

Algebra RH

Essential Question: How are quadratic equations in standard form written in vertex form?

Do Now:

Given the following equations, identify the vertex, axis of symmetry, and direction of the parabola.

(a) $y = (x - 5)^2 - 1$

Vertex: _____

Axis of Symmetry: _____

Opens: _____

(b) $y = -(x - 6)^2 + 2$

Vertex: _____

Axis of Symmetry: _____

Opens: _____

VERTEX FORM OF A QUADRATIC FUNCTION

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

where h and k are real numbers, (h, k) is the vertex and $x = h$ is the axis of symmetry

If you have the graph of a parabola, can you determine the exact equation of the function that created the graph?

(1) Let's look at the graph at the right.

The x -intercepts are integer values,

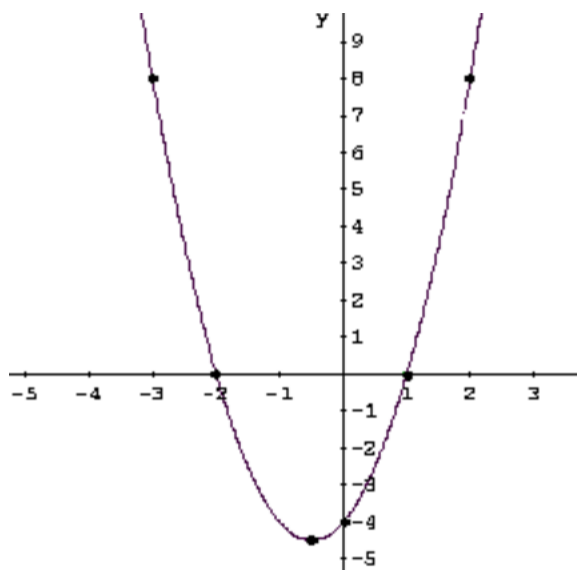
_____ and _____.

so we know that the roots (zeros) of the equation

will be $x = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ and $x = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$.

With this information we can write the equation of the

quadratic in factored form, $y = \underline{\hspace{3cm}}$.

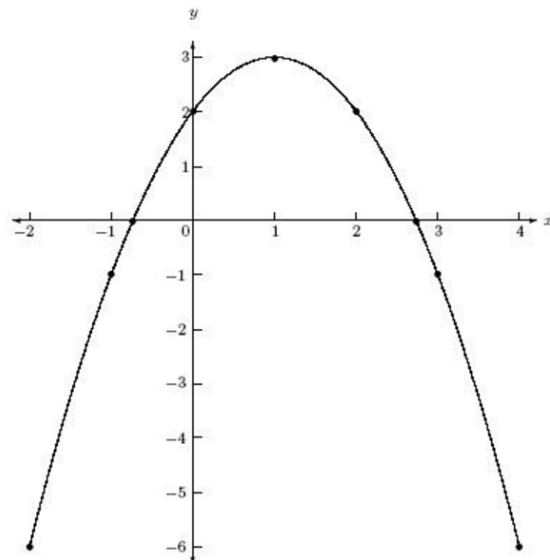


BEWARE

You cannot assume that the a -value will always be 1.

How can we determine the numeric factor, a , for this equation?
(Hint... we need to check another point, i.e. the y -intercept)

(2) Given the parabolic graph at the right, the vertex is _____ and another random point on the graph is _____. Write the equation of the function which created the graph.



It does not appear that the roots (zeros) of this parabola cross the x -axis at integer values, so we will not be able to write the equation in factored form. However, we can write the equation in vertex form,

$y =$ _____.

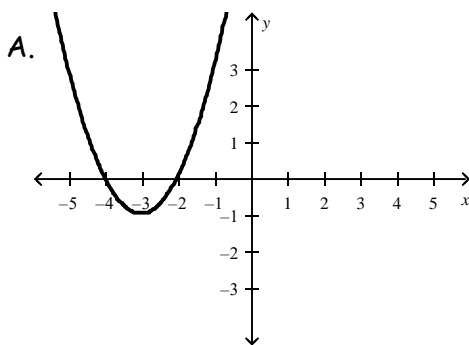
Now, determine the value of a .

Reminder:

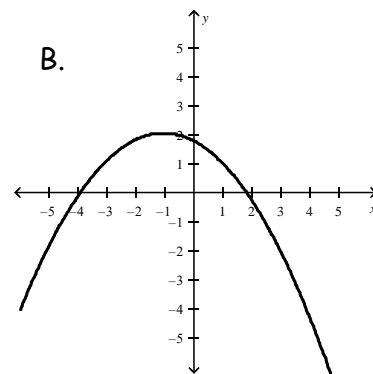
The zeros obtained from the x -intercepts of a graph can determine the equation of a "family" of graphs. But, ONE MORE POINT is needed to guarantee a specific, individual function's equation.

Match the following equations to their graphs.

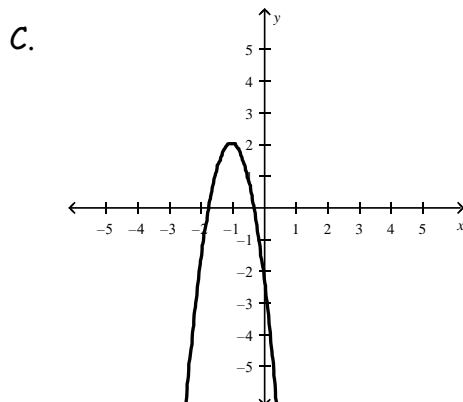
3) $y = -4(x + 1)^2 + 2$



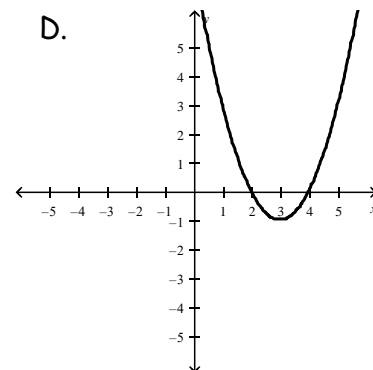
4) $y = -\frac{1}{4}(x + 1)^2 + 2$



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



6) $y = (x - 3)^2 - 1$



Convert the following equations into vertex form by completing the square and identify the vertex.

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

8) $y = x^2 + 16x + 71$

9) $y = x^2 - 2x - 5$

10) $y = x^2 - 12x + 46$



Shown below is the equation for function $f(x)$, and the graph of parabolic function $g(x)$. Which function has the larger maximum?

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

