

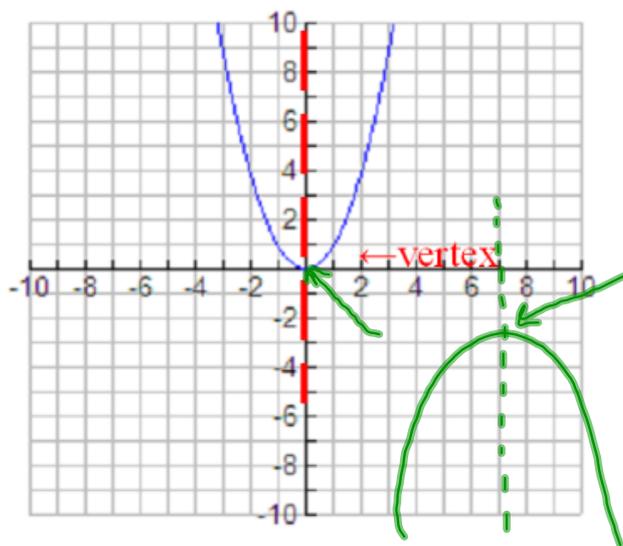
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# Quadratic Functions



## Quadratic Functions

- $y = ax^2 + bx + c$
- A polynomial of degree 2 (the highest exponent is a 2)
- The graph is U-shaped (parabola)



$$y = x^2$$

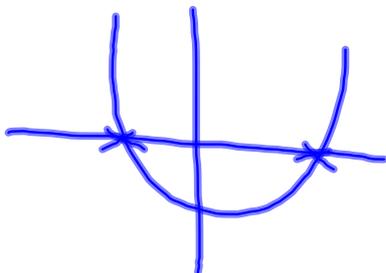
**Vertex** – highest  
or lowest  
point

-Opens up

**Axis of symmetry**- the  
vertical line through  
the vertex

Solution?

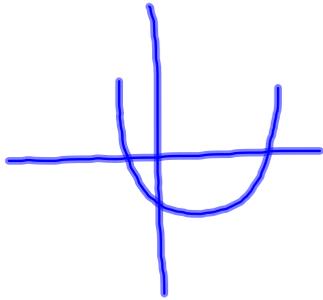
$$x^2 - x - 6 = 0 \leftarrow y$$



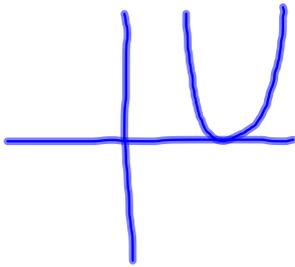
# Solving Quadratics

- 5 ways
  - Graphing
  - Square root method
  - Factoring
  - Completing the square
  - Quadratic formula

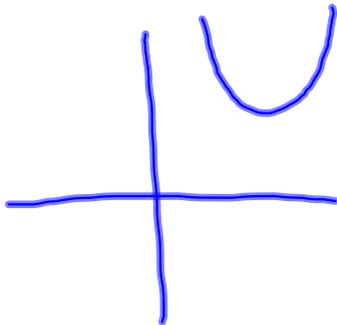
$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$



2 real  
sol.



1 repeated  
real sol.



2 non-  
real  
sol.

Discriminant

$$b^2 - 4ac$$

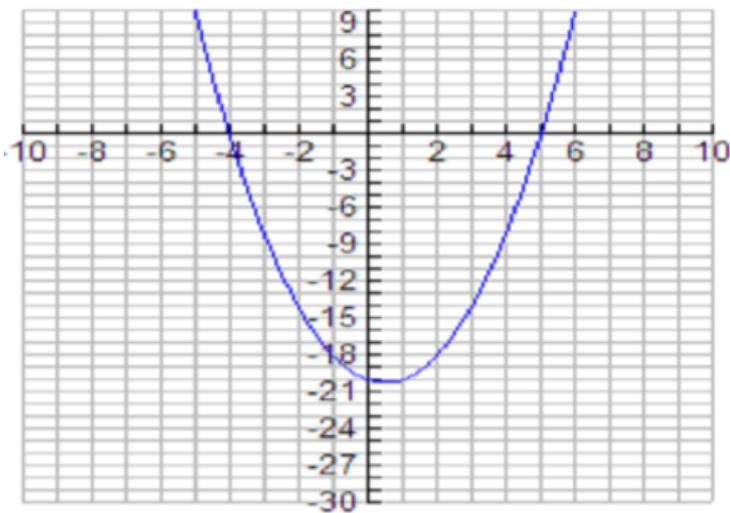
pos : 2 irrat.  
sol.

