

③ Solve by completing the square.

eg 1a) solve  $x^2 - 2x + 6 = 0$

complete sq:  $x^2 - 2x + 1 - 1 - 6 = 0$

$$(x-1)^2 - 7 = 0$$

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$$x-1 = \pm\sqrt{7}$$

$$x = 1 \pm \sqrt{7}$$

b) solve  $x^2 + 10x + 3 = 0$

complete sq:  $x^2 + 10x + 25 - 25 + 3 = 0$

$$(x+5)^2 - 22 = 0$$

$$(x+5)^2 = 22$$

$$x+5 = \pm\sqrt{22}$$

$$x = 5 \pm \sqrt{22}$$

④ Solve using the Quadratic Formula.

Recall the quad formula: Solving  $ax^2+bx+c=0$

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

eg 8a) Solve  $x^2+3x-5=0$

$$a=1 \quad b=3 \quad c=-5$$

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

$$= \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9+20}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{29}}{2}$$

b) Solve  $2x^2-4x+1=0$

$$a=2 \quad b=-4 \quad c=1$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16-4(2)(1)}}{2(2)}$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{8}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{2(2 \pm \sqrt{2})}{4} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{2}}{2}$$

## Proof of the Quadratic Formula

Solving  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ .

We will complete square to solve:

$$a \left[ x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x \right] + c = 0$$

$$\text{ie: } a \left[ x^2 + 2\left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)x + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 \right] + c = 0$$

$$\text{ie: } a \left[ \left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \frac{b^2}{4a^2} \right] + c = 0$$

$$\text{ie: } a \left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \frac{b^2}{4a} + c = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } a \left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 &= \frac{b^2}{4a} - c \\ &= \frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x + \frac{b}{2a} &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}} \\ &= \pm \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

## The Discriminant

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

Recall  $b^2 - 4ac$  determines  
how many solutions  
we have.

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac = \text{discriminant}$$

$$\text{If } \Delta > 0 \rightarrow 2 \text{ solutions}$$

$$\Delta < 0 \rightarrow \text{No solution}$$

$$\Delta = 0 \rightarrow 1 \text{ solution}$$

eg) a)  $x^2 - 2x + 4 = 0$

$$a = 1 \quad b = -2 \quad c = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= b^2 - 4ac \\ &= (-2)^2 - 4(1)(4) \\ &= 4 - 16 \\ &< 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  No solutions

b)  $4x^2 - 12x + 9 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= (12)^2 - 4(4)(9) \\ &= 144 - 144 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  1 soln.

$$\text{ie! } x = \frac{-12 \pm \sqrt{288}}{2(4)} = \frac{-12}{8} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

c)  $x^2 + 4x - 1 = 0$

$$\Delta = (4)^2 - 4(1)(-1) = 16 + 4 = 20 \quad \therefore 2 \text{ solns}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{20}}{2} = \frac{-4 \pm 2\sqrt{5}}{2} = \frac{2(-2 \pm \sqrt{5})}{2} = -2 \pm \sqrt{5}$$

## Back to sketching parabolas

- Now that we know how to solve quadratic equations we can put more details into our sketches.

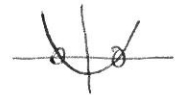
eg) Find the  $x$  intercepts and sketch  $y = x^2 - 6x + 8$

a)  $y = x^2 - 6x + 8$

↑ parabola facing up (concave up)

Recall:  $x$  intercepts = where graph cuts  $x$ -axis

→ ie: points when  $y=0$ .

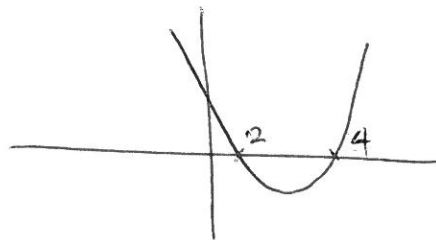


∴ To find  $x$  int → let  $y=0$ .

$$\therefore x^2 - 6x + 8 = 0$$

$$(x-2)(x-4) = 0$$

$$x = 2, 4$$



- we found 2  $x$ -intercepts

- we call these solutions roots of the quadratic

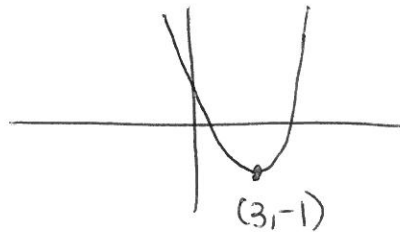
or zeros

A few more details:

note we can verify our sketch by completing the square.

