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Section: 7.2

Objective: Graph quadratic formulas using the vertex and value of a .

The graph of $y = x^2$:

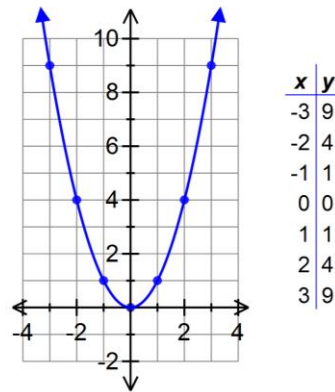
Vertex:

Axis of Symmetry:

Direction of Opening:

y-intercept:

Pattern:



1. Find the vertex of the parabola.
2. Then use the pattern of the parent graph to find 4 more points, 2 on each side of the vertex. If a isn't 1, the pattern is a little different (see next page).

Examples: Fill in the requested information for each function. Then draw the graph.

a) $f(x) = x^2 + 4x + 3$ Form of the equation: _____ $a =$ _____ $b =$ _____

Vertex:

Axis of Symmetry:

Direction of Opening:

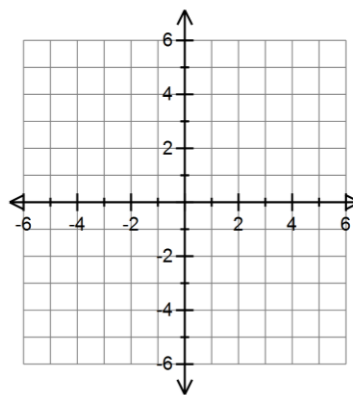
Is the vertex a maximum or minimum?

Maximum or minimum value:

y-intercept:

Domain:

Range:



x	y

Vertex

Vertical Stretch:

- a changes how wide the graph is.
 - If $|a| > 1$, the graph is **thinner** than the graph of $y = x^2$.
 - If $|a| < 1$, the graph is **wider** than the graph of $y = x^2$.

How a changes the pattern:

The normal pattern is find the vertex, then move over 1 up 1. To find the next two points go back to the vertex and move over 2 up 4.

When a is not 1 you multiply the y-value(the “up” number) by “ a ” to get the up value.

Example: $y = 3x^2$ Instead of over 1 up 1 it would be over 1 up 3 (one times 3) and instead of over 2 up 4 it would be over 2 up 12 (four times 3)

b) $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2 - 4$ Form of the equation: _____ $a =$ _____ $h =$ _____ $k =$ _____

Vertex:

Axis of Symmetry:

Direction of Opening:

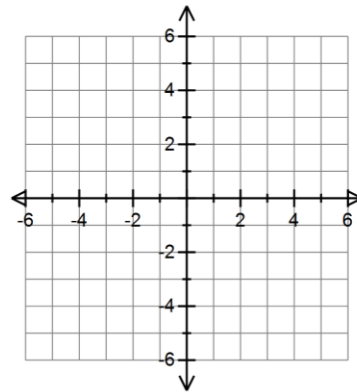
Is the vertex a maximum or minimum?

Maximum or minimum value:

y-intercept:

Domain:

Range:

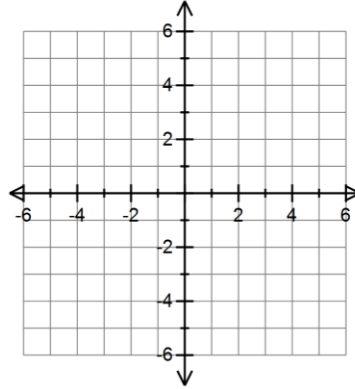


x	y

Vertex

c) $f(x) = -3x^2 - 6x + 2$ Form of the equation: _____ $a =$ _____ $b =$ _____

Vertex:



Axis of Symmetry:

Direction of Opening:

Is the vertex a maximum or minimum?

Maximum or minimum value:

y-intercept:

x	y

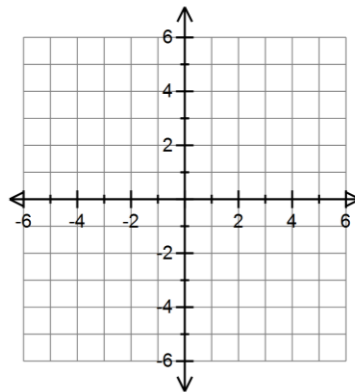
Vertex

Domain:

Range:

d) $f(x) = -(x+2)^2 - 1$ Form of the equation: _____ $a =$ _____ $h =$ _____ $k =$ _____

Vertex:



Axis of Symmetry:

Direction of Opening:

Is the vertex a maximum or minimum?

Maximum or minimum value:

y-intercept:

x	y

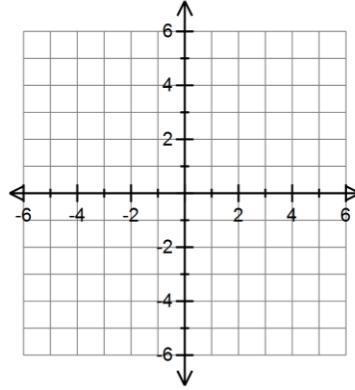
Vertex

Domain:

Range:

e) $f(x) = 2(x-4)^2 - 3$ Form of the equation: _____ $a =$ _____ $h =$ _____ $k =$ _____

Vertex:



Axis of Symmetry:

Direction of Opening:

Is the vertex a maximum or minimum?

Maximum or minimum value:

y-intercept:

x	y

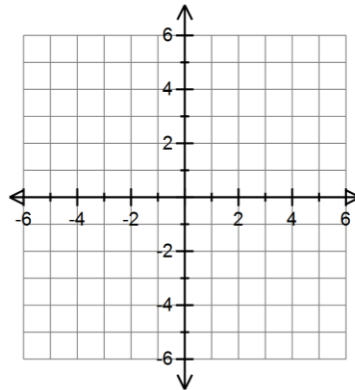
Vertex

Domain:

Range:

f) $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x^2 - x + 2$ Form of the equation: _____ $a =$ _____ $b =$ _____

Vertex:



Axis of Symmetry:

Direction of Opening:

Is the vertex a maximum or minimum?

Maximum or minimum value:

y-intercept:

x	y

Vertex

Domain:

Range: