

**DOMAIN AND RANGE**

**Domain** ⇒ **Range**  
 All possible  $x$ -values All possible  $y$ -values  
 Independent Dependent (on  $x$ )

Domain for the Graph: All Real Numbers

Range for the Graph: If the parabola opens UP, then write  $y \geq y$ -value of Absolute MIN  $y \geq 4$

or

If the parabola opens DOWN, then write  $y \leq y$ -value of Absolute MAX  $y \leq 5$

Domain for the Problem:  $0 \leq x \leq x$ -value of 2<sup>nd</sup> zero (or  $x$ -intercept)

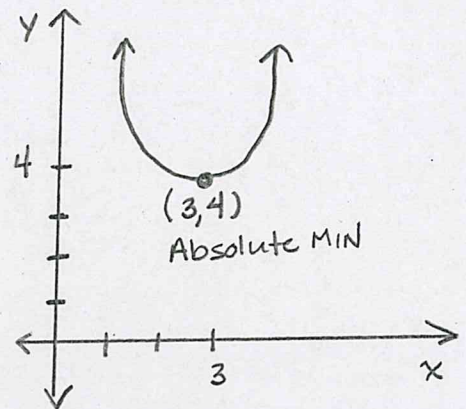
Range of the Problem:  $0 \leq y \leq y$ -value of Absolute MAX  $0 \leq x \leq 9$

$0 \leq y \leq 5$

**CALCULATING 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> DIFFERENCES**

Subtract successive  $y$ -values.

$x$	$y$	difference of $y$ -values
-2	-4	-1 + 4 = 3
-1	-1	
0	2	5 - 2 = 3
1	5	
2	8	8 - 5 = 3



**Linear Functions**

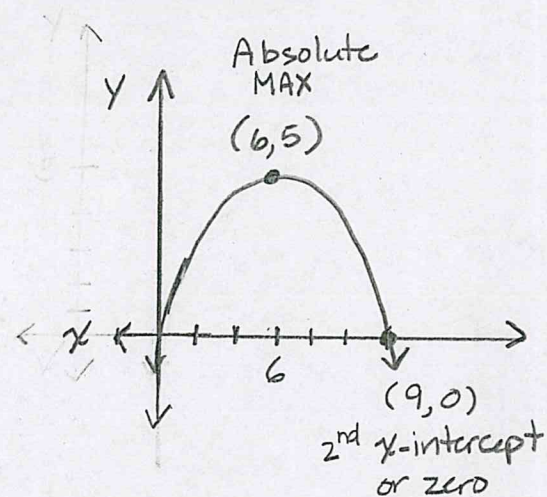
1<sup>st</sup> Differences are constant/the same numbers.

2<sup>nd</sup> Differences are zero (0).

**Quadratic Functions**

1<sup>st</sup> Differences are different numbers.

2<sup>nd</sup> Differences are constant/the same numbers.



**PARABOLAS - THE GRAPH OF A QUADRATIC FUNCTION**

Open UP (∪) if the leading coefficient (# in front of  $x^2$ ) is positive (+).  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$

Open DOWN (∩) if the leading coefficient (# in front of  $x^2$ ) is negative (-).  $f(x) = -ax^2 + bx + c$

$f(x) = 2x^2 + 3x + 1$

$f(x) = -x^2 + 2x + 1$

## X-INTERCEPT(S) OR ZEROS

Point(s)  $(x, y)$  where the  $y$ -value = 0.

Written as  $(r_1, 0)$  and  $(r_2, 0)$ , where  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are the  $x$ -intercepts.

For a Graph, it is the point(s) where the parabola crosses the  $x$ -axis.

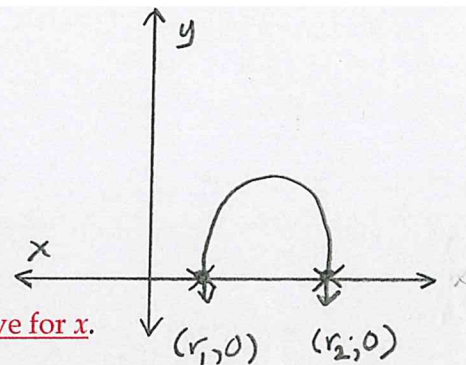
For a Quadratic Function in Factored Form, set each expression for  $x = 0$  and solve for  $x$ .

For example,  $f(x) = 3(2x - 8)(x + 7)$

$$2x - 8 = 0 \quad x + 7 = 0$$

$$x = 4 \quad x = -7$$

The  $x$ -intercepts are  $(4, 0)$  and  $(-7, 0)$ .



