

Some quadratic equations in the form of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ can be solved easily by factoring. For example, the equation $x^2 + 6x - 16 = 0$ can be factored easily to $(x + 8)(x - 2) = 0$ to give solutions of $x = -8$ and $x = 2$.

When a quadratic equation cannot be factored using integers, you have two options. You can use the quadratic formula or you can use a method called **completing the square**. When $a = 1$, completing the square is the way to go (when $a > 1$, use the quadratic formula).

Example 1: Solve $x^2 + 8x - 10 = 0$ by completing the square.

Since it cannot be factored using integers, Write the equation in the form $ax^2 + bx = -c$	$x^2 + 8x - 10 = 0$ $x^2 + 8x = 10$
Find $\frac{1}{2}$ of b and add the square of that number $(\frac{b}{2})^2$ to both sides of the equation	<p>Think $b = 8$</p> $\frac{1}{2}b = 4 \text{ and } 4^2 = 16$ $x^2 + 8x = 10$ $x^2 + 8x + 16 = 10 + 16$
The left side is now a perfect square trinomial (PST), so factor it.	$(x + 4)(x + 4) = 26$ $(x + 4)^2 = 26$
Find the square root of each side.	$(x + 4)^2 = 26$ $x + 4 = \pm\sqrt{26}$
Solve for x	$x = -4 \pm \sqrt{26}$

U2.6 Solve Quadratics by Completing the Square

Name: _____

Solve each quadratic by completing the square.

