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Sect. 3-2

Quadratic Functions  
and Graphs

Eqn. Forms

Find Vertex

Graph

Find Eqn.

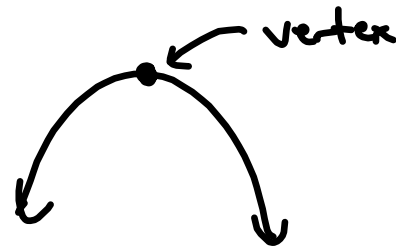
Quad. Funct. Eqns.

$$y = ax^2 + bx + c, a \neq 0 \quad \text{General Form}$$

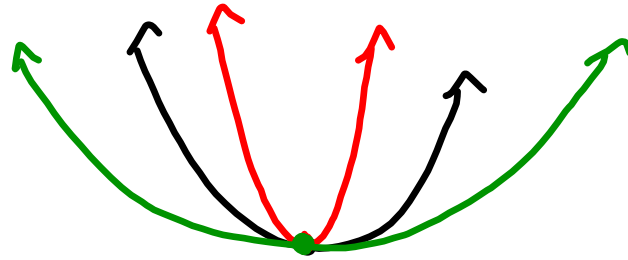
Graph: Parabola



$a$  is pos.



$a$  is neg.



"normal"  $\Rightarrow a = 1$

"skinny"  $\Rightarrow a > 1$

"fat"  $\Rightarrow 0 < a < 1$

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

Vertex Form  
Standard Form

The vertex is at  $(h, k)$   
notice the neg. sign

$$y = (x-2)^2 + 3 \Rightarrow V: (2, 3)$$

$$y = (x+1)^2 - 3 \Rightarrow V: (-1, -3)$$

$$y = -2(x+5)^2 + 1 \Rightarrow V: (-5, 1)$$

## Converting to Vertex Form

Given  $y = x^2 + 6x - 3$ , find the vertex

Convert to vertex form using

1. Completing the Square  
or

2. Formula

Comp. the sq.

$$y = x^2 + 6x - 3$$

$$y = x^2 + 6x + \underbrace{\left(\frac{6}{2}\right)^2}_{9} - 3 - \underline{9}$$

$$y = (x + 3)^2 - 12$$

$$\text{So } V: (-3, -12)$$

## Vertex Formula

$$y = \frac{1}{3}x^2 - x + 2$$

$$V_x = h = \frac{-b}{2a}$$

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

$V_y = k \Rightarrow$  plug  $h$  back into the funct.

$$k = \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + 2$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{9}{4}\right) - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{2}{1} = \frac{9}{12} - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{2}{1}$$

$$= \frac{9}{12} - \frac{18}{12} + \frac{24}{12} = \frac{15}{12} = \frac{5}{4} \quad \text{So } V = \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{4}\right)$$

So if we wanted to write the  
eqn. in st. form

$$y = \frac{1}{3}x^2 - x + 2 \quad V: \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{4}\right)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3}\left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{5}{4}$$

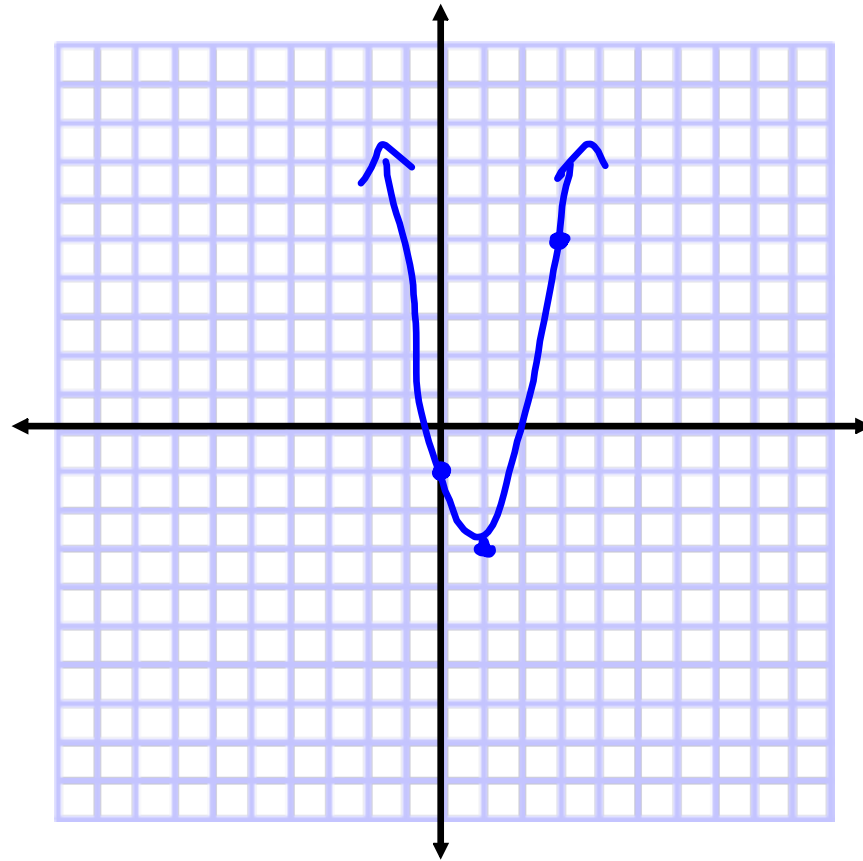


Graphing by hand

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

V: (1, -3) opens up  
( $a > 0$ )

x	y
0	-1
1	-3
3	5



Finding the eqn. with vertex and another point

$$V : (2, 3) \quad Pt (0, 1) \quad * \text{required}$$

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

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

$$-2 = 4a$$

$$a = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{So } y = -\frac{1}{2}(x-2)^2 + 3$$