

Quadratic Functions

Standard Form: $y = ax^2 + bx + c$, for which $a \neq 0$

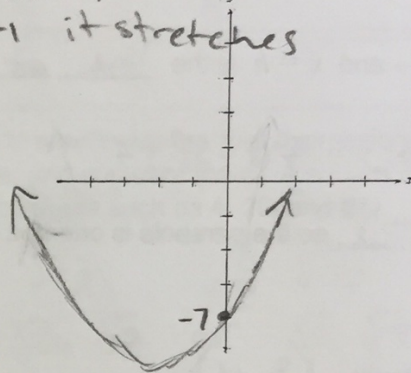
This form of the equation shows 3 important characteristics of the graph:

1. The sign (+/-) of a determines the orientation (up or down / positive or negative)
2. The value of a is the vertical stretch/compression factor
if $-1 < a < 1$ it compresses if $a > 1$ or $a < -1$ it stretches
3. The value of c is the y-intercept

Example: $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 4x - 7$

For any y-intercept, the x-value is zero

* this form of the equation does not tell us where the vertex is located



Factored Form: $y = a(x - m)(x - n)$, for which $a \neq 0$

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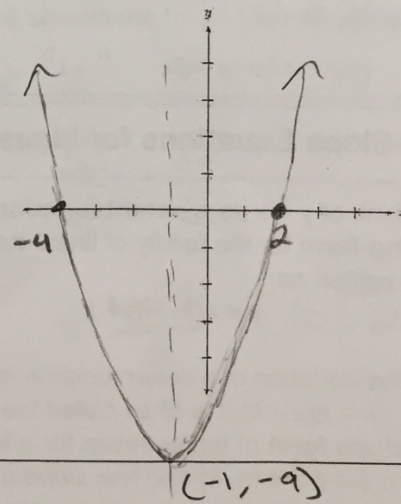
1. The sign (+/-) of a determines the orientation (up or down / positive or negative)
2. The value of a is the vertical stretch/compression factor.
3. The value of m and n are the x-intercepts

Example: $y = (x - 2)(x + 4)$

For any x-intercept, the y-value equals zero.

$$y = (-1 - 2)(-1 + 4)$$

$$y = -3(3) = -9$$



Graphing Form: $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$, for which $a \neq 0$

This form of the equation shows 4 important characteristics of the graph:

1. The sign (+/-) of a determines the orientation
2. The value of a is the vertical stretch/compression
3. The value of h determines the horizontal shift
4. The value of k determines the vertical shift

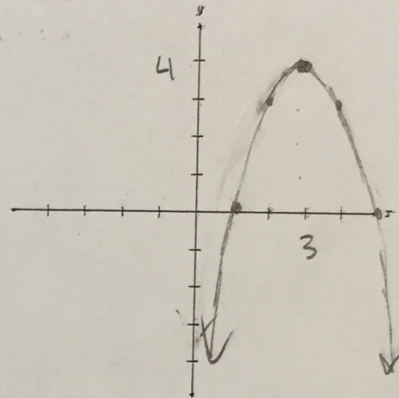
→ This means (h, k) is the vertex

→ and $x = h$ is the line of symmetry

Example: $y = -(x - 3)^2 + 4$

a is (-), so the parabola is oriented ↓ and

The vertex is (3, 4)



The Parent Function: $y = x^2$

Vertex: (0, 0)

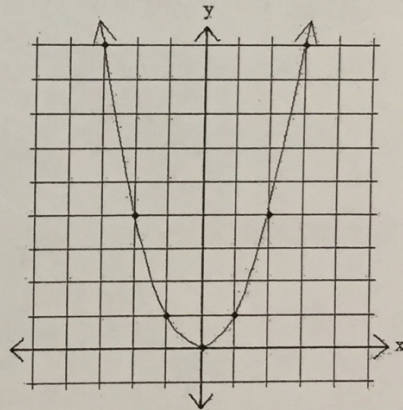
Line of Symmetry: $x = 0$

Orientation: up

Domain: \mathbb{R}

Range: $y \geq 0$

Shape: parabola "U" shape, curve



Point-Slope Equations for Lines

If you think of $y = x$ as a **parent function**, then the **graphing form** for the family of linear functions can be written as:

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

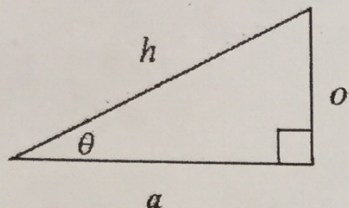
When the equation of a linear function is in the form $y - k = a(x - h)$ it is often called the **point-slope form** of the equation for a line that contains the point (h, k) and has slope a .

