

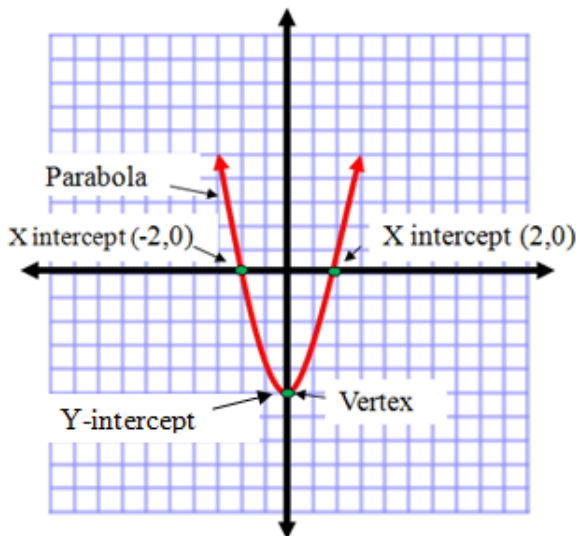
Unit 9- Graphing Quadratics

Standard Form: $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

When the "a" term is positive we are "smiling"



$a > 1$



This parabola opens up and can be classified as **concave up**.

All parabolas that **open up** will have a **positive "a"** value.

The vertex is the lowest point or the **minimum point**.

When the "a" term is negative we are "frowning"

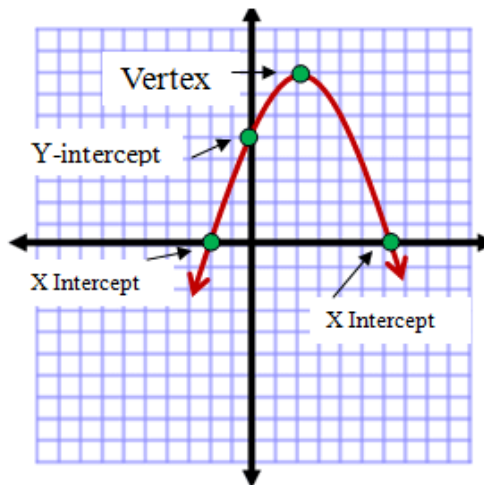


$a < 1$

This parabola opens down and can be classified as **concave down**.

All parabolas that **open down** will have a **negative "a"** value.

The vertex is the highest point or the **maximum point**.



- **Roots** -where the parabola crosses the x – axis
- **Vertex/ Turning Point**- where the parabola begins to change direction
- **Maximum/Minimum**-represents the vertex
- **Axis of Symmetry**- where the parabola could be "folded" in half
Equation is $x = (x\text{-value of T.P})$

Formula for axis of symmetry $x = \frac{-b}{2a}$

Graphically find the roots

- Where the graph crosses the x-axis
- Where the y-value is 0.
- Can be written as $\{-6, 3\}$

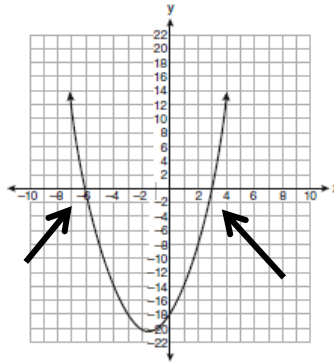


TABLE: Look for y-value = 0

x	y
-1	0
0	-5
1	-8
2	-9
3	-8
4	-5
5	0

Steps to Using the Calculator When Looking for the Roots

When Looking For The LEFT ROOT :	When Looking For The Right ROOT :
Y = Type in the given equation	Y = type in the given equation
2 nd Trace – select #2 (zero)	2 nd Trace – select #2 (zero)
Go Above the x-axis, press ENTER	Go BELOW the x-axis, press ENTER
Go BELOW the x-axis, press ENTER	Go ABOVE the x-axis, press ENTER
Press ENTER	Press Enter
Root values will appear	Root values will appear

Standard Form of a Quadratic Equation

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

1. Identify the roots $\{0, -4\}$
2. Do Backwards T-Bar

$$x = 0 \quad x = -4$$

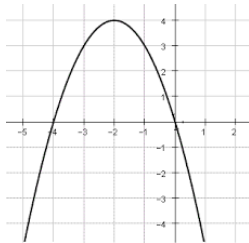
$$(x + 0)(x + 4) = y$$

$$x(x + 4) = y$$

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

$$-(x^2 + 4x) = y$$

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



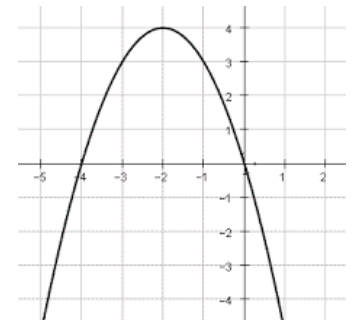
Vertex Form of a Quadratic Equation

$$y = (x - h)^2 + k$$

1. Identify the Vertex $(-2, 4)$
2. Plug vertex into the equation $y = -(x + 2)^2 + 4$

Remember the following:

- The h-value represents the negation of the x-value of the T.P.
- The k represents the y-value of the T.P.



