

## 3.2 Quadratic functions

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- $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$

- Graph: Replace  $f(x)$  w/  $y$   
 $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

- zeros (x-int.): Replace  $y$  w/ 0  
 $0 = ax^2 + bx + c$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

- Line of Sym: front  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Quad. Formula

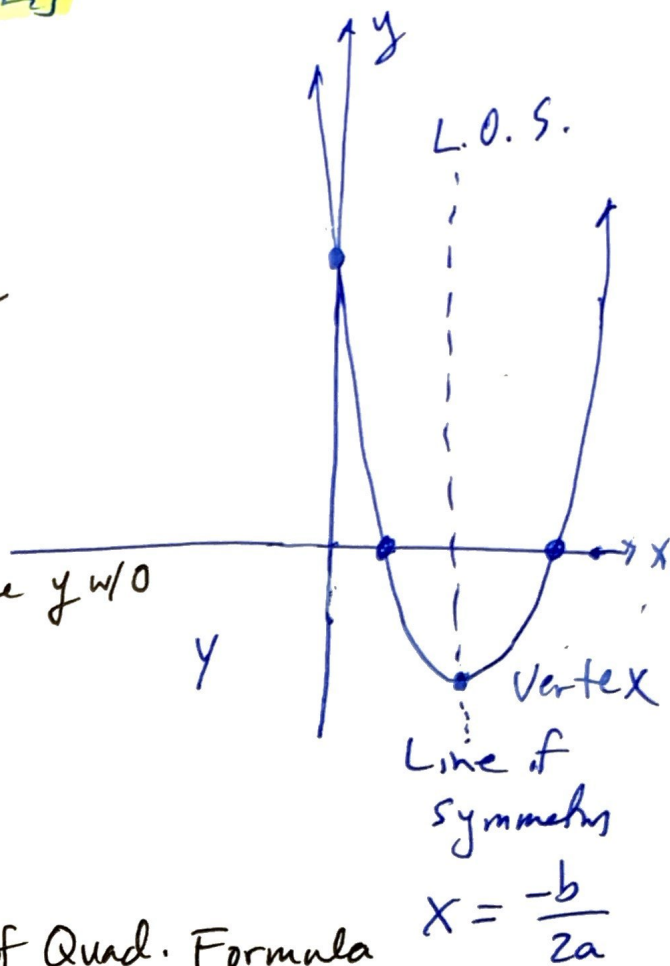
$$x = \frac{-b}{2a}$$

- Vertex:  $f(x_{l.o.s.})$

$$(x, y) = \left( \frac{-b}{2a}, f\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right) \right)$$

- y-int:  $x = 0$

$$y = f(0)$$



EX

Tell me all about  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 8$ , graph (2)

• zeros

$$0 = x^2 + 2x - 8$$

$$\begin{cases} a = 1 \\ b = 2 \\ c = -8 \end{cases}$$

$$x = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{2^2 - 4(1)(-8)}}{2 \cdot 1}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4+32}}{2}$$

