

Graphing Quadratic Equations

In This Unit:

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Solve using the quadratic formula.

1. $2x^2 - 4x - 14 = 0$

Lesson 14.1a

Describing a Quadratic

What You Need to Know:

To graph a quadratic equations:

1. Find Axis of Symmetry [A.O.S.]
2. Find Vertex
3. Make a T-Chart
4. Plot Graph

· If a is $+$, then the graph opens up. 

· If a is $-$, then the graph opens down. 

To find the A.O.S., use $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$.

This is also the x -coordinate of the vertex (x,y) .

To find the y -coordinate of the vertex, plug the x -value back into the equation.

To make an t -chart, pick x -values to the right or to the left of the x -coordinate.

To finish the graph, mirror the points across the A.O.S.

Opens Up or Down?

Tell whether the graph opens up or down.

$$y=2x^2$$

$$y=-4x^2-4x+12$$

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

A.O.S. and Vertex

Find the A.O.S. and the vertex.

$$y=x^2+2x+1$$

$$y=-2x^2-8x+12$$

$$y=-x^2-x+1$$

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

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Find the A.O.S. and Vertex.

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

$$a = -\frac{1}{2} \quad b = -4 \quad c = 7$$

$$x = \frac{-b}{2a}$$

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

$$x = \frac{4}{-1}$$

$$x = -4$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= -\frac{1}{2}(-4)^2 - 4(-4) + 7 \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(16) + 16 + 7 \\ &= -8 + 16 + 7 \\ &= 15 \end{aligned}$$

$$(-4, 15)$$

Lesson 14.1b

Graphing a Quadratic

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Find the A.O.S. and the vertex.

$$y = 2x^2$$

Vertex: $(0, 0)$

$$\text{AOS: } x = \frac{0}{2(2)} = 0$$

$$a = 2 \quad b = 0 \quad c = 0$$

$$y = 2(0)^2$$

$$y = 0$$

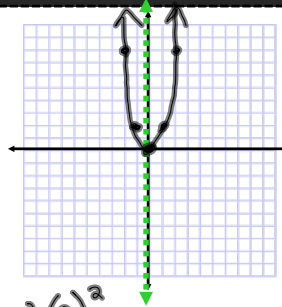
$$y = 2(1)^2$$

$$y = 2$$

$$y = 2(2)^2$$

$$y = 8$$

x	y
(1)	(2)
(2)	(8)



$$y = x^2 + 2x + 1$$

Vertex: $(-1, 0)$

$$\text{AOS: } x = \frac{-2}{2(1)} = -1$$

$$a = 1 \quad b = 2 \quad c = 1$$

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

$$y = 1 - 2 + 1 = 0$$

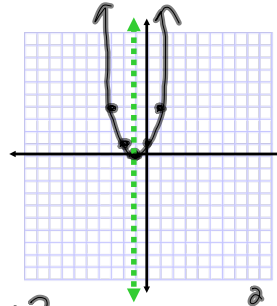
$$y = (0)^2 + 2(0) + 1$$

$$y = 1$$

$$y = (1)^2 + 2(1) + 1$$

$$y = 4$$

x	y
0	1
1	4



$$y = -x^2 - 2x + 3$$

Vertex: $(-1, 4)$

$$\text{AOS: } x = -1$$

$$a = -1 \quad b = -2 \quad c = 3$$

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

$$-1 + 2 + 3$$

$$y = 4$$

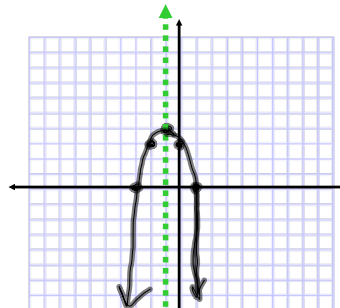
$$y = -(0)^2 - 2(0) + 3$$

$$y = 3$$

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

$$y = -1 - 2 + 3$$

x	y
0	3
1	0



$$y = -x^2 + 2$$

Vertex: $(0, 2)$

$$\text{AOS: } x = \frac{0}{2(-1)} = 0$$

$$a = -1 \quad b = 0 \quad c = 2$$

$$y = -(0)^2 + 2$$

$$y = 2$$

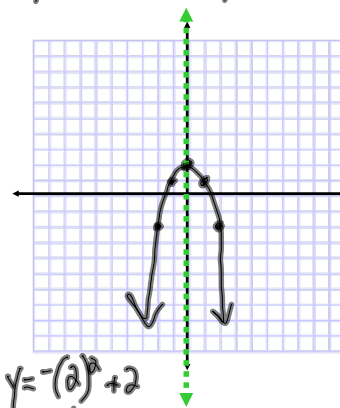
$$y = -(1)^2 + 2$$

$$y = -1 + 2$$

$$y = -(2)^2 + 2$$

$$y = -4 + 2$$

x	y
1	1
2	-2



Homework Assignment

Worksheet "Graphing Quadratic Equations"