pos. & perfect : 2 real  
rational

Zero : 1 sol.

Neg : 0 real  
sol.

## Solution?



The solution  
is where the graph  
crosses the x-axis

## 3 Forms of Quadratic Functions

- **General form:**  $y = \underline{a}x^2 + \underline{b}x + \underline{c}$ 
  - Vertex:  $(-b/2a, \text{plug in})$
  - Axis of symmetry:  $x = -b/2a$
- **Standard form:**  $y = a(x - \underline{h})^2 + \underline{k}$ 
  - Vertex:  $(h, k)$
  - Also known as vertex form
- **x-intercept form:**  $y = a(x - \underline{p})(x - \underline{q})$ 
  - Vertex: found by indentifying x-coordinate of vertex will be halfway between the x-intercepts
  - X-intercepts:  $(p, 0)$   $(q, 0)$

$$y = x^2$$

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Factoring: the process of writing a polynomial as a product of factors.  $18 = 2 \cdot 3^2$

If a polynomial cannot be factored using integer coefficients, then it is prime or irreducible over the integers.

$$(x+6)(x-4)$$

$$x^2 + 6x - 4x - 24$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 24$$

↑                    ↑                    ↑  
mult. first terms    added outer/inner    mult. last terms

Factor:

a)  $10x^3 + 6x$   $2x \rightarrow \text{GCF}$

$$2x(5x^2 + 3)$$

b)  $-3x^2 + 6x - 9$

$$-3(x^2 - 2x + 3)$$

$$4 - 4(1)(3) = -8$$

c)  $(x - 3)(3x) \oplus (x - 3)5$

$$(x - 3)(3x + 5)$$

## Factoring special polynomials:

### Difference of two squares:

$$u^2 - v^2 = (u - v)(u + v)$$

$$(u+v)(u+v) = u^2 + 2uv + v^2$$

$$\text{a) } x^2 - 25 = (x-5)(x+5)$$

$$\text{b) } 4a^2 - 9 = (2a+3)(2a-3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } 5 - 20x^2 &= 5(1-4x^2) \\ &= 5(1-2x)(1+2x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } 16v^4 - 81 &= (4v^2+9)(4v^2-9) \\ &= (4v^2+9)(2v+3)(2v-3) \end{aligned}$$

## Factoring special polynomials:

### Perfect square trinomial:

$$u^2 + 2uv + v^2 = (u + v)^2$$

$$u^2 - 2uv + v^2 = (u - v)^2$$



Other factoring:

$$\text{a) } \underbrace{x^2}_{-} - \underbrace{7x}_{\text{add}} + \underbrace{12}_{\text{minus}}$$
$$(x - 3)(x - 4)$$

$$2x^2 + \underline{x} - 15$$

$$1 - 4(2)(-15) = 121$$

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$$(2x - 5)(x + 3)$$

$$2y^3 - 7y^2 - 15y$$

$$y(2y^2 - 7y - 15)$$

$$y(2y + 3)(y - 5)$$

$$49 - 4(2)(-15)$$

$$= 169 \checkmark$$

$$-5u^2 - 13u + 6$$

$$- (5u^2 + 13u - 6)$$

$$\boxed{- (5u - 2)(u + 3)}$$

$$169 - 4(5)(-6) =$$

$$= 289 \checkmark$$

HW:

-Finish 1st assignment on pg 38

-Add: Pg 38 # 52-64 evens,  
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