$$x = -1 \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{36}$$

$$x = -1 \pm \frac{6}{2}$$

$$x = -1 \pm 3$$

$$x = -1 + 3, -1 - 3$$

$$x_1 = -4, x_2 = 2$$

• Line of Sym

$$x = -1$$

• vertex :  $x = -1$

$$y = f(-1) = (-1)^2 + 2(-1) - 8$$

$$y = 1 - 2 - 8$$

$$y = -9$$

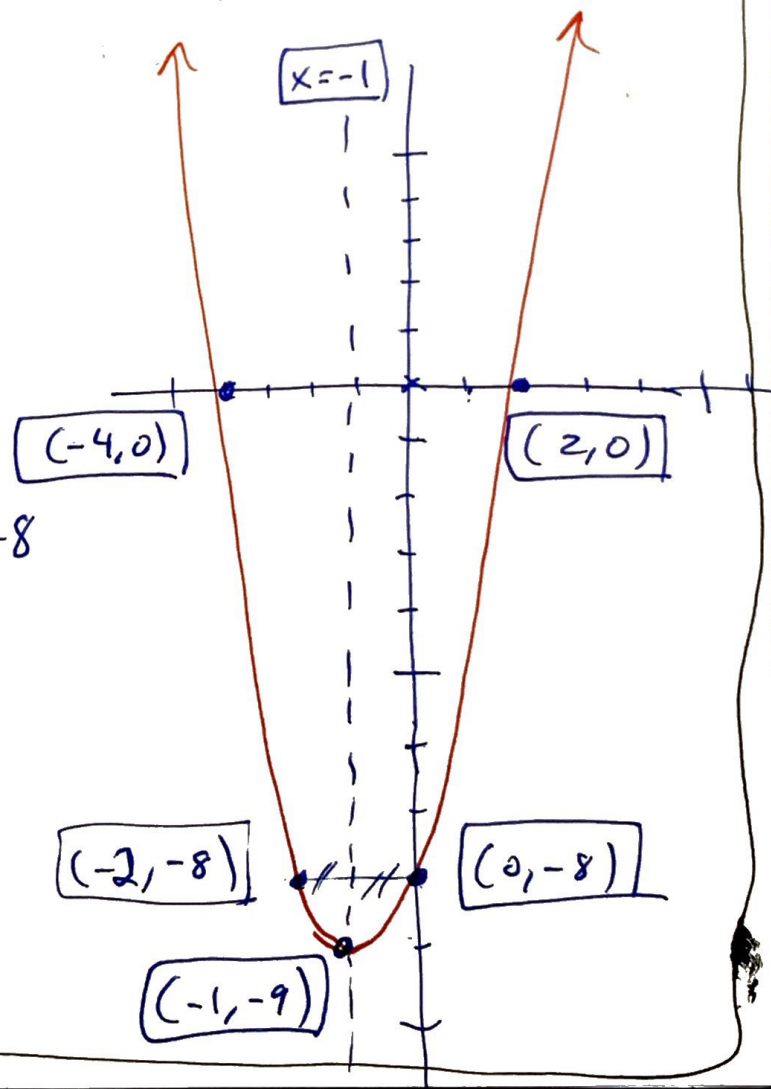
$$(x, y) = (-1, -9)$$

• y-int

$$f(0) = 0^2 + 2(0) - 8$$

$$y = -8$$

• graph



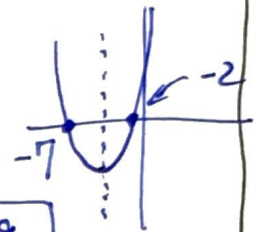
\* L.O. Sym. given zeros.

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If we are given the two zeros of  $f(x)$  we average their values to get the Line of Sym.

**EX** A quadratic function has zeros at  $x = -7$  and  $x = -2$ . What is that function's Line of Sym.?

$$x_{L.O.S.} = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$$



here  $x_{L.O.S.} = \frac{(-7) + (-2)}{2} = \boxed{-\frac{9}{2}}$

\* Factoring  $f(x)$  yields zeros

To locate zeros of  $f(x)$  we set  $y=0$

$$0 = f(x)$$

If  $f(x)$  factors into  $(x+a)(x+b)$

then

$$0 = (x+a)(x+b)$$

$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$   
 $x = -a \text{ or } x = -b$

**EX** What are the zeros of  $f(x) = x^2 - 5x$

$$0 = x^2 - 5x$$

$$0 = x(x-5)$$

$\rightarrow \boxed{x=0} \text{ or } \boxed{x=5}$

BTW L.O.S. =  $\frac{0+5}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$



# ⊗ Building a quadratic function given some information

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**EX** vertex of a parabola is  $(-2, -1)$  and it passes through  $(x, y) = (-4, 3)$

Q: what is the quad. function?

Std. Form

$$f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k$$

vertex =  $(h, k)$

Gen. Form

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

• Let's use the std. form.

Vertex =  $(h, k)$  in the std. form

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = a(x - (-2))^2 + (-1)$$

• Form:  $f(x) = a(x+2)^2 - 1$

• Point:  $3 = a(-4+2)^2 - 1$

• Solve:  $3 = a(-2)^2 - 1$

$$3 = a \cdot 4 - 1$$

$$4 = a \cdot 4$$

$$a = 1$$

• Final:  $f(x) = 1 \cdot (x+2)^2 - 1$

Std. Form:  $f(x) = (x+2)^2 - 1$

"vertex form"

Gen form:  $f(x) = x^2 + 4x + 3$