(Because of symmetry we expect our vertex to occur when  $x=3$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } y &= x^2 - 6x + 8 \\ &= x^2 - 6x + 9 - 9 + 8 \\ &= (x-3)^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

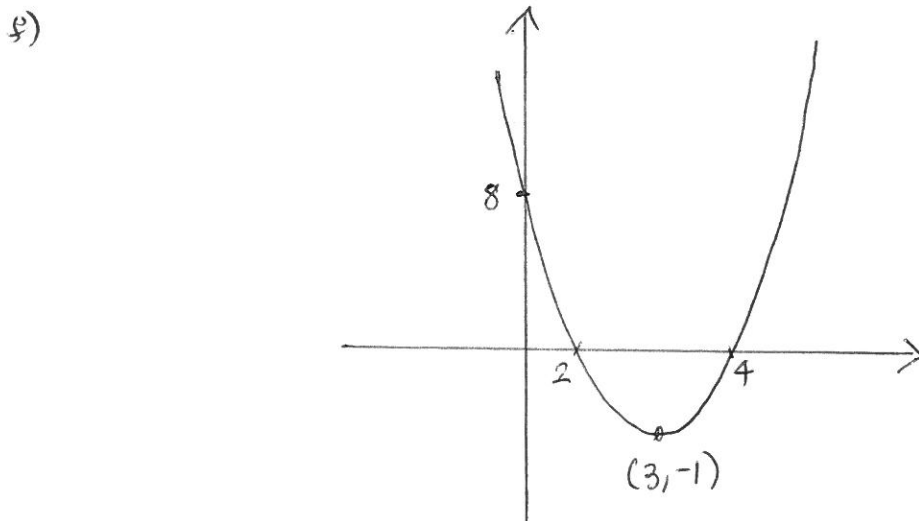


c) vertex =  $(3, -1)$

d) Minimum value = 3  
This occurs when  $x = -1$ .

e) We can also find the y-intercept  
→ Let  $x=0$

$$\therefore y = 0^2 - 6(0) + 8 = 8$$



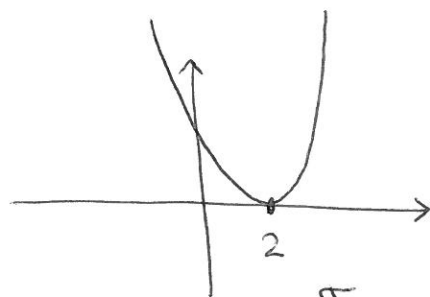
11a)  $y = 3x^2 - 12x + 12$

Notice  $b^2 - 4ac = (-12)^2 - 4(3)(12) = 0$

$\therefore$  There is 1 root at  $x = \frac{12 \pm \sqrt{0}}{2(3)} = 2$

This parabola faces up.

$\therefore$  It must look like



$\nwarrow$  This is a double root.

check:  $y = 3x^2 - 12x + 12$   
 $= 3(x^2 - 4x + 4)$   
 $= 3(x - 2)^2$

$\leftarrow$  horiz shift to right.

y int  $\rightarrow$  let  $x = 0$ :  $y = 12$ .

b)  $y = -3 - 2x - x^2$

Notice  $b^2 - 4ac = (-2)^2 - 4(-1)(-3) = 4 - 12 < 0$

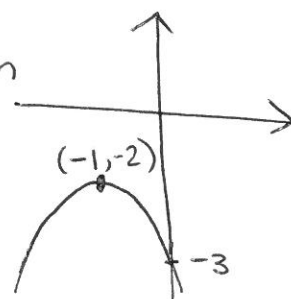
- $\therefore$  No solutions
- $\therefore$  No roots
- $\therefore$  No x-intercepts.

