

INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA

GPS #37

8.1 QUADRATIC FUNCTIONS AND THEIR GRAPHS

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Useful Guidelines: as long as highest power 2

* Quadratic Function: $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c, (a \neq 0)$, where a, b and c are real numbers.

* The vertex of the graph of $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c, (a \neq 0)$ has coordinates $(x, y) = \left(\frac{-b}{2a}, f\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right)\right)$.

To graph a quadratic function:

Step 1: Determine whether the parabola opens up or down.

[If $a > 0$, the parabola is open up; If $a < 0$, the parabola is open down.]

Step 2: Find the vertex. (Location of (x, y))

Step 3: Find the x-intercepts (if any) and y-intercept.

Step 4: Plot the graph. [Find additional points as needed.]

Graph each parabola, Give the vertex, axis, domain, and range.

1. $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3$

Step 1: $a = 1 > 0$, U facing up.

Step 2: Find vertex $x = \frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-(-4)}{2(1)} = 2$

$b = -4$
 $c = 3$
 $f(2) = (2)^2 - 4(2) + 3$
 $= 4 - 8 + 3$
 $= -1$

So, (x, y) is $(2, -1)$

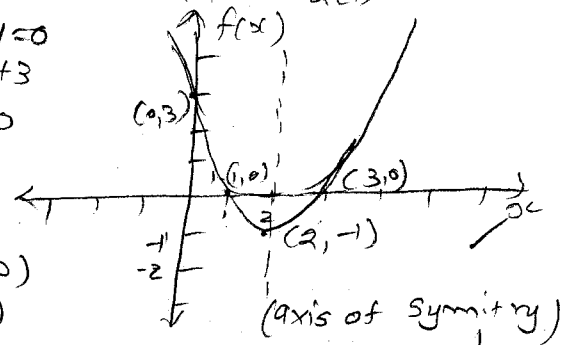
① $a > 0$ U
 $a < 0$ ∩

③ y-int - let $x = 0$

$f(0) = 3$
 $(0, 3)$

② Vertex $(2, -1)$

x-int - let $y = 0$
 $0 = x^2 - 4x + 3$
 $(x-1)(x-3) = 0$
 $x = 1, x = 3$



2. $f(x) = -4x^2 + 8x - 5$

Step 1: $a = -4$ $b = 8$ $c = -5$

Step 2: $a < 0$ parabola ∩ facing down.

Step 3: Vertex $x = \frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-8}{2(-4)} = 1$

Step 4: Find x & y intercept

→ y-intercept
let $x = 0$

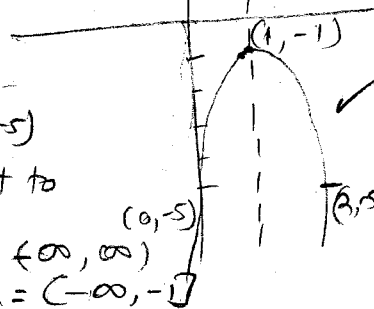
$y = -4(0)^2 + 8(0) - 5$
 $= 0 + 0 - 5$
 $y = -5$ y-intercept $(0, -5)$

$f(1) = -4(1)^2 + 8(1) - 5$
 $= -4 + 8 - 5$
 $y = -1$

So vertex $(x, y) = (1, -1)$

→ Find second point opposite to $(0, -5) \rightarrow (2, -5)$

$D = (-\infty, \infty)$
 $R = (-\infty, -1]$



3. A rocket is fired upward. After x hour, the height of the rocket is given by $f(x) = -16x^2 + 32x$. Find the time required in hours for the rocket to reach maximum height, and find the maximum height in kilometers.

$a = -16$ so ∩
 $b = 32$
 $c = 0$

$f(x) = -16(1)^2 + 32(1)$
 $y = 16$ k.m. height

Vertex $x = \frac{-b}{2a}$
 $= \frac{-32}{2(-16)} = 1$

So, vertex (x, y)
 $= (1, 16)$

$\boxed{1}$ hour.