

Standard Form: $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ ($a \neq 0$)

if $a > 0$, opens up \cup → minimum

$a < 0$, opens down \cap → maximum

b controls the location of the vertex ($x = -\frac{b}{2a}$)

c is the y -intercept

There is an axis of symmetry where the vertex is located. Matching points on either side of axis.

(give as an equation i.e. $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$)

Give the coordinates for things like the vertex, y -intercept, x -intercept(s) and intersection points.

Solving quadratics:

① Graphing (using calculator) * must be set equal to zero

Ⓐ graph function and find the zeros

Ⓑ graph LHS and the RHS and find the intersection points
 y_1 y_2

② Algebraically using factoring * must be set equal to zero

factors → set each factor equal to zero

Graphing Quadratics

① use calculator → find the min, max and zeros

② use a table of values

③ use factored form $y = a(x-r)(x-s)$

- x -intercepts (r and s)

- y -intercept (let $x=0$, find y)

- vertex ($\frac{1}{2}$ way between r and s)

④ use partial factoring if it doesn't factor

$$y = \underbrace{ax^2 + bx}_{} + c$$

→ set equal to zero, factor, find x

(x_1, c) }
 (x_2, c) } 2 matching points.

vertex is $\frac{1}{2}$ way in between

Getting the equation from the Graph:

* use factored form $y = a(x-r)(x-s)$

Sub in and solve for a { - find r and s from the graph
- find 1 more point

- write final equation (sub in a, r , and s)