Parabla still exists, it just doesnt cut x axis.

$\therefore$  Either  or 

- Since neg in front of  $x^2$ , must be concave down  $\nwarrow$

- complete sq:  $y = -(x^2 + 2x + 3)$   
 $= -(x^2 + 2x + 1 + 2)$   
 $= -(x + 1)^2 - 2$

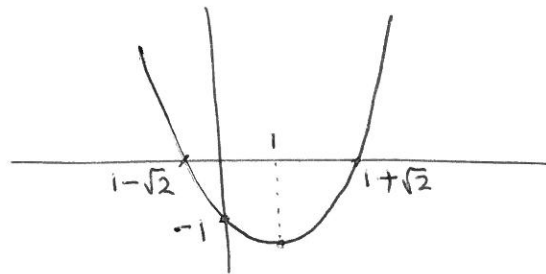


$$e) y = x^2 - 2x - 1$$

$$\text{Finding } x \text{ int : } b^2 - 4ac = (-2)^2 - 4(1)(-1) \\ = 8$$

$$\therefore \text{ using quad formula: } x = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{8}}{2} \\ = \frac{2 \pm 2\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ = \frac{2(1 \pm \sqrt{2})}{2}$$

this parabola is concave up +  $y$  int is  $-1$



We can see vertex occurs when  $x=1$  (by symmetry)

$\therefore$  Find minimum by substituting:

$$\text{when } x=1 : y = (1)^2 - 2(1) - 1 \\ = -2$$

$\therefore$  vertex is  $(1, -2)$



## Quadratic Models

- Quadratic equations model some real life problems  
(eg: projectile motion)

- we need to be able to work with quadratic eqns

Eg(2) a) solve  $V = \pi r^2 h$  for  $r$

$$\therefore V = \pi r^2 h \quad (\text{Aim: } r = \text{☺})$$

$$\frac{V}{\pi h} = r^2$$

$$r = \pm \sqrt{\frac{V}{\pi h}}$$

b) solve  $F = \frac{Gm_1 m_2}{r^2}$  for  $r$

$$\therefore Fr^2 = Gm_1 m_2$$

$$r^2 = \frac{Gm_1 m_2}{F}$$

$$r = \pm \sqrt{\frac{Gm_1 m_2}{F}}$$

c) Solve  $A = 2x^2 + 4xh$  for  $x$ .

Aim  $x = \text{?}$

Assume  $A, h$  are constants.

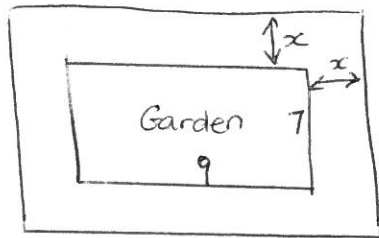
$\therefore 2x^2 + 4xh - A = 0$  is a quadratic in  $x$

use quad formula ( $a=2, b=4h, c=-A$ )

$$x = \frac{-4h \pm \sqrt{16h^2 - 4(2)(-A)}}{2(2)}$$

$$= \frac{-4h \pm \sqrt{16h^2 + 8A}}{4}$$

1. A rectangular garden is 9m by 7m. It is planned to construct a path of uniform width,  $x$  metres, around the garden. There is enough concrete so that the area taken by the path is 50 square metres. Find the width of the path.



• Want to find  $x$

- We know
  - Area of path = 50
  - Area of garden = 63

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Area of path} &= \text{Area of Big Rectangle} - \text{Area of garden} \\ &= (2x+7)(2x+9) - 63 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (2x+7)(2x+9) - 63 = 50$$

$$4x^2 + 18x + 14x + 63 - 63 = 50$$

$$4x^2 + 32x - 50 = 0$$

$$2x^2 + 16x - 25 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-16 \pm \sqrt{(16)^2 - 4(2)(-25)}}{2(2)}$$

$$= \frac{-16 \pm \sqrt{256 + 200}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{-16 + \sqrt{456}}{4}, \quad x = \frac{-16 - \sqrt{456}}{4}$$

$$= 1.34$$

↑ Neg  $\therefore$  Ignore

$\therefore$  Width of path is 1.34m.