

2.1 Linear & Quadratic Functions

- Obj: 1. Recognize & graph linear & quad. fns.
2. Use fns. to solve problems.

Linear: $y = mx + b$

Quadratic: $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

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Polynomial Functions

Let n be a nonnegative integer
and $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ be real #s
with $a_n \neq 0$.

$$\text{Then: } f(x) = \underline{a_n} x^{\textcircled{n}} + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0 \cdot x^0$$

is a polynomial fnc. of degree n
and the leading coefficient is a_n .
biggest exponent

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Which are polynomials?

$$f(x) = 4x^3 - 5x - \frac{1}{2}$$

Yes Deg: 3 Lead. coef: 4

$$g(x) = 6x^{-4} + 7$$

No

$$h(x) = \sqrt{7x^4 + 16x^2}$$

No : Square root

$$k(x) = 15x - 2x^4$$

Yes Deg: 4
L.C.: -2

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$$f(x) = 3x^{-5} + 17$$

No

$$g(x) = 2x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x + 9$$

Yes Deg: 2 LC: 2

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Polynomial Fncs of Low & No Degree:

1. Zero Fnc: $f(x) = 0$ degree: undf
2. Constant Fnc: $f(x) = k \cdot x^0$ deg: 0
3. Linear Fnc: $f(x) = mx + b$ deg: 1
4. Quadratic: $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ deg: 2

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Linear Fncs

$$y = mx + b$$

- * Vertical Lines = not a fnc.
- * Horizontal Lines: graphs of constant fncs.

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Find an equation for the linear func f

if $f(-1) = 2$, $f(3) = -2$ $y = mx + b$
 $(-1, 2)$ $(3, -2)$

$$m: \frac{-2 - 2}{3 - (-1)} = \frac{-4}{4} = -1$$

Slope intercept:

$$y = mx + b$$

$$y = -x + b \quad y = -x + 1$$

$$2 = -1 + b$$

$$b = 1$$

OR

point Slope

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

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

$$y - 2 = -x - 1$$

$$y = -x + 1$$

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Find the eq. for f if $f(-5) = -1$
 and $f(2) = 4$

$$m: \frac{4 - (-1)}{2 - (-5)} = \frac{5}{7}$$

$$y + 1 = \frac{5}{7}(x + 5)$$

$$y + 1 = \frac{5}{7}x + \frac{25}{7}$$

$$y = \frac{5}{7}x + \frac{18}{7}$$

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Quadratics

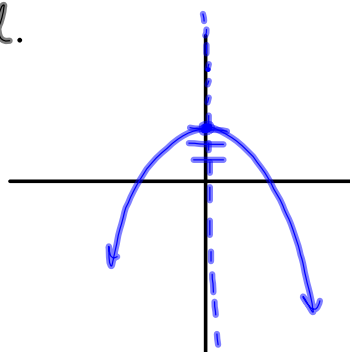
Polynomials of deg 2

* parabola

Describe the transformation of $f(x) = x^2$ into the given graph $g(x) = -(\frac{1}{2})x^2 + 3$

Then sketch by hand.

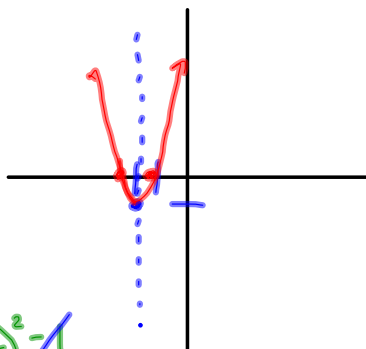
refl. over x-axis
v. comp. by $\frac{1}{2}$
up 3



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$h(x) = 3(x+2)^2 - 1$

v. str. by 3
left 2
down 1



Zeros: $0 = 3(x+2)^2 - 1$
x int

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

$\pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} = x+2$
-2

$x = -2 \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$

$x = -2 + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$
 ≈ -1.4

$x = -2 - \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$
 ≈ -2.6

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

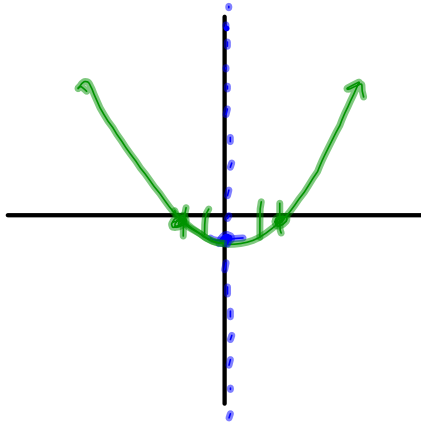
V. Comp. by $\frac{1}{4}$
down 1

Zeros: $0 = \frac{1}{4}x^2 - 1$

$$4(1) = \left(\frac{1}{4}x^2\right)4$$

$$\sqrt{4} = \sqrt{x^2}$$

$$x = \pm 2$$



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All parabolas are symmetric.
on their line/axis of symmetry.

If $y = \underline{a}x^2 + \underline{b}x + \underline{c}$

then the line of symmetry is:

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

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Vertex Form:

Any quadratic $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$

can be written in Vertex form:

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

$$\text{Vertex: } (h, k)$$

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Find the vertex & axis of symmetry of

* $f(x) = 6x - 3x^2 - 5$ & Rewrite in vertex form.

$$f(x) = -3x^2 + 6x - 5$$

$$\text{vertex: } \left(-\frac{b}{2a}, f(x) \right)$$

$$a = -3 \quad b = 6 \quad c = -5$$

$$\text{axis: } x = \frac{-b}{2(-3)} = \frac{-6}{-6} = 1$$

$$x = 1$$

$$f(1) = 6 - 3 - 5 = -2$$

$$\text{Vertex: } (1, \underline{-2})$$

Vertex form: $f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k$

$$* f(x) = -3(x-1)^2 - 2$$

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$f(x) = -2x^2 + 7x - 3$
 Find the vertex, axis of Symmetry & vertex-form

axis: $x = \frac{-7}{2(-2)} = \frac{7}{4}$

$V: \left(\frac{7}{4}, \frac{25}{8} \right)$

$f(x) = -2\left(x - \frac{7}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{25}{8}$

$f\left(\frac{7}{4}\right) = -2\left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^2 + 7\left(\frac{7}{4}\right) - 3$
 $= -2\left(\frac{49}{16}\right) + \frac{49}{4} - 3$
 $= -\frac{98}{16} + \frac{4}{4} \frac{49}{4} - 3 \frac{16}{16}$
 $= -\frac{98}{16} + \frac{196}{16} - \frac{48}{16}$
 $= \frac{50}{16} = \frac{25}{8}$

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Use completing the square to describe:

$f(x) = 3x^2 + 12x + 11 = 0$

$3x^2 + 12x = -11$
 $3(x^2 + 4x) = -11$
 $3(x^2 + 4x + 2^2) = -11 + 3(2^2)$
 $3(x+2)^2 = 1$
 $3(x+2)^2 - 1 = 0$

axis: $x = -2$ $V: (-2, -1)$

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