

Unit 1 - Quadratic Functions & Relations

Finding Max/Min Values by Completing the Square

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Standard Form $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ $\xrightarrow{\text{complete the square}}$ Vertex Form $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$

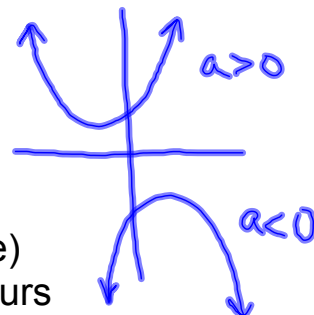
Vertex is (h, k)
 x y

$a > 0$: opens up (has a minimum)

$a < 0$: opens down (has a maximum)

k is the optimal value (max or min value)

h is the x -value where the max/min occurs



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Completing the Square Using Fractions:

Ex.1 Complete the square:

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

$$y = 3\left(x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x\right) - 11$$

$$y = 3\left(x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{9}\right) - 11$$

$$y = 3\left[\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{9}\right] - 11$$

$$y = 3\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{33}{3}$$

$$y = 3\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - \frac{34}{3}$$

$$V\left(-\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{34}{3}\right)$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{9}$$

$$3\left(-\frac{1}{9}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{3}{9}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3}$$

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(b) $y = 5x^2 + 8x - 3$

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Ex.2 Find the optimal value of $y = 5x - 3x^2 + 4$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= 5x - 3x^2 + 4 \\
 y &= -3x^2 + 5x + 4 \\
 y &= -3\left(x^2 - \frac{5}{3}x\right) + 4 \\
 y &= -3\left(x^2 - \frac{5}{3}x + \frac{25}{36} - \frac{25}{36}\right) + 4 \\
 y &= -3\left[\left(x - \frac{5}{6}\right)^2 - \frac{25}{36}\right] + 4 \\
 y &= -3\left(x - \frac{5}{6}\right)^2 + \frac{75}{36} + 4 \\
 y &= -3\left(x - \frac{5}{6}\right)^2 + \frac{25}{12} + \frac{48}{12} \\
 y &= -3\left(x - \frac{5}{6}\right)^2 + \frac{73}{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{5}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{6}$
 $\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^2 = \frac{25}{36}$
 -11
 $= -\frac{33}{3}$
 $\frac{7(25)}{3 \cdot 12}$

\therefore the optimal value is $\frac{73}{12}$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= ax^2 + bx + c \\
 y &= a\left(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x\right) + c \\
 y &= a\left(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{b^2}{4a^2}\right) + c \\
 y &= a\left(\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \frac{b^2}{4a^2}\right) + c
 \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{b}{a} \times \frac{1}{2}$
 $= \frac{b}{2a}$
 $\frac{b^2}{4a^2}$

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It is permissible, and sometimes preferable, to use terminating decimals (i.e., exact values):

Ex.3 Find the optimal value of $y = -20x^2 + 180x + 4400$

$$y = -20x^2 + 180x + 4400 \quad \left(-\frac{9}{2}\right)^2$$

$$y = -20(x^2 - 9x) + 4400 \quad = (-4.5)^2$$

$$= 20.25$$

$$y = -20(x^2 - 9x + 20.25 - 20.25) + 4400$$

$$y = -20[(x - 4.5)^2 - 20.25] + 4400$$

$$y = -20(x - 4.5)^2 + 405 + 4400$$

$$y = -20(x - 4.5)^2 + \underline{4805}$$

max value

opens down
→ max

∴ optimal value is a
max of 4805.

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Homework:

p.115 # 1, 3, 14, 16

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p. 116 # 3(i)

0.5

$$y = -2x^2 - 0.8x - 2$$

. 0 25

$$= -2(x^2 + 0.4x) - 2$$

$$= -2(x^2 + 0.4x + 0.04 - 0.04) - 2$$

$$= -2[(x + 0.2)^2 - 0.04] - 2$$

$$= -2(x + 0.2)^2 + 0.08 - 2$$

$$= -2(x + 0.2)^2 - 1.92$$

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3(g) $y = -x^2 - 5x$

$\frac{5}{2}$

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

$$\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{25}{4}$$

$$= -\left(x^2 + 5x + \frac{25}{4} - \frac{25}{4}\right)$$

$$= -\left[\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{25}{4}\right]$$

$$= -\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{25}{4}$$

$$V\left(-\frac{5}{2}, \frac{25}{4}\right)$$

open down \rightarrow max

max value

\therefore max of $\frac{25}{4}$ when x is $-\frac{5}{2}$

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$$3(e). \quad y = -\frac{1}{3}x^2 + 2x + 4$$

$$\frac{2}{-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{2}{1} \times \left(\frac{3}{1}\right) \\ = -6$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{3}(x^2 - 6x) + 4$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{3}(x^2 - 6x + 9 - 9) + 4$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{3}[(x-3)^2 - 9] + 4$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{3}(x-3)^2 + 3 + 4$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{3}(x-3)^2 + 7$$

\therefore max of 7 when x is 3

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