1) $a^2 + 2a - 3 = 0$

$$a^2 + 2a = 3$$

$$a^2 + 2a + 1 = 4$$

$$(a+1)^2 = 4$$

$$a+1 = \pm 2$$

$$a = -1; -3$$

2) $a^2 - 2a - 8 = 0$

$$a^2 - 2a = 8$$

$$a^2 - 2a + 1 = 9$$

$$(a-1)^2 = 9$$

$$a-1 = \pm 3$$

$$a = 4; -2$$

3) $p^2 + 16p - 22 = 0$

$$p^2 + 16p = 22$$

$$p^2 + 16p + 64 = 86$$

$$(p+8)^2 = 86$$

$$p+8 = \pm\sqrt{86}$$

$$p = -8 \pm \sqrt{86}$$

4) $k^2 + 8k + 12 = 0$

$$k^2 + 8k = -12$$

$$k^2 + 8k + 16 = 4$$

$$(k+4)^2 = 4$$

$$k+4 = \pm 2$$

$$k = -6; -2$$

5) $r^2 + 2r - 33 = 0$

$$r^2 + 2r = 33$$

$$r^2 + 2r + 1 = 34$$

$$(r+1)^2 = 34$$

$$r+1 = \pm\sqrt{34}$$

$$r = -1 \pm \sqrt{34}$$

6) $a^2 - 2a - 48 = 0$

$$a^2 - 2a = 48$$

$$a^2 - 2a + 1 = 49$$

$$(a-1)^2 = 49$$

$$a-1 = \pm 7$$

$$a = 8; -6$$

7) $m^2 - 12m + 26 = 0$

$$m^2 - 12m = -26$$

$$m^2 - 12m + 36 = 10$$

$$(m-6)^2 = 10$$

$$m-6 = \pm\sqrt{10}$$

$$m = 6 \pm \sqrt{10}$$

8) $x^2 + 12x + 20 = 0$

$$x^2 + 12x = -20$$

$$x^2 + 12x + 36 = 16$$

$$(x+6)^2 = 16$$

$$x+6 = \pm 4$$

$$x = -2; -10$$

9) $k^2 - 8k - 48 = 0$

$$k^2 - 8k = 48$$

$$k^2 - 8k + 16 = 64$$

$$(k-4)^2 = 64$$

$$k-4 = \pm 8$$

$$k = 12 \text{ or } -4$$

10) $p^2 + 2p - 63 = 0$

$$p^2 + 2p = 63$$

$$p^2 + 2p + 1 = 64$$

$$(p+1)^2 = 64$$

$$p+1 = \pm 8$$

$$p = 7; -9$$

11) $m^2 + 2m - 48 = -6$

$$m^2 + 2m = 42$$

$$(m+1)^2 = 43$$

$$(m+1)^2 = 43$$

$$m+1 = \pm\sqrt{43}$$

$$m = -1 \pm \sqrt{43}$$

12) $p^2 - 8p + 21 = 6$

$$p^2 - 8p = -15$$

$$p^2 - 8p + 16 = 1$$

$$(p-4)^2 = 1$$

$$p-4 = \pm 1$$

$$p = 5; 3$$

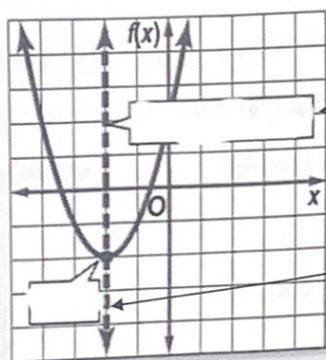
Graphing Quadratics Review Worksheet

Name _____

Fill in each blank using the word bank.

vertex	minimum	axis of symmetry	x-intercepts
parabola	maximum	zeros/roots	$ax^2 + bx + c$

- Standard form of a quadratic function is $y = \underline{ax^2 + bx + c}$
- The shape of a quadratic equation is called a parabola

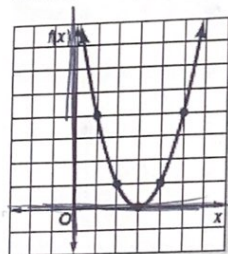


3. axis of symmetry

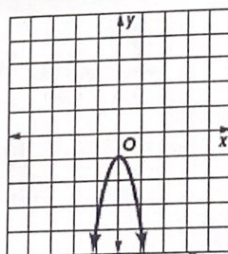
4. vertex

- When the vertex is the highest point on the graph, we call that a maximum.
- When the vertex is the lowest point on the graph, we call that a minimum.
- Our solutions are the x-intercepts.
- Solutions to quadratic equations are called zeros/roots.

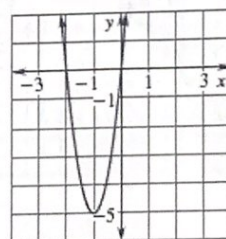
Determine whether the quadratic functions have two real roots, one real root, or no real roots. If possible, list the zeros of the function.



9. Number of roots: 1
Zero(s): 3



10. Number of roots: 0
Zero(s): none



11. Number of roots: 2
Zero(s): 0, -2

12. Given the graph, identify the following.

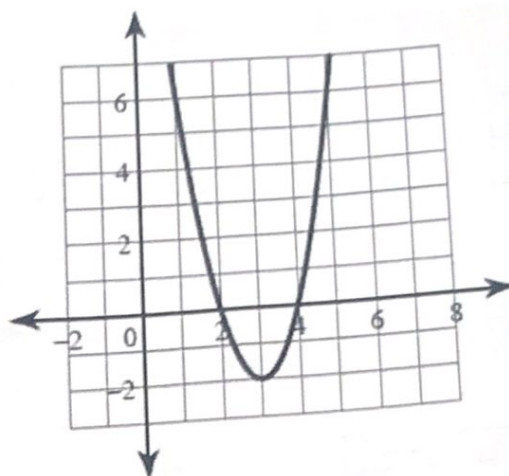
Axis of symmetry: $x = 3$

Vertex: $(3, -2)$

How many zeros: 2 which are: 2, 4

Domain: all real #s

Range: $y \geq -2$



Graph the following quadratic functions by using critical values and/or factoring.

You need three points to graph and don't necessarily need all the information listed.

Remember: Option 1: If it factors, find the zeros.

The middle of the two factors is the axis of symmetry.

