

2-2 Properties of Quadratic Functions in Standard Form

Vocabulary

axis of symmetry-

standard form-

minimum value-

maximum value-

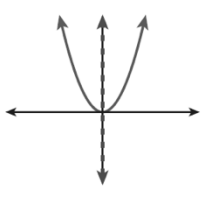
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When you transformed quadratic functions in the previous lesson, you saw that reflecting the parent function across the y -axis results in the same function.

$$f(x) = x^2$$

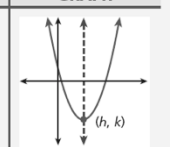
$$g(x) = (-x)^2 = x^2$$



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This shows that parabolas are symmetric curves. The **axis of symmetry** is the line through the vertex of a parabola that divides the parabola into two congruent halves.

Axis of Symmetry Quadratic Functions		
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The axis of symmetry is a vertical line through the vertex of the function's graph.	The quadratic function $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$ has the axis of symmetry $x = h$.	

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Example 1: Identifying the Axis of Symmetry

Identify the axis of symmetry for the graph of

$$f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(x+5)^2 - 8 .$$

Rewrite the function to find the value of h .

** $f(x) =$

Because $h = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$, the axis of symmetry is the vertical line $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$.

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Check It Out! Example 1

Identify the axis of symmetry for the graph of

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

Rewrite the function to find the value of h .

$$**f(x) =$$

Because $h = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$, the axis of symmetry is the vertical line $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$.

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Another useful form of writing quadratic functions is the *standard form*. The **standard form** of a quadratic function is $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$, where $a \neq 0$.

The coefficients a , b , and c can show properties of the graph of the function. You can determine these properties by expanding the vertex form.

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

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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 a = a & -2ah = b & ah^2 + k = c \\
 \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
 f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c
 \end{array}$$

$a = a$ { a in standard form is the same as in vertex form. It indicates whether a reflection and/or vertical stretch or compression has been applied.

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 \end{array}$$

$b = -2ah$ { Solving for h gives $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$. Therefore, the axis of symmetry, $x = h$, for a quadratic function in standard form is $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$.

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$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$a = a$ $-2ah = b$ $ah^2 + k = c$
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$c = ah^2 + k$ { Notice that the value of c is the same value given by the vertex form of f when $x = 0$:
 $f(0) = a(0 - h)^2 + k = ah^2 + k$. So c is _____ .

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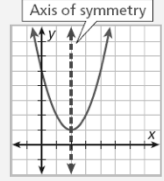
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These properties can be generalized to help you graph quadratic functions.

Properties of a Parabola

For $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$, where a , b , and c are real numbers and $a \neq 0$, the parabola has these properties:

- The parabola opens upward if $a > 0$ and downward if $a < 0$.
- The axis of symmetry is the vertical line $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$.
- The vertex is the point $(-\frac{b}{2a}, f(-\frac{b}{2a}))$.
- The y-intercept is c .



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Example 2A: Graphing Quadratic Functions in Standard Form

Consider the function $f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x + 5$.

- Determine whether the graph opens upward or downward. It opens _____ .
- Find the axis of symmetry.

The axis of symmetry is _____ .

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Example 2A: Graphing Quadratic Functions in Standard Form (continued)

Consider the function $f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x + 5$.

- Find the vertex.

The vertex is _____ .

- Find the y-intercept.

The y intercept is _____ .

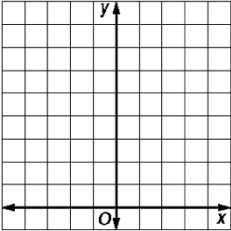
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Example 2A: Graphing Quadratic Functions in Standard Form

Consider the function $f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x + 5$.

e. Graph the function.



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Example 2B: Graphing Quadratic Functions in Standard Form

Consider the function $f(x) = -x^2 - 2x + 3$.

a. Determine whether the graph opens upward or downward. It opens _____.

b. Find the axis of symmetry.

The axis of symmetry is _____.

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Example 2B: Graphing Quadratic Functions in Standard Form

Consider the function $f(x) = -x^2 - 2x + 3$.

c. Find the vertex.

The vertex is _____.

d. Find the y-intercept.

The y-intercept is _____.

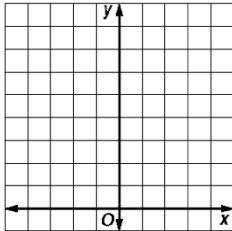
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