## Y-INTERCEPT

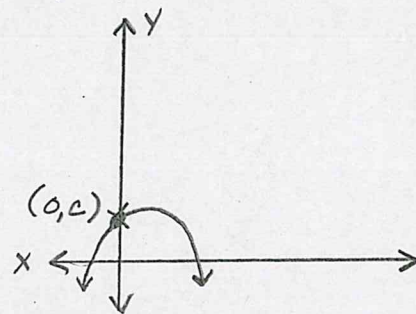
Point  $(x, y)$  where the  $x$ -value = 0.

Written as  $(0, c)$

For a Graph, it is the point where the parabola crosses the  $y$ -axis.

For a Quadratic Function, plug 0 in for  $x$  and solve for  $y$ .

The  $y$ -intercept is usually the constant ( $c$ ) in the standard form of a quadratic function -  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ .



## VERTEX

HIGHEST/LOWEST point on a parabola, midway between the  $x$ -intercepts or 2 symmetric points.

Written as  $(x, y)$ .

**Absolute Maximum** = HIGHEST point when the parabola opens DOWN ( $\cap$ ).

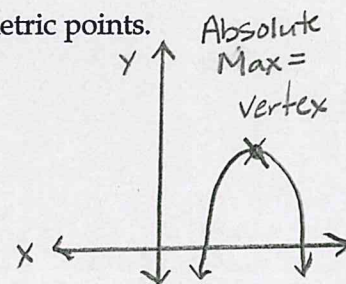
**Absolute Minimum** = LOWEST point when the parabola opens UP ( $\cup$ ).

To Find the Vertex,

On a Graph, identify the  $x$ - and  $y$ -coordinates of the highest or lowest point.

For a Quadratic Function in Standard Form -  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ , plug in the axis of symmetry for  $x$  and solve for  $y$ .

For a Quadratic Function in Vertex Form -  $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$ ,  $h$  is the  $x$ -coordinate and  $k$  is the  $y$ -coordinate of the vertex, i.e.  $(h, k)$ .



## AXIS OF SYMMETRY (AOS)

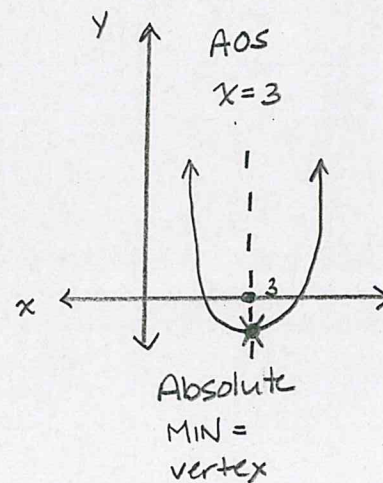
Vertical line that divides the parabola into 2 equal halves or mirror images.

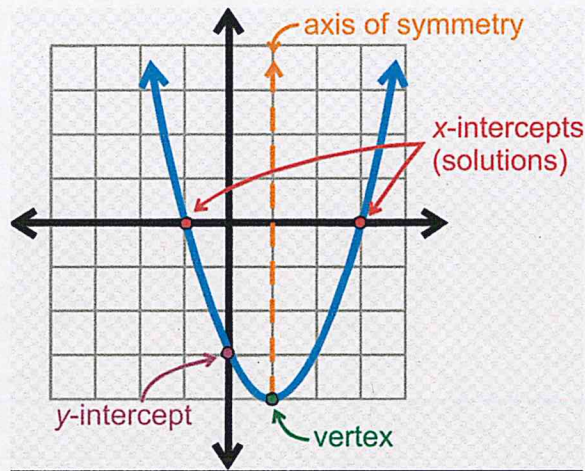
Written as  $x =$  the  $x$ -coordinate of the vertex.

To Find the Axis of Symmetry...

On a Graph,  $x$ -coordinate of the vertex (highest/lowest point).

Given the  $x$ -intercepts or 2 symmetric points, add the  $x$ -coordinates and divide by 2.





### THREE FORMS OF A QUADRATIC FUNCTION

1. Standard Form -  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$

Key Characteristics:

$a$  is + means the parabola opens UP/ $a$  is - means the parabola opens DOWN

$y$ -intercept is  $(0, c)$

2. Factored Form -  $f(x) = a(x - r_1)(x - r_2)$

Key Characteristics:

$a$  is + means the parabola opens UP/ $a$  is - means the parabola opens DOWN

Zeros or  $x$ -intercepts are  $(r_1, 0)$  and  $(r_2, 0)$

3. Vertex Form -  $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$

Key Characteristics:

$a$  is + means the parabola opens UP/ $a$  is - means the parabola opens DOWN

Vertex is  $(h, k)$

*sign change*