Determining the Equation of Quadratic Relations in Factored Form

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Recall:

- 1. Factored Form: y = a(x s)(x t)
- 2. If a > 0, the parabola opens up
 If a < 0, the parabola opens down
- 3. s and t are the zeroes (x-intercepts)

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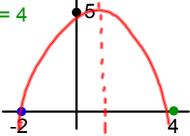
- Ex.1 Determine an equation, in factored form, using the given information:
- (a) the x-intercepts are -2 and 4, and the y-intercept is 5.

zeroes are -2 and 4, so s = -2 and t = 4

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

$$y = a(x - (-2))(x - (4))$$

$$y = a(x + 2)(x - 4)$$



To find a, we require another point on the parabola.

The y-intercept is 5, which is the point (0, 5).

$$5 = a(0 + 2)(0 - 4)$$

$$5 = a(2)(-4)$$

$$5 = -8a$$

$$a = -5/8$$

: equation is
$$y = -\frac{5}{8}(x + 2)(x - 4)$$

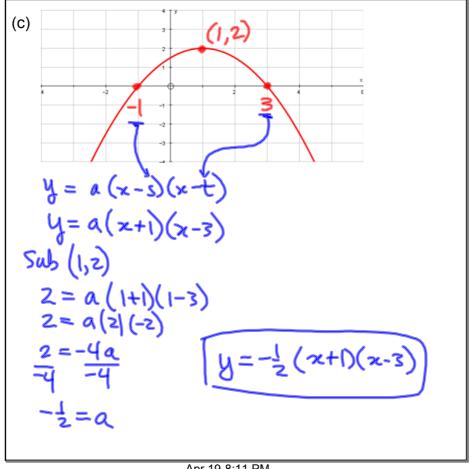
(b) the zeroes are -3 and 5, and a point on the graph is (7, 2).

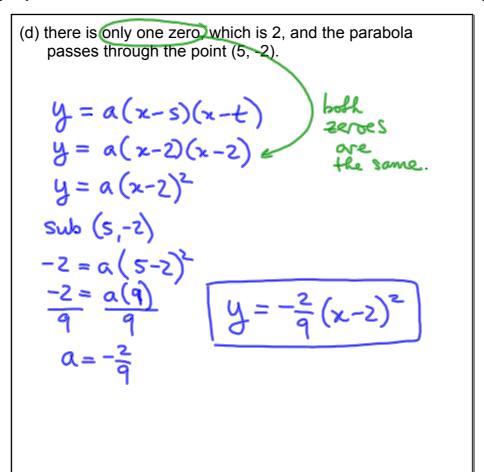
$$y = a(x+3)(x-5)$$

$$y = a(x-5)(x-t)$$

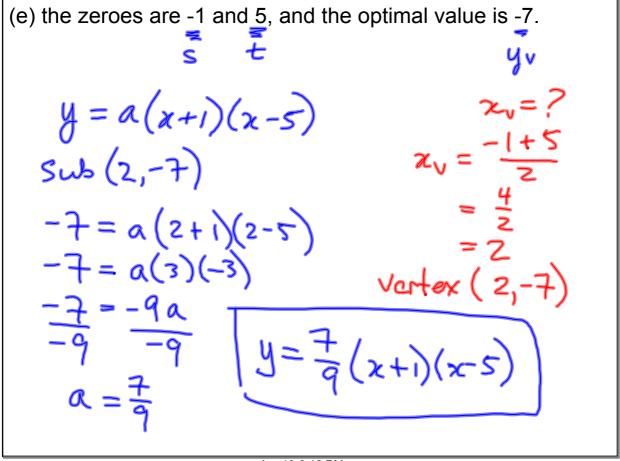
$$y = a(x-5)$$

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