

Math 60 10.4 Graphing Quadratic Functions Using Transformations

Objectives 1) Graph quadratic functions (parabolas opening up or down) using algebraic structures

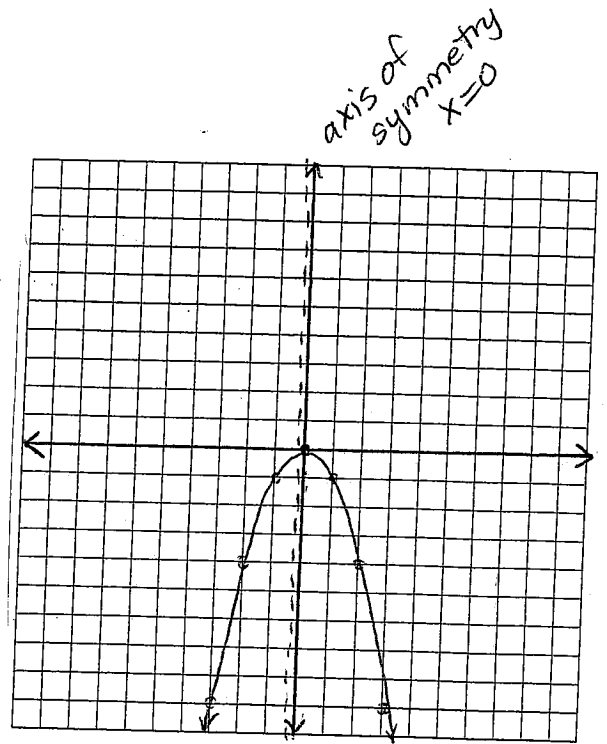
last lesson { • $f(x) = x^2 + k$ vertical shift k units
• $f(x) = (x-h)^2$ horizontal shift h units

this lesson { • $f(x) = ax^2$ stretch/compress or upside-down
• $f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k$ combination of shifts and stretch/compress
2) Graph quadratic function given in the form
 $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$
by using CTS (without solve) to rewrite as
 $f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k^2$

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① $f(x) = -x^2$

x	y	
0	0	
1	-1	$-(1)^2 = -1$
2	-4	$-(2)^2 = -4$
3	-9	
4	-16	
-1	-1	$-(-1)^2 = -1$
-2	-4	$-(-2)^2 = -4$
-3	-9	$-(-3)^2 = -9$
-4	-16	



