

**STRAIGHT LINES**

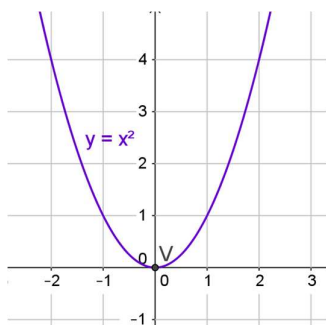
Recall : A relation is **linear** if and only if its equation can be written $ax + by + c = 0$, where a and b are not both zero.

The graph of a linear relation is a straight line.

- If the equation can be written $y = k$, then its graph is a *horizontal* line.
- If the equation can be written $x = k$, then its graph is a *vertical* line.
- If the equation can be written $y = mx + b$, then its graph is a straight line with gradient m and y -intercept b .

PARABOLAS**Parabolas with equation in Vertex Form**

The star of the family is $y = x^2$

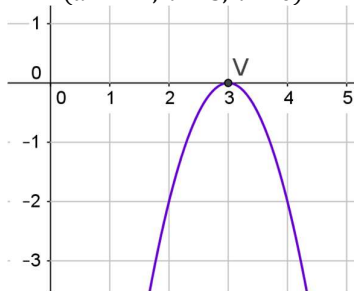


The point V is the **vertex** or **turning point**.

$a = 1 > 0$,
parabola concave up
The vertex is $V(0, 0)$

$$y = -2(x - 3)^2$$

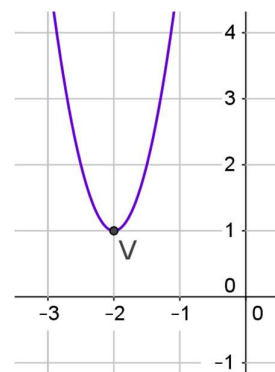
$(a = -2, h = 3, k = 0)$



$a = -2 < 0$,
parabola concave down
The vertex is $V(3, 0)$
Solve bracket = 0, ie. $x - 3 = 0$

$$y = 4(x + 2)^2 + 1$$

$(a = 4, h = -2, k = 1)$



$a = 4 > 0$,
parabola concave up
The vertex is $V(-2, 1)$
Solve bracket = 0, ie. $x + 2 = 0$

If the equation of parabola is of the form $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$ (vertex form), the x -coordinate of the vertex is the value of x that makes the bracket zero.

Let's see why:

$y = x^2 \geq 0$ because a square must be greater than or equal to zero. Therefore, the lowest point of the parabola (the vertex) is the one for which $y = x^2 = 0$, that is $x = 0$.

$y = -2(x - 3)^2 \leq 0$ so the highest point of the parabola (the vertex) is the one for which $y = -2(x - 3)^2 = 0$, that is $x - 3 = 0$, that is $x = 3$.

$y = 4(x + 2)^2 + 1 \geq 1$ because $4(x + 2)^2 \geq 0$. Therefore, the lowest point of the parabola (the vertex) corresponds to $4(x + 2)^2 + 1 = 1$, that is $x + 2 = 0$, that is $x = -2$

$y = a(x - h)^2 + k$ is the equation of a **parabola** (in vertex form).

- If the coefficient of $x^2 = a > 0$, the parabola is **concave up** (happy face)
- If the coefficient of $x^2 = a < 0$, the parabola is **concave down** (sad face)
- The vertical line $x = h$ is an axis of symmetry for the parabola. It goes through the vertex.
- The vertex has coordinates (h, k) (h is the value of x that makes the bracket zero)
- The x -intercepts, if any, can be found by factorising using the difference of squares or, of course, using the quadratic formula.

○ Example 1. Parabolas with equation in vertex form (i.e. in the form $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$)

- 1) The graph of $y = 6x^2$ is a parabola concave _____ (up/down) with vertex $V(\text{____}, \text{____})$. The equation of its axis of symmetry is _____.
- 2) The graph of $y = 2(x - 1)^2 - 7$ is a parabola concave _____ (up/down) with vertex $V(\text{____}, \text{____})$. The equation of its axis of symmetry is _____.
- 3) The graph of $y = -2(x - 5)^2 + 3$ is a parabola concave _____ (up/down) with vertex $V(\text{____}, \text{____})$. The equation of its axis of symmetry is _____.
- 4) The graph of $y = 4(x + 7)^2 - 9$ is a parabola concave _____ (up/down) with vertex $V(\text{____}, \text{____})$. The equation of its axis of symmetry is _____.

Parabolas with Equation in Expanded Form

In $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ (with $a \neq 0$, otherwise, we get a straight line) the highest power of x is 2 and for this reason, it is called a **quadratic equation**.

The graph of a quadratic equation is a **parabola**.

