

Intercept Form-Characteristics

Intercept Form: $y = a(x-p)(x-q)$

*p and q are the zeros

*(p, 0) and (q, 0) are the x-intercepts

FINDING THE AXIS OF SYMMETRY:

*The axis of symmetry is halfway between the zeros.

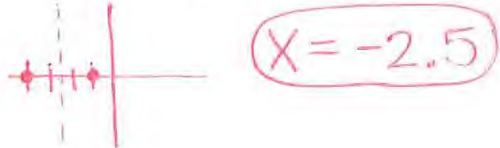
1. $y = (x-3)(x+3)$

zeros: 3 + -3



2. $y = -(x+1)(x+4)$

zeros: -1 + -4



FINDING THE VERTEX:

*Find the axis of symmetry.

*Plug that x-value in to the equation for x to find the y-coordinate of the vertex.

3. $y = -3(x-1)(x+3)$ zeros: 1 + -3

$x = -1$

$y = -3(-1-1)(-1+3)$
 $= -3(-2)(2)$
 $= 12$

(-1, 12)



4. $y = (x-2)(x+2)$ zeros: 2 + -2

$x = 0$

$y = (0-2)(0+2)$
 $= (-2)(2)$
 $= -4$

(0, -4)



FINDING THE EXTREMA:

*Determine whether the parabola opens up or down. (If there is a negative in front, the graph opens down and there is a maximum. If there is not a negative in front, the graph opens up and there is a minimum.)

*Find the vertex. (The smallest/largest y-value corresponds to the y-coordinate of the vertex.)

5. $y = (x+5)(x+7)$ ↗ zeros: -5 + -7

$x = -6$

$y = (-6+5)(-6+7)$
 $= (-1)(1)$
 $= -1$

min at -1



6. $y = 3(x-2)(x-3)$ ↗ zeros: 2 + 3

$x = 2.5$

$y = 3(2.5-2)(2.5-3)$
 $= 3(0.5)(-0.5)$
 $= -0.75$

min at -0.75



FINDING Y-INTERCEPT:

*Let x = 0.

7. $y = 4(x-3)(x+5)$

$= 4(0-3)(0+5)$
 $= 4(-3)(5)$
 $= -60$

(0, -60)

8. $y = -2(x-6)(x-8)$

$= -2(0-6)(0-8)$
 $= -2(-6)(-8)$
 $= -96$

(0, -96)

Practice Problems:

Find the vertex, axis of symmetry, extrema, and y-intercept.

9. $y = (x + 9)(x - 5)$

10. $y = -(x + 5)(x - 5)$

11. $y = (x - 1)(x - 4)$

12. $y = -3x^2 + 24x$

13. $y = (x + 3)(x + 7)$

14. $y = -2(x - 10)(x - 8)$

15. $y = (x + 4)^2 - 7$

16. $y = -4(x + 1)(x - 6)$

Practice:

9) $y = (x+9)(x-5)$ zeros: $-9, 5$



$$\begin{aligned} x &= -2 & & = (0+9)(0-5) \\ y &= (-2+9)(-2-5) & & = (9)(-5) \\ &= (-7)(-7) & & = -45 \\ &= -49 \end{aligned}$$

Vertex: $(-2, -49)$
 AOS: $x = -2$
 extrema: min at -49
 y-int: $(0, -45)$

10) $y = -(x+5)(x-5)$ zeros: $-5, 5$



$$\begin{aligned} x &= 0 \\ y &= -(0+5)(0-5) \\ &= -(5)(-5) \\ &= 25 \end{aligned}$$

Vertex: $(0, 25)$
 AOS: $x = 0$
 extrema: max at 25
 y-int: $(0, 25)$

11) $y = (x-1)(x-4)$ zeros: $1, 4$



$$\begin{aligned} x &= 2.5 & & = (0-1)(0-4) \\ y &= (2.5-1)(2.5-4) & & = (-1)(-4) \\ &= (1.5)(-1.5) & & = -4 \\ &= -2.25 \end{aligned}$$

Vertex: $(2.5, -2.25)$
 AOS: $x = 2.5$
 extrema: min at -2.25
 y-int: $(0, 4)$

12) $y = -3x^2 + 24x$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{-(-24)}{2(-3)} = \frac{-24}{-6} = 4 \\ y &= -3(4)^2 + 24(4) \\ &= -48 + 96 \\ &= 48 \end{aligned}$$

Vertex: $(4, 48)$
 AOS: $x = 4$
 extrema: max at 48
 y-int: $(0, 0)$

13) $y = (x+3)(x+7)$ zeros: $-3, -7$



$$\begin{aligned} x &= -5 & & = (0+3)(0+7) \\ y &= (-5+3)(-5+7) & & = (3)(7) \\ &= (-2)(2) & & = 21 \\ &= -4 \end{aligned}$$

Vertex: $(-5, -4)$
 AOS: $x = -5$
 extrema: min at -4
 y-int: $(0, 21)$

14) $y = -2(x-10)(x-8)$ zeros: $10, 8$



$$\begin{aligned} x &= 9 & & = -2(0-10)(0-8) \\ y &= -2(9-10)(9-8) & & = -2(10)(-8) \\ &= -2(-1)(1) & & = -2(-80) \\ &= 2 & & = 160 \end{aligned}$$

Vertex: $(9, 2)$
 AOS: $x = 9$
 extrema: max at 2
 y-int: $(0, -160)$

15) $y = (x+4)^2 - 7$

V: $(-4, -7)$
 AOS: $x = -4$
 extrema: min at -7
 y-int: $(0, 9)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (0+4)^2 - 7 \\ &= (4)^2 - 7 \\ &= 16 - 7 \\ &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

16) $y = -4(x+1)(x-6)$ zeros: $-1, 6$



$$\begin{aligned} x &= 2.5 \\ y &= -4(2.5+1)(2.5-6) \\ &= -4(0+1)(0-6) & & = -4(3.5)(-3.5) \\ &= -4(1)(-6) & & = 49 \\ &= 24 \end{aligned}$$

Vertex: $(2.5, 49)$
 AOS: $x = 2.5$
 extrema: max at 49
 y-int: $(0, 24)$