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

or

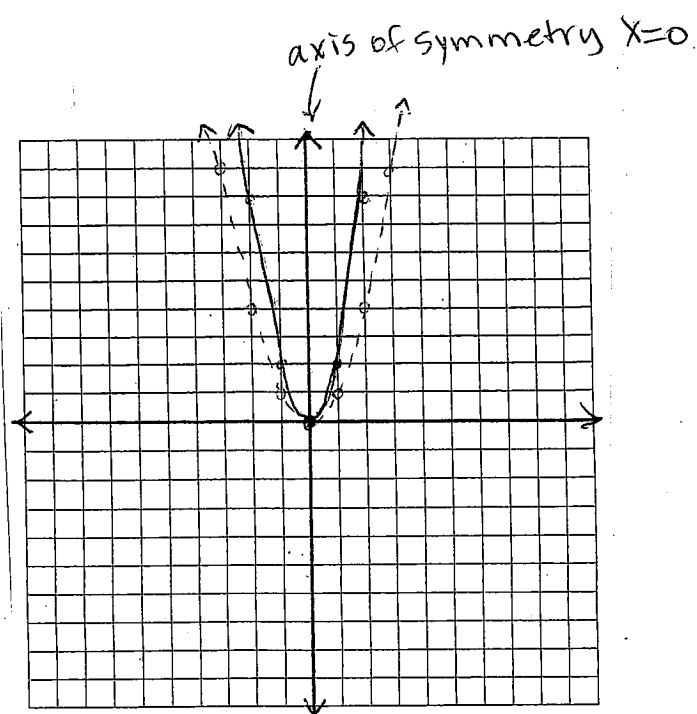
$$f(x) = ax^2 \text{ when } a < 0$$

} means the parabola opens downward

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② $f(x) = 2x^2$

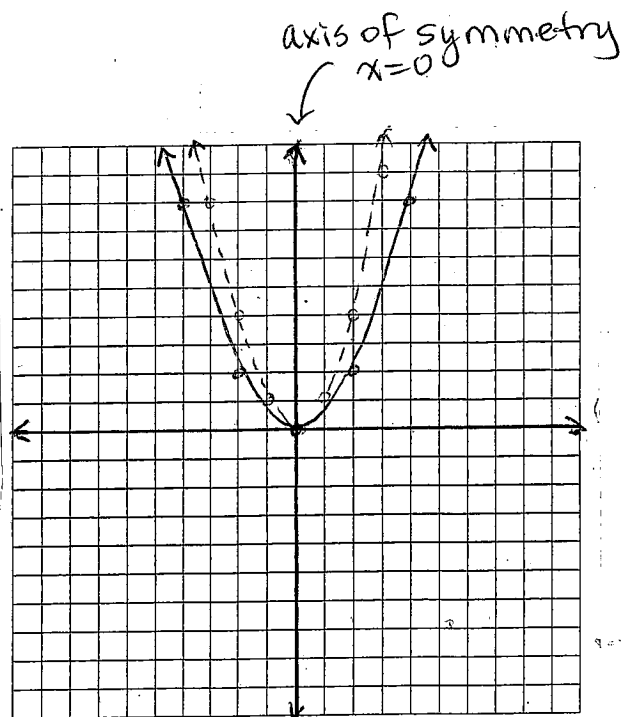
x	y	
0	0	$2(0)^2 = 0$
1	2	$2(1)^2 = 2$
2	8	$2(2)^2 = 8$
3	18	} not helpful
4	32	
-1	2	$2(-1)^2 = 2$
-2	8	
-3	18	} not helpful
-4	32	



This parabola is narrower than the basic parabola $y=x^2$. (shown as dotted graph)

③ $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2$

x	y	
0	0	
1	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	2	$\frac{1}{2}(2)^2 = 2$
3	$\frac{9}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}(3)^2 = \frac{9}{2}$
4	8	$\frac{1}{2}(4)^2 = 8$
-1	$\frac{1}{2}$	} repeat
-2	2	
-3	$\frac{9}{2}$	
-4	8	



This parabola is wider than the standard parabola $y=x^2$ (shown as dotted graph)

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

if $a > 1$

parabola opens up ($a > 0$)
and is narrower than the
basic parabola $y = x^2$

if $0 < a < 1$

parabola opens up ($a > 0$)
and is wider than the
basic parabola $y = x^2$

if $a < -1$

parabola opens down ($a < 0$)
and is narrower than the
basic parabola $y = x^2$

if $-1 < a < 0$

parabola opens down ($a < 0$)
and is wider than the
basic parabola $y = x^2$

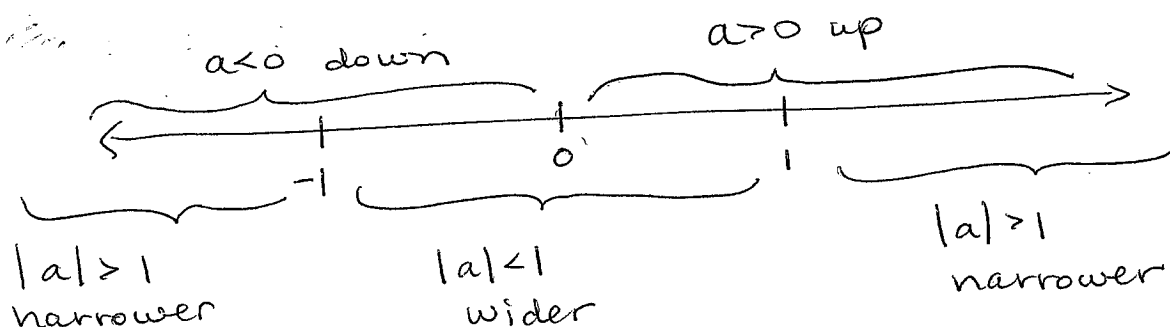
if $a = 1$

it's the basic parabola

if $a = -1$

it's the basic shape, but
opening downward.

On a number line:



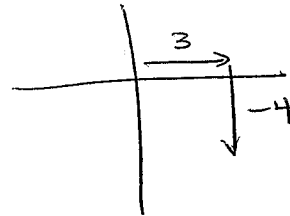
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Without graphing, identify

- coordinates of vertex
- direction parabola opens
- whether parabola is standard, wider, or narrower.
- equation of the axis of symmetry

④ $f(x) = -2(x-3)^2 - 4$

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 shift right 3 shift down 4



a) Vertex (3, -4)

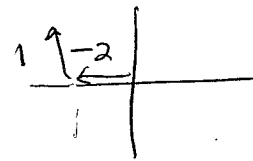
b) $a = -2$ is negative opens down

c) $a = -2$ $|a| > 1$ narrower

d) $x = 3$ axis of symmetry

⑤ $f(x) = \frac{3}{4}(x+2)^2 + 1$

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 shift left 2 shift up 1



a) Vertex (-2, 1)