(In all that follows, a , b and c are the coefficients in $y = ax^2 + bx + c$)

- If the coefficient of $x^2 = a > 0$, the parabola is concave up (happy face)
- If the coefficient of $x^2 = a < 0$, the parabola is concave down (sad face)
- The vertical line $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$ is an axis of symmetry for the parabola. It goes through the vertex.
- The x -coordinate of the vertex is $x_V = -\frac{b}{2a}$ (and you get the y -coordinate of the vertex by substituting the value of x into $y = ax^2 + bx + c$.)
- The x -intercepts, if any, can be found using the quadratic formula.

○ Example 2. A parabolas with equation of the form $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

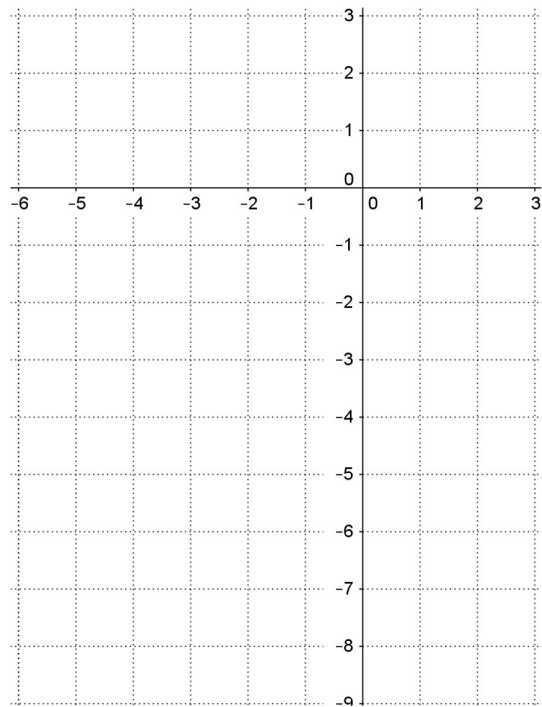
Let $y = x^2 + 4x - 4$

1) $y = x^2 + 4x - 4 = ax^2 + bx + c$ with $a = \text{____}$, $b = \text{____}$ and $c = \text{____}$.

2) What is the equation of the axis of symmetry?

3) Find the coordinates of the vertex.

4) Find the x and y intercepts if any.



x	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2
y								

5) Complete the following table of values.

6) Sketch the graph.

where $y = x^2 + 4x - 4$

■ From $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ (**expanded form**) to $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$ (**vertex form**) and vice-versa:

- If you want to rewrite $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$ in the form $y = ax^2 + bx + c$, just expand!
- If you want to rewrite $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ in the form $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$, factorise a and then complete the square (*halve the coefficient of x , square it, add and subtract the result to $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ so a perfect square appears*). The vertex form makes it easy to find the vertex.

○ **Example 3.** Write $y = x^2 + 4x - 4$ in vertex form and use it to find the vertex (this is the graph from the previous example).

Note: How to use your fx-100 AU calculator to fill in a table of values.


Say you want to fill in a table of values for $y = 2x^2 - 3x + 4$

(1) Enter your equation in the calculator and then press ENTER.

(Eg: For $y = 2x^2 - 3x + 4$, enter: 2, ALPHA , X, x^2 , -3, ALPHA, X, +4 then ENTER)
A random number will appear on your screen, ignore it.

(2) Enter a value into the variable X in the calculator

(Eg: To enter $X = 5$, do: 5, Shift, STO , X; On screen you see 5→X)
NB: Don't press the ALPHA key this time when you enter X.

(3) Use the top arrow of  to go back to your expression (E.g. $2x^2 - 3x + 4$)

(4) Press ENTER, so $2x^2 - 3x + 4$ is evaluated for the value of X you chose.
(with $y = 2x^2 - 3x + 4$ and $X = 5$ you should get 39)

(5) Repeat with a different value of x until your table of values is filled.

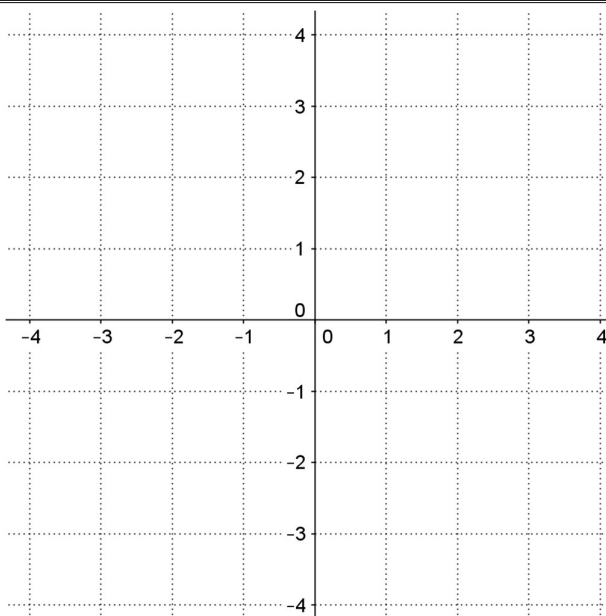
○ **Example 4.** Use this method to check your table of values from example 2 (with $y = x^2 + 4x - 4$).

