

# Properties of Quadratic Functions Review

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## PRE-CALCULUS 11 QUADRATIC FUNCTIONS PROPERTIES OF QUADRATIC FUNCTIONS REVIEW

### A. Definitions

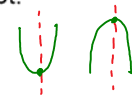
1. **quadratic function:** any function that can be written in the form:

$y = ax^2 + bx + c$  or  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ . Where  $a, b$  and  $c$  are constants and  $a \neq 0$ .

2. **x-intercept:** the place where the curve crosses the x-axis. These are also referred to as the roots or zeros of the function.

3. **y-intercept:** the place where the curve crosses the y-axis. In the form of the quadratic function the  $c$  value represents the y-intercept.

4. **vertex:** the highest or lowest point of a quadratic function.



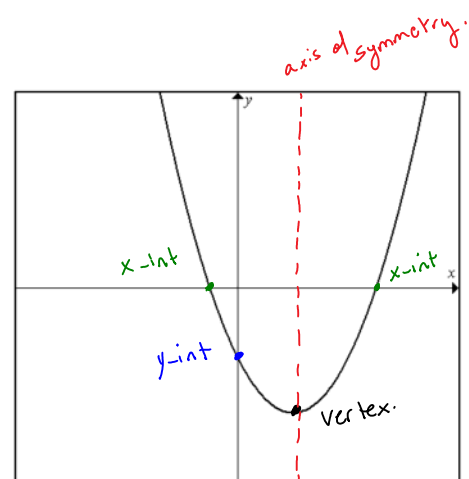
5. **axis of symmetry:** the imaginary line, through the vertex, that divides the quadratic function into two perfect halves.

6. **maximum/minimum:** the highest or lowest point of a quadratic function.

### B. Properties of a Quadratic Function

Remember the important properties of a quadratic function.

The axis of symmetry is always represented by an equation  
 $x = ?$



C. Maximum/Minimum Points

Remember that the vertex of a quadratic function will represent the highest/lowest point of the parabola. Whether the graph will have a maximum or a minimum point is determined by the sign of the "a" value in the function.

**Positive "a" Value**



Upright Parabola  
Minimum Graph

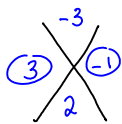
**Negative "a" Value**



Inverted Parabola  
Maximum Graph

D. Examples

For each of the following quadratic functions, determine the x-intercepts (zeros), y-intercept, vertex, the equation of the axis of symmetry, and whether the graph is a maximum or minimum.



1)  $y = x^2 + 2x - 3$

$0 = x^2 + 2x - 3$

$0 = (x + 3)(x - 1)$

$0 = x + 3$        $0 = x - 1$

X-int  $(-3, 0)$  &  $(1, 0)$

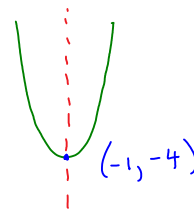
X-coord =  $\frac{-3 + 1}{2} = -1$

$y = (-1)^2 + 2(-1) - 3$

Y-coord =  $-4$

Vertex  $(-1, -4)$

Y-int  $(0, -3)$



Axis of Sym  $x = -1$   
Minimum

2)  $y = -2x^2 - 12x + 32$

$\begin{array}{r} -16 \\ \textcircled{8} \times \textcircled{2} \\ \hline 6 \end{array}$

$$0 = -2x^2 - 12x + 32$$

$$0 = -2(x^2 + 6x - 16)$$

$$0 = -2(x + 8)(x - 2)$$

$$0 = x + 8 \quad 0 = x - 2$$

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X-int  $(-8, 0)$  &  $(2, 0)$

