



Essential Question: How can I identify the key characteristics of quadratic graphs?

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Key Terms

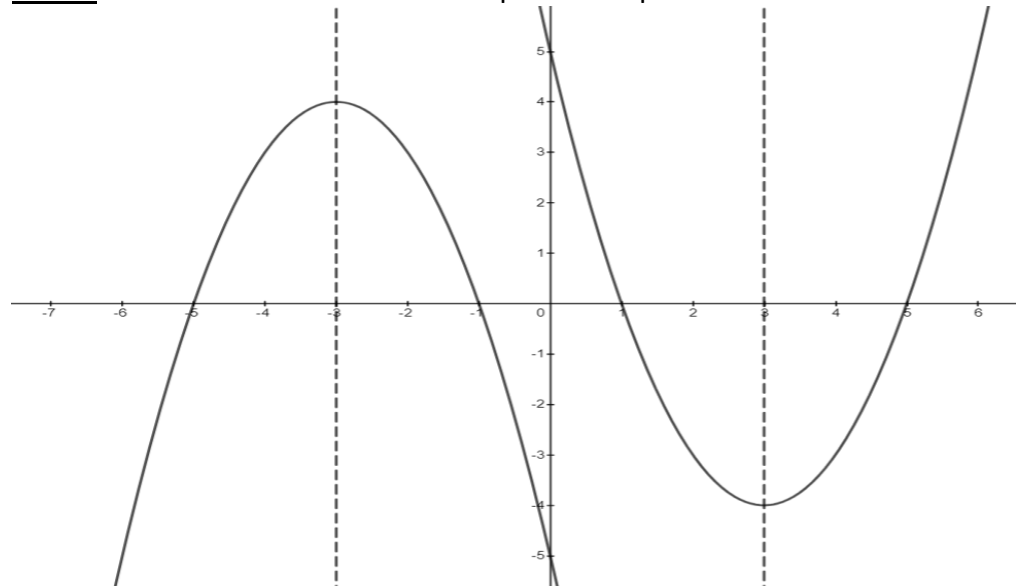
Parabola  $\equiv$  a symmetrical open plane curve.

- The path of a projectile under the influence of gravity ideally follows a curve of this shape.

Extrema  $\equiv$  any point at which the value of a function is largest (a maximum) or smallest (a minimum).

- Minimum  $\equiv$  the lowest point on a graph.
- Maximum  $\equiv$  the highest point on a graph.

Vertex  $\equiv$  This maximum or minimum point on a parabola.

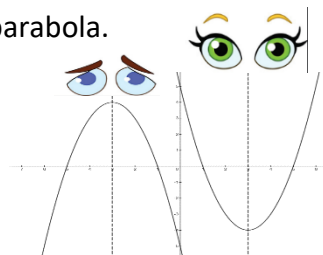


Axis of Symmetry (AoS)  $\equiv$  a line that passes through the vertex of a parabola, showing each side as a mirror image.

- Each point on a parabola is equidistant from a point on the opposite side of the axis of symmetry.

Concavity  $\equiv$  the directionality of a curve, such as a parabola.

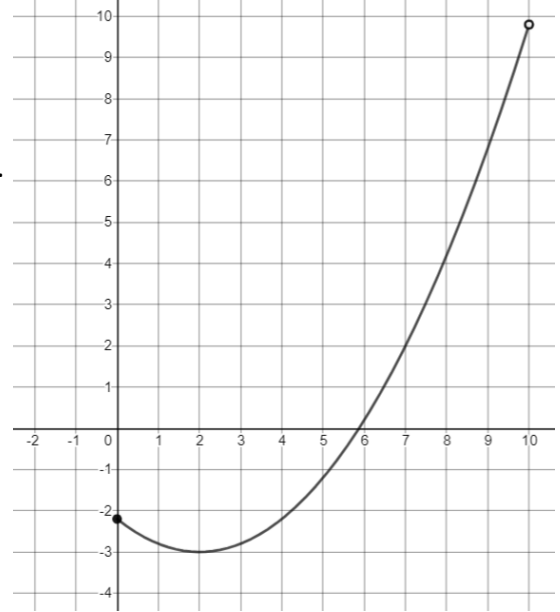
- Convex  $\equiv$  parabola opens UP (smiles)
- Concave  $\equiv$  parabola opens DOWN (frowns)



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Domain  $\equiv$  The set of input values for a given situation.