Option 2: If it doesn't factor, find the axis of symmetry with $x = \frac{-b}{2a}$

Plug the x -value into the original equation to find the y -value of the vertex. The y -intercept is at $(0, c)$

13. $y = x^2 - 2x - 3$ factor or critical values?

x	-1	0	1	2	3
y	0	-3	-4	-3	0

Identify the zeros/roots: -1 and 3

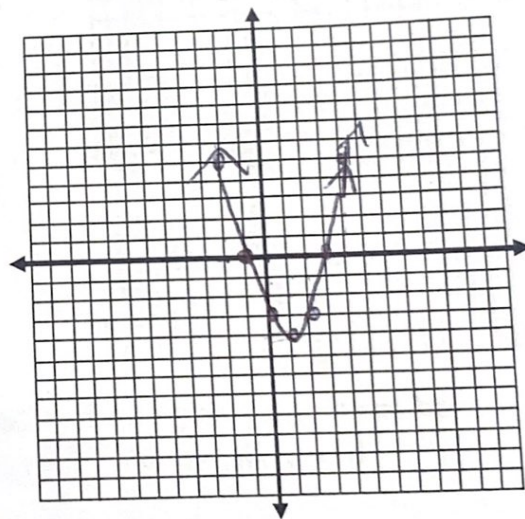
Does it have a minimum or maximum? minimum

Axis of symmetry: $x = 1$ Vertex: $(1, -4)$

y -intercept: $(0, -3)$

Domain: all real #s Range: $y \geq -4$

Graph at least 5 points



14. $y = -x^2 - 4x + 5$ factor or critical values?

x	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1
y	0	5	8	9	8	5	0

Identify the zeros/roots: -5 and 1

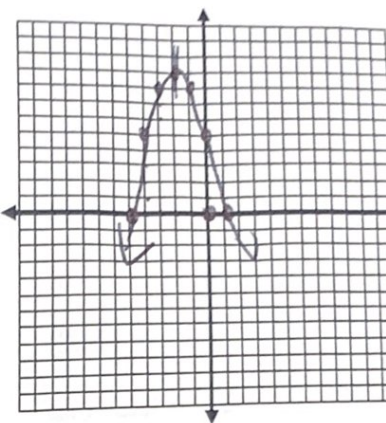
Does it have a minimum or maximum? minimum $y=9$

Axis of symmetry: $x = -2$ Vertex: $(-2, 9)$

y-intercept: $(0, 5)$

Graph at least 5 points

Domain: all real #s Range: $y \leq 9$



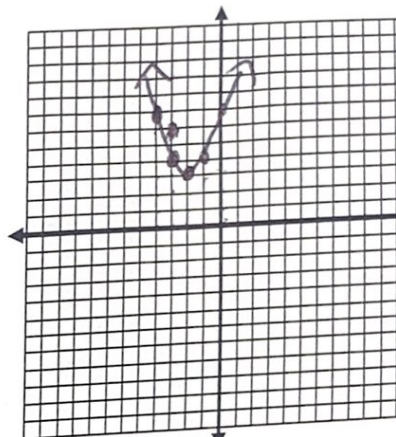
15. $y = x^2 + 4x + 7$ factor or critical values?

x	-4	-3	-2	-1	0
y	7	4	3	4	7

Axis of symmetry: $x = -2$ Vertex: $(-2, 3)$

Max or Min? min

y-intercept: $(0, 7)$ Graph at least 3 points



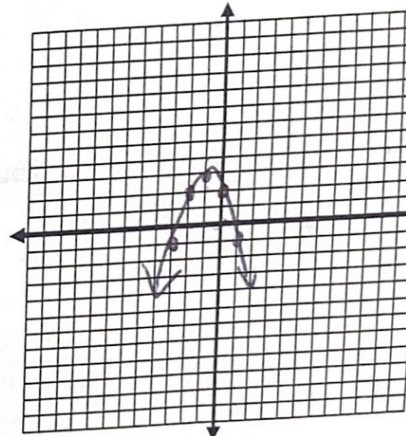
16. $y = -x^2 - 2x + 2$ factor or critical values?

x	-3	-2	-1	0	1
y	-1	2	3	2	-1

Axis of symmetry: $x = -1$ Vertex: $(-1, 3)$

Max or Min? max

y-intercept: $(0, 2)$ Graph at least 5 points



17. A bottlenose dolphin jumps out of the water. The path the dolphin travels can be modeled by $h = -0.2d^2 + 2d$, where h represents the height of the dolphin and d represents horizontal distance.

$$\frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-2}{2(-0.2)} = 5$$

a. What is the maximum height the dolphin reaches? $y = 5$ 5ft

b. How far did the dolphin jump? 10ft (zero of the function)