

Quadratic Relations in Factored Form

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The equation of a quadratic relation may be written in several forms:

1. factored form:  $y = a(x - s)(x - t)$

2. standard form:  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

3. vertex form:  $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$

$$a \neq 0$$

In the factored form,

$a$  tells us the sign of  $\Delta^2 y$

$s$  and  $t$  are the zeroes, or x-intercepts

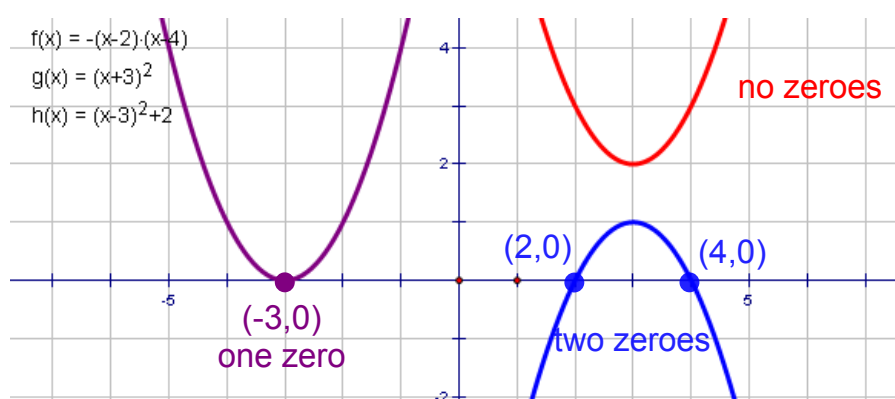
Recall:

$\Delta^2 y > 0$ , opens up

$\Delta^2 y < 0$ , opens down

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Depending upon the location of the vertex, and whether the parabola opens up or down, it may have 0, 1, or 2 distinct (unique) zeroes.



Zeroes occur where the  $y$ -coordinate of the parabola is equal to zero.

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To find the zeroes algebraically, we set  $y = 0$  and solve for the  $x$ -values that make the equation true.

Recall: Zero multiplied by anything is zero.

$\therefore$  If  $(a)(b) = 0$  then  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$  (or both are zero).

Ex.1 Determine the zero(es) of each by setting  $y = 0$  and solving for  $x$ .

(a)  $y = x(x - 10)$

set  $y = 0$

$$0 = x(x - 10)$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x - 10 = 0$$

$$x = 10$$

zeroes are  $x = 0, x = 10$

(b)  $y = x(30 - x)$

set  $y = 0$

$$0 = x(30 - x)$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } 30 - x = 0$$

$$30 = x$$

$\therefore$  zeroes are  $x = 0$  and  $x = 30$

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(c)  $y = -2(x - 5)(3x - 1)$

set  $y = 0$

$$0 = -2 \underbrace{(x - 5)}_{=0} \underbrace{(3x - 1)}_{=0}$$

$$x - 5 = 0 \text{ or } 3x - 1 = 0$$

$$x = 5 \text{ or } 3x = 1$$

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

to check,  
sub  $x$  into eqn  
and  $y = 0$

(d)  $y = 2(x - 2)^2$

set  $y = 0$

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

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

$$x - 2 = 0 \text{ or } x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = 2 \text{ or } x = 2$$

one zero  
(double root)

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The zeroes can be used to find the vertex <sup>(x, y)</sup> (h, k).

For the x-coordinate (h), find the midpoint of the zeroes:

$$MP = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2} = \frac{s + t}{2}$$

For the y-coordinate (k), substitute the midpoint into the equation and solve for y:

$$y = a(x - s)(x - t)$$

$$y = a(MP - s)(MP - t)$$

$$y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

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Ex.2 Determine the vertex:

(a)  $y = -(x - 2)(x - 8)$

① find zeroes

set  $y = 0$

$$0 = -(x - 2)(x - 8)$$

$$x - 2 = 0 \text{ or } x - 8 = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = 2}$$

$$\boxed{x = 8}$$

② MP of zeroes

$$MP = \frac{2 + 8}{2}$$

$$= 5$$

③ Sub  $x = 5$  into eqn

$$y = -(5 - 2)(5 - 8)$$

$$= -(3)(-3)$$

$$\boxed{y = 9}$$

$\therefore$  vertex is (5, 9)

(b)  $y = (3 + x)(2 - x)$

set  $y = 0$

$$0 = (3 + x)(2 - x)$$

$$\boxed{x = -3} \text{ or } \boxed{x = 2}$$

$$MP = \frac{-3 + 2}{2}$$

$$= -0.5$$

sub  $x = -0.5$

$$y = (3 + (-0.5))(2 - (-0.5))$$

$$= (2.5)(2.5)$$

$$y = 6.25$$

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Assigned Work:

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