For example, if you know a line contains the point $(7, -8)$ and has slope -4 , then the equation of the line can be written as:

$$y + 8 = -4(x - 7)$$

Trigonometric Ratios

There are three **trigonometric ratios** you can use to solve for the missing side lengths and angle measurements in any **right triangle**. In the triangle below, when the sides are described relative to the angle θ , the opposite leg is y and the adjacent leg is x . The hypotenuse is h regardless of which acute angle is used.



$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}} = \frac{o}{a}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{o}{h}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{a}{h}$$

Soh
 $\cos = \frac{o}{h}$

CaH
 $\cos = \frac{a}{h}$

Toa
 $\tan = \frac{o}{a}$

Rewriting Radical Expressions

Before calculators were readily available, people found it convenient to rewrite square root expressions in a simplified form to make it easier to perform calculations, combine, and compare them. A square root is simplified when there are no more perfect square factors (square numbers such as 4, 25, and 81) under the radical sign.

Example:

$\sqrt{72}$ can be rewritten as $\sqrt{36} \cdot \sqrt{2}$, or as $\sqrt{9} \cdot \sqrt{8}$ and you still get the same result when you simplify completely.

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{72} &= \sqrt{36} \cdot \sqrt{2} & \text{or} &= \sqrt{9} \cdot \sqrt{8} \\ &= 6\sqrt{2} & &= 3 \cdot \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ & & &= 3 \cdot 2\sqrt{2} \\ & & &= 6\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

Verify with your calculator that both $6\sqrt{2}$ and $\sqrt{72} \approx 8.485$.

Example: $\sqrt{72} + \sqrt{18}$

To add terms with radicals, the radicals need to be alike. Verify your simplification with your calculator.

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{72} + \sqrt{18} \\ 6\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{9} \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ 6\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2} = 9\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

It is difficult to estimate the value of a number with a radical in the denominator, and it is also difficult to combine it with or compare it to other numbers. For these reasons, it is sometimes helpful to **rationalize the denominator** so that no radical remains in the denominator.

Example: $\frac{10}{\sqrt{2}}$

First, multiply the numerator and denominator by the radical in the

denominator. Since $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = 1$, this does not change the value of the expression.

After multiplying, notice that the denominator no longer has a radical, since $\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2} = 2$.

Often, the product can be further simplified.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{10}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ = \frac{10\sqrt{2}}{2} = 5\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

Imaginary and Complex Numbers

The imaginary number i is defined as the square root of -1 , so $i = \sqrt{-1}$. Therefore $i^2 = -1$, and the two solutions of the equation $x^2 + 1 = 0$ are $x = i$ and $-i$.

Real Numbers: The collection of all positive & negative numbers (integers, rational #s, irrational #s) $\pi, 2, -2, \frac{1}{4}, .25$ etc

Imaginary Numbers: Multiplying i by any possible real # except 0
Imaginary #s are not positive, negative or zero.

Complex Numbers: can be written in the form $a+bi$ where a & b are real #s. (ex: $2+i$). Real #s are considered complex if $b=0$ & imaginary #s are complex if $a=0$

Equations in Graphing Form for Families

If $y = f(x)$ is an equation for a parent graph, then the equation in graphing form for the family of functions with similar characteristics as $f(x)$ can be written as:

$$y = a \cdot f(x-h) + k$$

We call (h, k) the **locator point** because it helps us to locate the transformed graph. The parameters transform the parent graph as follows:

- horizontally translated by the value of h
- vertically translated by the value of k
- vertically stretched if the absolute value of $|a| > 1$
- vertically compressed if the absolute value of $|a| < 1$
- reflected across the x-axis if a is negative

You should be familiar with the following families of functions:

Parent	Family	Graphing Form
$y = x$	Linear	$y = a(x-h) + k$
$y = x $	Absolute Value	$y = a x-h + k$
$y = x^2$	Quadratic (Parabola)	$y = a(x-h)^2 + k$
$y = x^3$	Cubic	$y = a(x-h)^3 + k$
$y = \frac{1}{x}$	Rational (Hyperbola)	$y = a\left(\frac{1}{x-h}\right) + k$
$y = \sqrt{x}$	Square Root	$y = a\sqrt{x-h} + k$