$$58$$

Form: vertex
 Vertex: (7, 9)
 Axis of Symmetry: $x=7$
 Direction of opening: up
 y-intercept: (0, 58)

b) $y = 3x^2 - 12x - 10$
 $a = 3, b = -12, c = -10$
 positive

$$\frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{12}{2 \cdot 3} = \frac{12}{6} = 2$$

$$y = 3(2)^2 - 12(2) - 10$$

y coord of vertex

Form: standard
 Vertex: (2, -22)
 Axis of Symmetry: $x=2$
 Direction of opening: up
 y-intercept: (0, -10)
 $(0, c)$

c) $y = -(x+4)(x-6)$
 $p = -4, q = 6, a = -1$

Form: factored
 Vertex: (1, 25)
 Axis of Symmetry: X=1
 Direction of opening: down
a is neg ↘
 y-intercept: (0, 24)

$$\frac{(p+q)}{2} = \frac{-4+6}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$y = -(1+4)(1-6)$
 $= -(5)(-5)$
 $y = 25$

y-int $-(0+4)(0-6)$
 $= 24$

d) $y = -x^2 + 4x - 10$
 $a = -1, b = 4$

Form: standard
 Vertex: (2, -6)
 Axis of Symmetry: X=2
 Direction of opening: down
a is neg
 y-intercept: (0, -10)

$$\frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-4}{2(-1)} = \frac{-4}{-2} = 2$$

use calculator
 Table $x=2, y=-6$

e) $y = -3(x+2)^2 - 1$
 $h = -2, k = -1$

Form: vertex
 Vertex: (-2, -1)
 Axis of Symmetry: X=-2
 Direction of opening: down
 y-intercept: (0, -13)

$-3(0+2)^2 - 1$ calculator
 $-3(4) - 1$
 -13

$a = -3$

f) $y = \frac{1}{2}(x-3)(x-7)$
 $p = 3, q = 7$

Form: factored
 Vertex: (5, -2)
 Axis of Symmetry: X=5
 Direction of opening: UP
 y-intercept: (0, 10.5)

$$x = \frac{(3+7)}{2} = \frac{10}{2} = 5$$

$\frac{1}{2}(5-3)(5-7)$

$\frac{1}{2}(0-3)(0-7) = 10.5$

g) $y = -5x^2 - 10x + 12$
 $a = -5$, $b = -10$

$\frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{10}{2(-5)} = \frac{10}{-10} = -1$

$y = -5(-1)^2 - 10(-1) + 12$

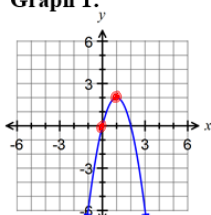
Form: Standard
 Vertex: $(-1, 17)$
 Axis of Symmetry: $x = -1$
 Direction of opening: down
 y-intercept: $(0, 12)$
 $(0, c)$

h) $y = \frac{2}{3}x^2 - 4$
 $a = \frac{2}{3}$, $b = 0$ standard
 $h = 0$, $k = -4$ vertex

Form: Standard or vertex
 Vertex: $(0, -4)$
 Axis of Symmetry: $x = 0$
 Direction of opening: up
 y-intercept: $(0, -4)$

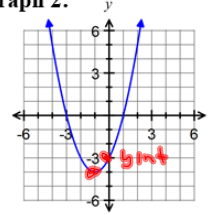
For each of the following graphs, find the vertex, axis of symmetry, and y-intercept.

Graph 1:



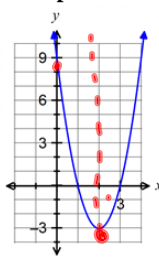
Vertex: $(1, 2)$
 Axis of Symmetry: $x = 1$
 y-intercept: $(0, 0)$
 Is the value of "a" positive or negative? negative
down

Graph 2:



Vertex: $(-1, -4)$
 Axis of Symmetry: $x = -1$
 y-intercept: $(0, -3)$
 Is the value of "a" positive or negative? positive
up

Graph 3:



Vertex: $(2, -3)$
 Axis of Symmetry: $x = 2$
 y-intercept: $(0, 9)$
 Is the value of "a" positive or negative? positive
up