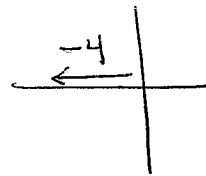
b) $a = \frac{3}{4}$ is positive opens up

c) $a = \frac{3}{4}$ $|a| < 1$ wider

d) $x = -2$ axis of symmetry

⑥ $f(x) = -\frac{1}{3}(x+4)^2$

shift left 4 no up/down shift



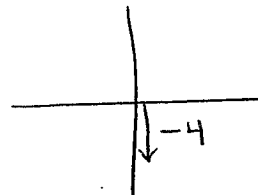
a) vertex $(-4, 0)$

b) $a = -\frac{1}{3}$ is negative opens down

c) $a = -\frac{1}{3}$ $|a| < 1$ wider

d) $x = -4$ axis of symmetry

⑦ $f(x) = -\frac{2}{3}x^2 - 5$
 $(x-0)^2$ shift down 4
 no left/right shift



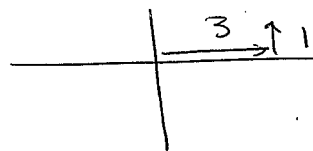
a) vertex $(0, -4)$

b) $a = -\frac{2}{3}$ is negative opens down

c) $a = -\frac{2}{3}$ $|\frac{2}{3}| < 1$ wider

d) $x = 0$ axis of symmetry

⑧ $f(x) = 4(x-3)^2 + 1$
 shift right 3 shift up 1



a) vertex $(3, 1)$

b) $a = 4$ is positive opens up

c) $a = 4$ $|a| > 1$ narrower

d) $x = 3$ axis of symmetry

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⑨ Write $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 1$ in the form $f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k$

step 1: Identify all terms containing x .

This must become $(x-h)^2$ when we are done.

$$f(x) = \underbrace{x^2 - 4x}_{(x-h)^2 \text{ eventually}} + \underbrace{1}_{\text{leftover stuff.}}$$

step 1.5: Notice it's plain x^2 , no coefficient. (whew! dodged a bullet!)

step 2: Use the x -term coefficient to complete the square.

$$\# = \frac{-4}{2} = -2$$

← use this number for factor

$$\#^2 = (-2)^2 = 4$$

← add (and subtract) this number

$$f(x) = x^2 - 4x + \underbrace{4}_{\substack{\text{add} \\ \text{our} \\ \text{number}}} - \underbrace{4}_{\substack{\text{subtract} \\ \text{our} \\ \text{number}}} + \underbrace{1}_{\text{leftover stuff}}$$

net effect 0!

$$f(x) = \underbrace{(x^2 - 4x + 4)}_{\substack{\text{this part} \\ \text{becomes} \\ \text{the perfect} \\ \text{square}}} + \underbrace{(-4 + 1)}_{\substack{\text{this part} \\ \text{becomes} \\ \text{the} \\ \text{vertical shift} \\ k}}$$

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

⑩ Write $f(x) = -3x^2 - 12x + 1$ in the form $f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k$

step 1: Identify all terms containing x .

$$f(x) = \underbrace{-3x^2 - 12x}_{x \text{ terms}} + \underbrace{1}_{\text{stuff}}$$

step 2: Notice that x^2 has a coefficient that's not +1.
Bad news! Can't use CTS until we factor it out.

$$f(x) = \underbrace{-3(x^2 + 6x)}_{\substack{\text{factor coefficient} \\ -3 \text{ from the} \\ x\text{-terms only}}} + \underbrace{1}_{\substack{\text{leftover} \\ \text{stuff.}}}$$

step 3: Use the x -term coefficient to find numbers used to complete the square.

$$\# = \frac{6}{2} = 3 \quad \leftarrow \text{use this number for factor}$$

$$\#^2 = 3^2 = 9 \quad \leftarrow \text{use this number to add inside } ().$$

$$f(x) = -3(x^2 + 6x + 9) + 27 + 1$$

↑ add inside () to get perfect square trinomial.
↪ add 27 to un-do

But mentally distribute:

$$-3x^2 - 18x - \underbrace{27}$$

↑ we actually subtracted 27 to our function!

CAUTION

* when we add for CTS, we must have net effect 0

$$f(x) = -3(x+3)^2 + 28$$

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⑪ Write $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2x - 1$ in the form $f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k$

step 1: x-terms $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2x - 1$

step 2: coef $\frac{1}{2}$! $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + 4x) - 1$ factor out $\frac{1}{2}$ means $\div \frac{1}{2}$.

step 3: CTS

$$\# = \frac{4}{2} = 2 \leftarrow \# \text{ for factor}$$

$$\#^2 = 2^2 = 4 \leftarrow \#^2 \text{ for adding}$$

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

mentally distribute

$$\frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2x + 2$$



We actually added 2.

⇒ subtract 2 for net effect 0.



leftover stuff from original question

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x+2)^2 - 3$$