

Precalculus 115, section 3.1 Quadratic Functions

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terminology: The standard, or graphing form, of a quadratic function is $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$. Using this form we can identify the shifts/translations of the basic function $y = x^2$. The reference (vertex) of the basic quadratic, the point $(0, 0)$, would be shifted _____ units _____, and _____ units _____.

Thus, the shifted vertex would have coordinates (_____, _____)

Example A: Sketch the graph of $f(x) = x^2 - 4x$.

vertex:

standard (graphing) form:

domain:

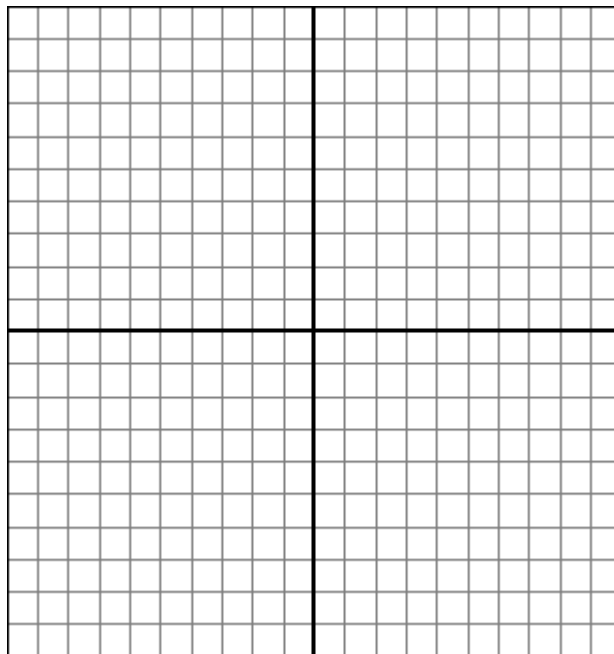
range:

maximum/minimum value of the function:

axis of symmetry:

y-intercept:

x-intercept(s):



Example B: Sketch the graph of $g(x) = -x^2 + 6x - 3$.

vertex:

standard (graphing) form:

domain:

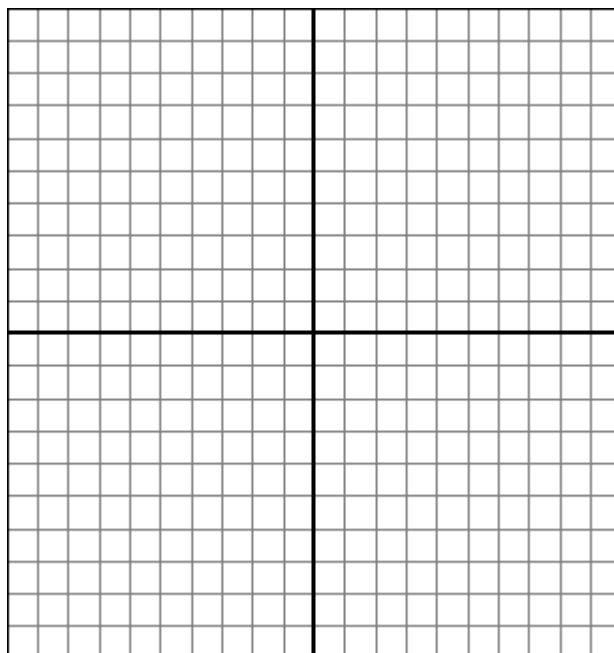
range:

maximum/minimum value of the function:

axis of symmetry:

y-intercept:

x-intercept(s):



Example C: Find a function whose graph is a parabola with vertex $(-4, 6)$ and that passes through the point $(-2, 2)$.

