

Section 5 – Topic 4
Graphing Quadratic Functions in Vertex Form – Part 2

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

If an equation is in standard form, we can always complete the square to rewrite it in vertex form.

Consider the function $h(x) = 2x^2 - 8x + 9$. Complete the square to write $h(x)$ in vertex form.

$$h(x) = (2x^2 - 8x \quad) + 9$$

$$h(x) = 2(x^2 - 4x + 4) + 9 - 8$$

$$h(x) = 2(x-2)^2 + 1$$

$$\left(-\frac{4}{2}\right)^2 = \underline{(-2)}^2 = 4$$

$$c(a) =$$

$$4(2) = 8$$

Vertex form of the quadratic equation:

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

Opening: If $a > 0$, quadratic opens upward. If $a < 0$, quadratic opens downward.

up

Vertex: (h, k)

$$(2, 1)$$

Axis of Symmetry: Use the x -coordinate of the vertex to find the axis of symmetry.

$$x = 2$$

x-intercepts: Substitute 0 for y and solve for x .

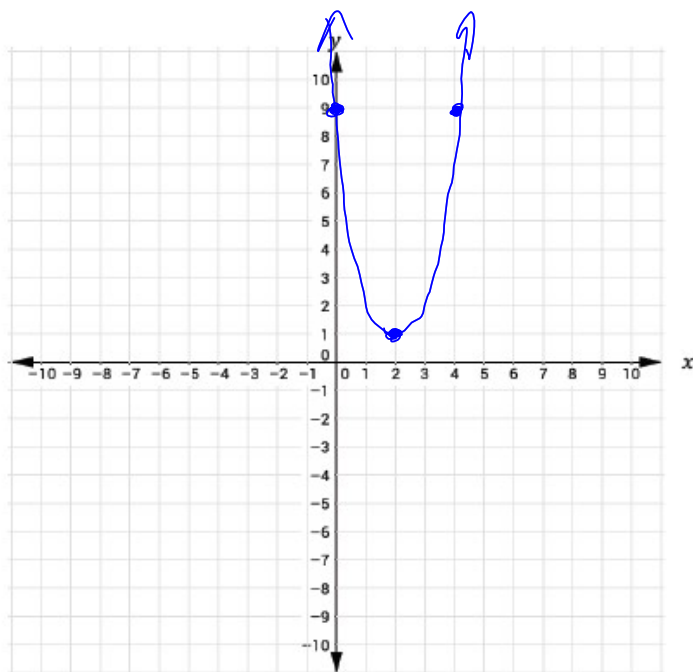
$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 2(x-2)^2 + 1 \\ -1 &= 2(x-2)^2 \\ -\frac{1}{2} &= \frac{2(x-2)^2}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} &= (x-2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

None

y-intercepts: Substitute 0 for x and solve for y .

$$\begin{aligned} (0, 9) & \quad 2(0-2)^2 + 1 \\ & \quad 2(2)^2 + 1 = 9 \end{aligned}$$

Sketch the graph of $h(x) = 2x^2 - 8x + 9$.



Try It!

1. Consider the following function.

$$\left(\frac{4}{2}\right)^2 = (2)^2 = 4$$

$$4(3) = 12$$

$$f(x) = 3x^2 + 12x + 16$$

a. Complete the square to write $f(x)$ in vertex form.

$$f(x) = (3x^2 + 12x \quad) + 16$$

$$f(x) = 3(x^2 + 4x + 4) + 16 - 12$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 3(x+2)^2 + 4 \\ -4 & \quad -4 \\ -4 &= 3(x+2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Opening: If $a > 0$, quadratic opens upward. If $a < 0$, quadratic opens downward.

up

Vertex: (h, k)

$$(-2, 4)$$

Axis of Symmetry: Use the x -coordinate of the vertex to find the axis of symmetry.

$$x = -2$$

x-intercepts: Substitute 0 for y and solve for x .

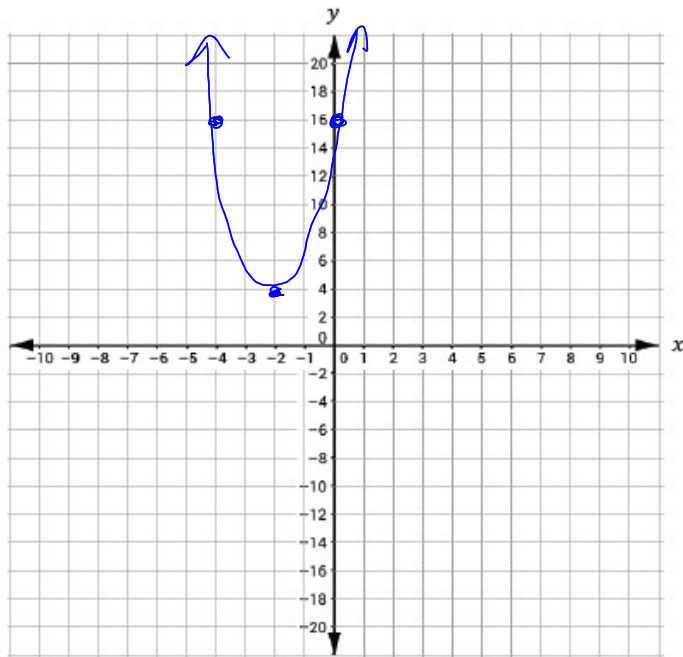
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Vertex form of the quadratic equation:

y-intercepts: Substitute 0 for x and solve for y .

$$y = 3(x + 2)^2 + 4$$
$$3(0 + 2)^2 + 4$$
$$3(4) + 4 = 16$$

c. Sketch the graph of $f(x)$.



BEAT THE TEST!

1. Consider the functions $f(x) = 5x^2 - 10x + 2$ and $g(x) = -\frac{1}{5}(x - 1)^2 + 2.2$.

Which of the following statements are true? Select all that apply.

- The graphs of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ share the same axis of symmetry.
- The graphs of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ share the same y -intercept.
- The graphs of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ share the same x -intercepts.
- The graphs of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ open in the same direction.
- The graph of $f(x)$ is wider than the graph of $g(x)$.

$$f(x) = (5x^2 - 10x) + 2$$

$$f(x) = 5(x^2 - 2x + 1) + 2 - 5$$

$$f(x) = 5(x-1)^2 - 3$$

$$-\frac{1}{5}(0-1)^2 + 2.2 \quad 5(0-1)^2 - 3$$

$$-\frac{1}{5}(-1)^2 + 2.2 \quad 5(-1)^2 - 3$$

$$-.2 + 2.2 \quad 5 - 3$$

$$0 = -\frac{1}{5}(x-1)^2 + 2.2 \quad 3 = 5(x-1)^2$$

$$(-2.2 = -\frac{1}{5}(x-1)^2) - 5 \quad \frac{3}{5} = (x-1)^2$$

$$11 = (x-1)^2$$