- Ex. All x-values between zero and 10, including zero. Written in inequality notation:  $0 \leq x < 10$

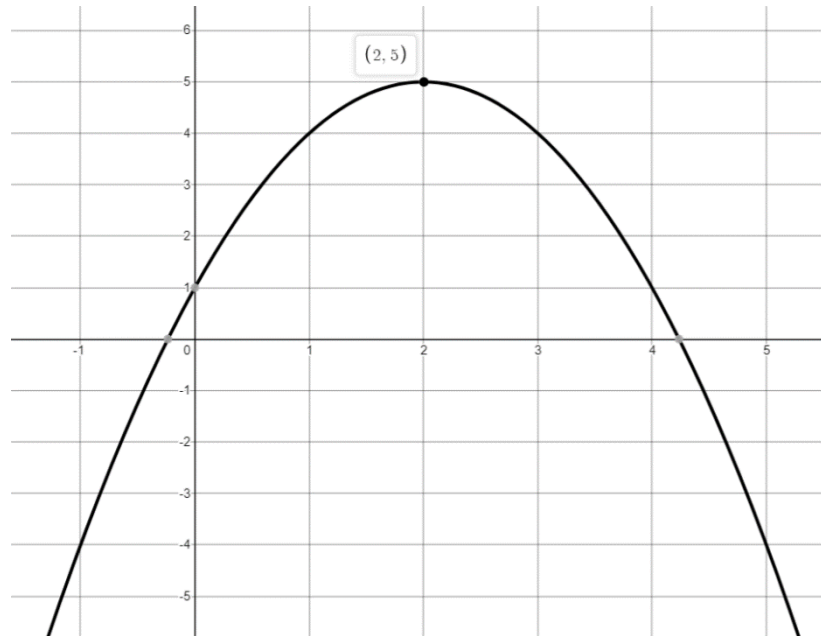


Interval of Increase  $\equiv$  the values across the domain (as it increases from left to right) where the graph's range also increases. The extrema are NOT included within this interval.

- Ex.  $-\infty < x < 2$

Interval of Decrease  $\equiv$  the values across the domain (as it increases from left to right) where the graph's range decreases. The extrema are NOT included within this interval.

- Ex.  $2 < x < \infty$



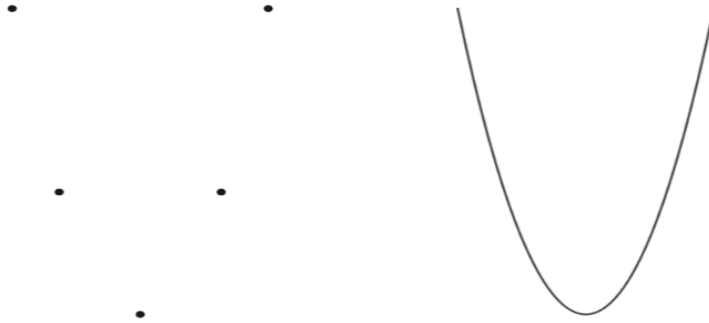
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Continuous  $\equiv$  measured data.

- A graph of points that are connected by a line or smooth curve. They have no breaks.

Discrete  $\equiv$  counted data.

- A graph of isolated (unconnected) points.



Intercepts  $\equiv$   $(x, y)$ , the points where a *graph* crosses an axis.

- y-intercept
  - The location where a graph crosses the y-axis
  - Location where  $x$  is 0 on the graph: coordinate:  $(0, y)$
- x-intercept
  - The location where a graph crosses the x-axis
  - Location where  $y$  is 0 on the graph: coordinate:  $(x, 0)$

Zeros  $\equiv$  the numeric  $x$ -value of a function written as  $x = \#$

- Ex.  $f(x) = x + 1$  is  $x = -1$ .

Roots  $\equiv$  the numeric value of an equation when the equation equals zero.

- Ex.  $x + 1 = 0$  means the root is  $-1$ .
- Roots are written as a sentence, for example:  
"The roots are 4 and 10."

**Summary:** \_\_\_\_\_

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