HYPERBOLAS

○ **Example 5.** *The most famous hyperbola!*

Let $y = \frac{1}{x}$.

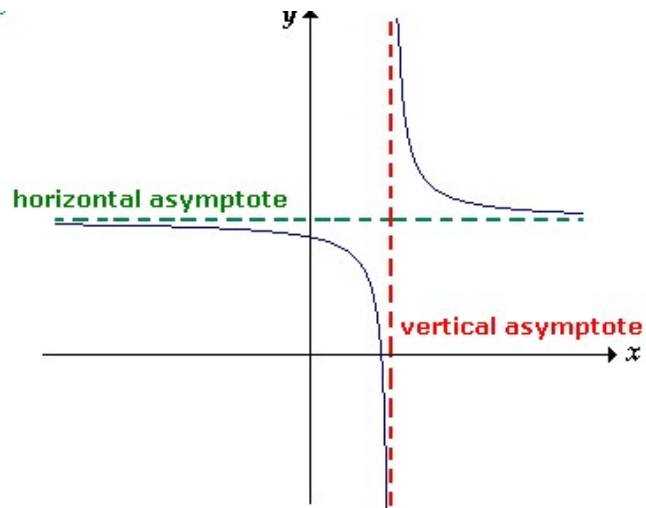
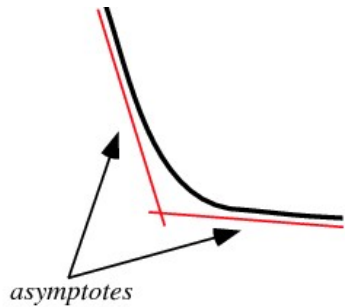
Complete the table of value below and then sketch the graph.



x	-3	-2	-1	- $\frac{1}{2}$	- $\frac{1}{4}$	0	1	2	3	
$y = \frac{1}{x}$										

Asymptotes

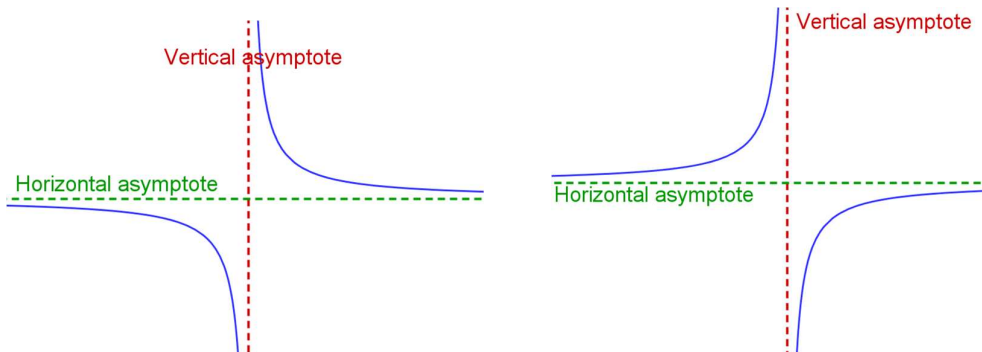
An *asymptote* is, essentially, a line that a graph approaches arbitrarily closely.



- **Vertical asymptotes** correspond to values that would lead to a division by zero. Vertical asymptotes occur if y approaches $+\infty$ or $-\infty$ when x approaches such a “forbidden” value.
- **Horizontal asymptotes** occur if y approaches a finite value when x approaches $+\infty$ or $-\infty$.

Hyperbolas

The *reciprocal* function $y = \frac{1}{x}$ is the star of this family of functions. A graph with an equation of the form $y = \frac{a}{bx+c} + d$ or $y = \frac{ax+b}{cx+d}$ is a **hyperbola**. It has a vertical and a horizontal asymptotes and looks like one of these two graphs (“*decreasing on both sides of the vertical asymptote*” for the first one and (“*increasing on both sides of the vertical asymptote*” for the second one):



- Use the “forbidden” value (leading to division by zero) to find the **vertical asymptote**.
- The (finite) value which y approaches when x approaches $+\infty$ or $-\infty$ gives you the **horizontal asymptote**.
- Use the value at a point to decide between the two possible shapes.

○ Example 6.

1) The vertical asymptote of $y = 7 + \frac{1}{x+3}$ is _____ and its horizontal asymptote is _____.

2) The vertical asymptote of $y = -2 + \frac{1}{x-5}$ is _____ and its horizontal asymptote is _____.

3) The vertical asymptote of $y = 5 - \frac{1}{2x+4}$ is _____ and its horizontal asymptote is _____.