Axis of Symmetry

Algebraically Determining the Axis of Symmetry

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

Identify the a, b, and c value from the equation

$$a = 1, \quad b = -4, \quad c = 1$$

Use the axis of symmetry formula to solve for x:

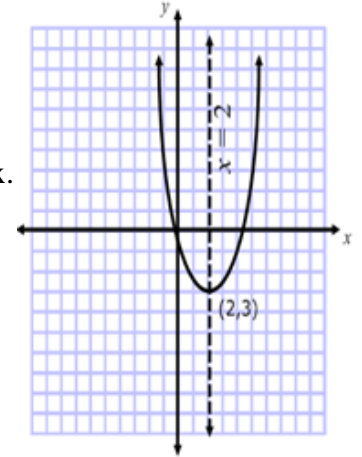
$$x = \frac{-b}{2a}$$

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

$$x = 2$$

Graphically Identifying the Axis of Symmetry:

- A vertical line that divides the parabola into two symmetric halves.
- Where the parabola could be “folded” to produce symmetry.
- Always an $x = \#$.
- The x-value of the T.P./Vertex.



TURNING POINT / VERTEX / MINIMUM POINT / MAXIMUM POINT

Algebraically Solving for the Vertex of a Quadratic Function

Given: $y = x^2 - 4x - 5$

Identify the a-value, b-value & c-value.

$$a = 1, \quad b = -4, \quad c = -5$$

Step 1: Use the axis of symmetry formula:

$$x = \frac{-b}{2a}$$

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

$$x = 2$$

Step 2: Plug the x-value into the given equation to find the y-value.

$$y = x^2 - 4x - 5$$

$$y = (2)^2 - 4(2) - 5$$

$$y = -9$$

Step 3: Write your answer as coordinates. $(2, -9)$

Step 4: Check your answer with the table/graph on the calculator

Graphically Solving for the Vertex a Quadratic Function

$$y = x^2 - 4x - 5$$

Step 1: Type equation into “y=” into calculator

Step 2: Press 2nd trace

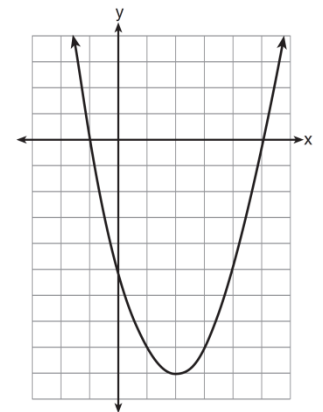
Step 3: Choose #3 (minimum) or #4 (Maximum)

Step 4: Place blinky man to the left of the TP/vertex, press enter

Step 5: Place blinky man to the right of the TP/vertex, press enter

Step 6: Press enter to get the turning point

x	Y
-1	0
0	-5
1	-8
2	-9
3	-8
4	-5
5	0



COMPLETING THE SQUARE TO FIND QUADRATIC EQUATION IN VERTEX FORM

$$\text{Given: } y = x^2 - 8x + 11$$

Step 1: Move the constant ("c" value) to the right side.

$$\begin{aligned} y &= x^2 - 8x + 11 \\ -11 &\quad -11 \\ y - 11 &= x^2 - 8x \end{aligned}$$

Step 2: Take half of the "b" value and square it and add it to BOTH sides.

$$\begin{aligned} b &= \frac{-8}{2} = (-4)^2 = 16 \\ y - 11 + 16 &= x^2 - 8x + 16 \end{aligned}$$

Step 3: Make the left side a perfect square trinomial.

$$y + 5 = x^2 - 8x + 16$$

Step 4: Factor the perfect square trinomial and simplify the right side.

$$\begin{aligned} y + 5 &= (x - 4)(x - 4) \\ y + 5 &= (x - 4)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Remember, you don't need to show this step, you can skip down to the line right below

Step 5: Solve for y

$$\begin{aligned} y + 5 &= (x - 4)^2 \\ -5 &\quad -5 \\ y &= (x - 4)^2 - 5 \end{aligned}$$

Step 6: Write in vertex form $y = (x - h)^2 + k$

Step 7: Identify the turning point (h, k) : $(4, -5)$