

COLLEGE ALGEBRA

GPS #11

2.1 QUADRATIC FUNCTIONS: PARABOLAS

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Useful Guidelines:

* 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 $(x, y) = \left(\frac{-b}{2a}, f\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right)\right)$.

* The axis of symmetry of the parabola has equation $x = \frac{-b}{2a}$.

* To graph a quadratic function:

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

Step 2: Find the vertex.

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

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



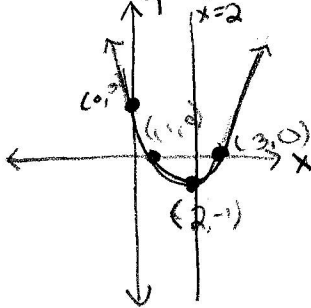
$a < 0$

$a > 0$

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

1. a) $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3$
 $x = \frac{-(-4)}{2 \cdot 1} = 2$

$A = 1$
 $b = -4$
 $c = 3$



y intercept
 $f(0) = 3$

x intercept:
 $x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$
 $(x-1)(x-3)$

$x = 1, 3$

$f(2) = 2^2 - 4(2) + 3$

$f(2) = -1$

$D: (-\infty, \infty)$

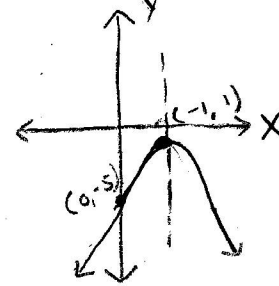
$R: [-1, \infty)$

vertex = $(2, -1)$

x axis = 2

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

$A = -4$
 $B = 8$
 $c = -5$



$x = \frac{-(-8)}{2 \cdot (-4)} = \frac{-8}{-8} = 1$

$D: (-\infty, \infty)$

$R: (-\infty, -1]$

axis = 1

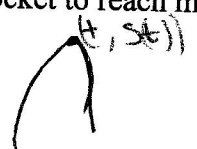
$f(1) = -4(1)^2 + 8(1) - 5$

$f(1) = -1$

vertex $(1, -1)$

2. A rocket is fired upward. After t hour, the height of the rocket is given by $S(t) = -2t^2 + 64t$. Find the time required in hours for the rocket to reach maximum height, and find the maximum height in kilometers.

$A = -2$
 $b = 64$
 $c = 0$



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

$t = \frac{-(64)}{2(-2)} = \frac{-64}{-4} = 16 \text{ hour}$

$S(16) = -2(16)^2 + 64(16)$

$S(16) = 512 \text{ km}$

3. The monthly total revenue for a beverage is given by $R(x) = 4000x - 0.1x^2$ dollars, where x is the number of units sold. $x = \text{no of unit sold}$ $R(x) = \text{total Revenue}$

a) To maximize the monthly revenue, how many units must be sold?

$x = \frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-4000}{2(-0.1)} = 20,000 \text{ units}$

$A = -0.1$
 $b = 4000$

$R(x)$
 $x = 20,000$

b) What is the maximum possible monthly revenue?

$R(20,000) = -4000(20,000) - 0.1(20,000)$

$R = \$40,000,000$

