

Math 2201 Unit 6: Quadratic Functions

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

	In General $y = ax^2 + bx + c$	Example 1 $y = -3x^2 + 3x + 10$	Example 2 $y = 2x^2 + 12x - 13$
Direction of Opening	$a > 0$, graph opens up $a < 0$, graph opens down	$a = -3$, graph opens down	$a = 2$, graph opens up
Y-Intercept	c-value	$c = 10$, so y-int. = 10 or (0,10)	$c = -13$, so y-int. = -13 or (0,-13)
Equation for axis of Symmetry	$x = \frac{-b}{2a}$	$a = -3, b = 3, c = 10$ $x = \frac{-b}{2a}$ $x = \frac{-3}{2(-3)}$ $x = \frac{1}{2}$ or 0.5	$a = 2, b = 12, c = -13$ $x = \frac{-b}{2a}$ $x = \frac{-12}{2(2)}$ $x = -3$
Vertex	x-value is the same as the axis of symmetry. To find y-coordinate, plug x-value into equation.	$x = 0.5$ (see above) $y = -3x^2 + 3x + 10$ $y = -3(0.5)^2 + 3(0.5) + 10$ $y = 10.75$ Vertex: (-0.5, 10.75)	$x = -3$ (see above) $y = 2x^2 + 12x - 13$ $y = 2(-3)^2 + 12(-3) - 13$ $y = -31$ Vertex: (-3, -31)
Maximum/Minimum Value	When the graph opens down, the y-coordinate of the vertex is called the max. value. When the graph opens up, the y-coordinate of the vertex is called the min. value.	Since the graph opens down, it has a maximum value, and the value is 10.75	Since the graph opens up, it has a minimum value, and the value is -31
Range	Opens Down $\{y y \leq y - \text{value of vertex}, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ Opens Up $\{y y \geq y - \text{value of vertex}, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$	$\{y y \leq 10.75, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$	$\{y y \geq -31, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

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Summary of Factored Form: $y = a(x - r)(x - s)$

	In General $y = a(x - r)(x - s)$	Example 1 $y = 2(x + 3)(x - 4)$	Example 2 $y = -3x(x + 4)$
Direction of Opening	$a > 0$, graph opens up $a < 0$, graph opens down	$a = 2$, opens up	$a = -3$, opens down
Y-Intercept	Set $x = 0$ and solve for y .	$y = 2(0+3)(0-4)$ $y = -24$ or $(0, -24)$	$y = -3(0)(0+4)$ $y = 0(4) = 0$ or $(0, 0)$
X - Intercepts	$x - r = 0$, therefore $x = r$ $x - s = 0$, therefore $x = s$	$x + 3 = 0$ $x - 4 = 0$ $x = -3$ $x = 4$ $(-3, 0)$ and $(4, 0)$	$-3x = 0$ $x + 4 = 0$ $x = 0$ $x = -4$ $(0, 0)$ and $(-4, 0)$
Equation for axis of Symmetry	Take the average of the x-intercepts. $x = \frac{r + s}{2}$	$x = \frac{r + s}{2}$ $x = \frac{-3 + 4}{2}$ $x = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 0.5$	$x = \frac{r + s}{2}$ $x = \frac{0 + (-4)}{2}$ $x = \frac{-4}{2} \text{ or } -2$
Vertex	x-value is the same as the axis of symmetry. To find y-coordinate, plug x-value into equation.	$x = 0.5$ (see above) $y = 2(0.5+3)(0.5-4)$ $y = 2(3.5)(-3.5)$ $y = -24.5$ Vertex: $(0.5, -24.5)$	$x = -2$ (see above) $y = -3x(x+4)$ $y = -3(-2)[-2 + 4]$ $y = 6 [2] = 12$ Vertex: $(-2, 12)$
Maximum/Minimum Value	When the graph opens down, the y-coordinate of the vertex is called the max. value. When the graph opens up, the y-coordinate of the vertex is called the min. value.	Minimum Value, $y = -24.5$	Maximum Value, $y = 12$
Range	Opens Down $\{y y \leq y - \text{value of vertex}, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ Opens Up $\{y y \geq y - \text{value of vertex}, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$	$\{y y \geq -24.5, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$	$\{y y \leq 12, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

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Summary of Vertex Form: $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$

	In General $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$	Example 1 $y = 4(x - 2)^2 + 3$	Example 2 $y = -2(x + 5)^2 - 6$
Direction of Opening	$a > 0$, graph opens up $a < 0$, graph opens down	$a = 4$, opens up	$a = -2$, opens down
y - Intercept	Set $x = 0$ and solve for y .	$y = 4(x - 2)^2 + 3$ $y = 4(0 - 2)^2 + 3$ $y = 4(4) + 3 = 16 + 3 = 19$	$y = -2(x + 5)^2 - 6$ $y = -2(0 + 5)^2 - 6$ $y = -2(25) - 6 = -50 - 6 = -56$
Equation for axis of Symmetry	$x = h$	$x = 2$	$x = -5$
Vertex	Takes the form (h, k)	$(h, k) = (2, 3)$	$(h, k) = (-5, -6)$
Maximum/Minimum Value	When the graph opens down, the y -coordinate of the vertex is called the max. value. When the graph opens up, the y -coordinate of the vertex is called the min. value.	Minimum Value, $y = 3$	Maximum Value, $y = -6$
Range	Opens Down $\{y y \leq y - \text{value of vertex}, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ Opens Up $\{y y \geq y - \text{value of vertex}, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$	$\{y y \geq 3, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$	$\{y y \leq -6, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$