

Vertex Form of a Quadratic Equation

Any quadratic function $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$, $a \neq 0$, can be written in the vertex form

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

The graph of f is a parabola with vertex (h, k) and axis $x = h$, where $h = -b/(2a)$ and $k = c - ah^2$. If $a > 0$, the parabola opens upward and if $a < 0$, it opens downward.

Use the vertex form of a quadratic function to find the vertex and axis of the graph of $f(x) = 2x^2 - 8x + 11$. Rewrite the equation in vertex form.

Finding Vertex form by completing the square:

1. Change $f(x)$ to y and/or put in standard form.
2. Move constant to side with y
3. Be sure that "a" =1, if not divide both sides by a (every term)
4. Complete the square on the side w/ the x^2 and x terms (be sure to keep equation balanced)
5. Make adjustments using Algebra to get the vertex from $y = a(x-h)^2 + k$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= 2x^2 - 8x + 11 \\
 y - 11 &= 2x^2 - 8x \\
 \frac{y - 11}{2} &= x^2 - 4x \\
 \frac{y - 11}{2} + 4 &= x^2 - 4x + 4
 \end{aligned}
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 \rightarrow \frac{y - 11}{2} &= (x - 2)^2 \\
 y - 11 &= 2(x - 2)^2 \\
 y &= 2(x - 2)^2 + 11
 \end{aligned}$$

Point of View

Characterization

Verbal

polynomial of degree 2

Algebraic

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c \text{ or}$$
$$f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k \quad (a \neq 0)$$

Graphical

parabola with vertex (h, k) and axis $x = h$; opens upward if $a > 0$, opens downward if $a < 0$;
initial value = y -intercept = $f(0) = c$
 x -intercepts = $\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

Vertical Free-Fall Motion

The **height** s and **vertical velocity** v of an object in free fall are given by

$$s(t) = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 + v_0t + s_0 \quad \text{and} \quad v(t) = -gt + v_0,$$

where t is time (in seconds), $g \approx 32 \text{ ft/sec}^2 \approx 9.8 \text{ m/sec}^2$ is the **acceleration due to gravity**, v_0 is the *initial vertical velocity* of the object, and s_0 is its *initial height*.

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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 10\% = x \\ 45\% = y \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow \# \text{gal} \\ 100 \text{ gal} \\ \Rightarrow 25\% \text{ sol} \end{array}$$

$$x + y = 100$$

$$.1x + .45y = .25(100)$$

$$10x + 45y = 2500$$

$$y = 100 - x$$