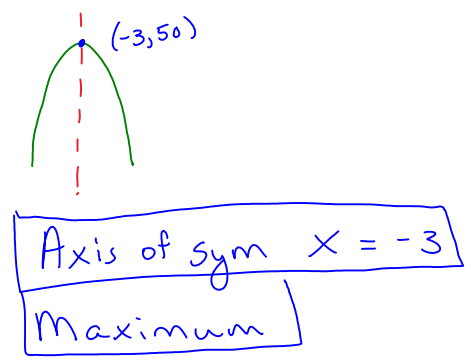
x-coord =  $\frac{-8+2}{2} = -3$

$y = -2(-3)^2 - 12(-3) + 32$

y-coord = 50

Vertex  $(-3, 50)$

y-int  $(0, 32)$



3)  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2x - 6$

$\begin{array}{r} -12 \\ \textcircled{6} \times \textcircled{2} \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$

$$0 = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2x - 6$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + 4x - 12)$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{2}(x + 6)(x - 2)$$

$$0 = x + 6 \quad 0 = x - 2$$

$\begin{array}{r} -6 \\ \hline 2 \end{array}$

X-int  $(-6, 0)$  &  $(2, 0)$ .

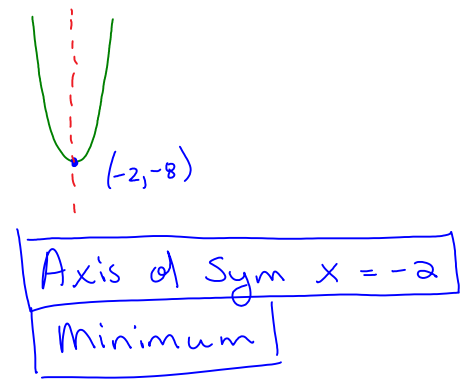
x-coord =  $\frac{-6+2}{2} = -2$

$y = \frac{1}{2}(-2)^2 + 2(-2) - 6$

y-coord = -8

Vertex  $(-2, -8)$ .

y-int  $(0, -6)$



Assignment : Properties of Quadratic Functions Review Assignment #1 - 12

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PROPERTIES OF QUADRATIC FUNCTIONS REVIEW ASSIGNMENT

A. For each of the following quadratic functions, determine the coordinates of the x-intercepts, y-intercept and vertex, then graph the function and state the domain and range.

1)  $y = x^2 + 6x + 8$

2)  $y = 2x^2 - 8$

3)  $y = -x^2 + 4x - 3$

4)  $y = -x^2 + 2x - 3$

B. For each of the following quadratic functions, determine, the vertex, the equation for the axis of symmetry whether the graph is a maximum or minimum.

5)  $y = x^2 - 8x + 12$

6)  $y = x^2 + 6x - 7$

7)  $y = -2x^2 + 2x + 24$

8)  $y = -x^2 - x + 6$

9)  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2x - \frac{5}{2}$

10)  $y = 3x^2 - 9x - 30$

11)  $y = x^2 + 3x - 4$

12)  $y = \frac{1}{3}x^2 - \frac{5}{3}x + \frac{4}{3}$

Answers

1) x-int  $(-2,0)$  ,  $(-4,0)$   
y-int  $(0,8)$   
vertex  $(-3,-1)$   
Domain  $x \in R$   
Range  $y \geq -1$

2) x-int  $(-2,0)$  ,  $(2,0)$   
y-int  $(0,-8)$   
vertex  $(0,-8)$   
Domain  $x \in R$   
Range  $y \geq -8$

3) x-int  $(1,0)$  ,  $(3,0)$   
y-int  $(0,-3)$   
vertex  $(2,-1)$   
Domain  $x \in R$   
Range  $y \geq -1$

4) x-int  $(-1,0)$  ,  $(3,0)$   
y-int  $(0,3)$   
vertex  $(1,4)$   
Domain  $x \in R$   
Range  $y \leq 4$

5) vertex  $(4,-4)$   
axis of sym  $x = 4$   
Minimum

6) vertex  $(-3,-16)$   
axis of sym  $x = -3$   
Minimum

7) vertex  $(0.5,24.5)$   
axis of sym  $x = 0.5$   
Maximum

8) vertex  $(-0.5,6.25)$   
axis of sym  $x = -0.5$   
Maximum

9) vertex  $(-2,-4.5)$   
axis of sym  $x = -2$   
Minimum

10) vertex  $(1.5,-36.75)$   
axis of sym  $x = 1.5$   
Minimum

11) vertex  $(-1.5,-6.25)$   
axis of sym  $x = -1.5$   
Minimum

12) vertex  $(2.5,-0.75)$   
axis of sym  $x = 2.5$   
Minimum

