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Graphing Quadratics from Standard Form

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STANDARD FORM:  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

Vertex:  $(-\frac{b}{2a}, f(-\frac{b}{2a}))$  If  $a > 0$ , opens UP If  $a < 0$ , opens down Y-Int: (0, c)  
 plugging in h-value

To graph a quadratic in STANDARD FORM

1. Label a, b, and c.
2. Plug into your formula  $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$  to find the X-VALUE of the VERTEX.
3. Plug your X-VALUE back into the equation to find the Y-VALUE of the VERTEX.
4. Create a table. Put the vertex as the CENTER VALUE of the table.
5. Fill in your table with the two values of x that come before and after the x-value of your vertex.
6. Plug all x-values into your equation to find the y-value that goes with them.

**\*\*If done correctly, the y-values should have a PATTERN!\*\***

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> y-values should match. So should the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> y-values.

Example 1

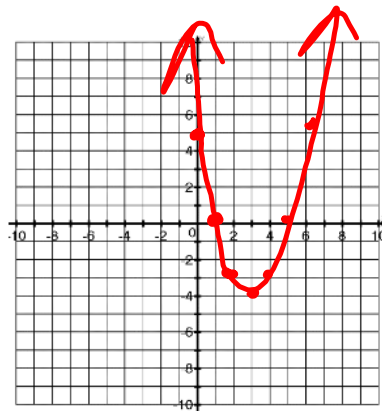
$f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 5$   
 VERTEX: (3, -4)

OPENS: UP

$a = 1$   
 $b = -6$   
 $c = 5$

$h = \frac{-(-6)}{2(1)}$   
 $= 3$

X	Y
1	0
2	-3
3	-4
4	-3
5	0



Example 2

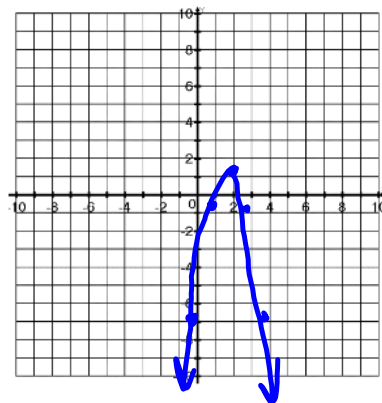
$f(x) = -2x^2 + 8x - 7$   
 VERTEX: (2, 1)

OPENS: down

$a = -2$   
 $b = 8$   
 $c = -7$

$h = \frac{-(8)}{2(-2)}$   
 $= 2$

X	Y
0	-7
1	-1
2	1
3	-1
4	-7



Graph each of the following quadratic functions. Find the characteristics of your graph.

1.  $f(x) = x^2 - 8x + 12$   $a=1$   $b=-8$   $c=12$   
 Vertex:  $(4, -4)$  Opens: up  
 $h = \frac{-(-8)}{2(1)} = 4$

x	y
2	0
3	-3
4	-4
5	-3
6	0

Domain:  $-\infty < x < \infty$  Range:  $-4 \leq y < \infty$   
 Zeros:  $x = 2, 6$  Y-Int:  $(0, 12)$   
 Increase:  $4 < x < \infty$  Decrease:  $-\infty < x < 4$   
 End Behavior: As  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ ,  $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$   
 As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

2.  $f(x) = -x^2 - 2x + 8$   $a=-1$   $b=-2$   $c=8$   
 Vertex:  $(-1, 9)$  Opens: down  
 $h = \frac{-(-2)}{2(-1)} = -1$

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

Domain:  $-\infty < x < \infty$  Range:  $-\infty < y \leq 9$   
 Zeros:  $x = -4, 2$  Y-Int:  $(0, 8)$   
 Increase:  $-\infty < x < -1$  Decrease:  $-1 < x < \infty$   
 End Behavior: As  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ ,  $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$   
 As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

3.  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 20x + 50$   $a=2$   $b=20$   $c=50$   
 Vertex:  $(-5, 0)$  Opens: up  
 $h = \frac{-20}{2(2)} = -5$

x	y
-7	8
-6	2
-5	0
-4	2
-3	8

Domain:  $-\infty < x < \infty$  Range:  $0 \leq y < \infty$   
 Zeros:  $x = -5$  Y-Int:  $(0, 50)$   
 Increase:  $-5 < x < \infty$  Decrease:  $-\infty < x < -5$   
 End Behavior: As  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ ,  $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$   
 As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

4.  $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x^2 - 1$   $a=-\frac{1}{2}$   $b=0$   $c=-1$   
 Vertex:  $(0, -1)$  Opens: down  
 $h = \frac{-(0)}{2(-\frac{1}{2})} = 0$

x	y
-2	-3
-1	-1.5
0	-1
1	-1.5
2	-3

Domain:  $-\infty < x < \infty$  Range:  $-\infty < y \leq -1$   
 Zeros: none Y-Int:  $(0, -1)$   
 Increase:  $-\infty < x < 0$  Decrease:  $0 < x < \infty$   
 End Behavior: As  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ ,  $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$   
 As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$