

PARABOLA

* Solve for x $\approx$ x-int on the graph

Vertex form.

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

* Vertex (h, k)

opposite sign

Same as line of symmetry

x-int?

$$0 = a(x-h)^2 + k = 0$$

Square root method

Complete a square

distribute or foil.

STANDARD FORM

$$y = ax^2 + bx + c = y$$

* Vertex $(-\frac{b}{2a}, ?)$

Line of symmetry $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$

If a, b, c exist $\rightarrow$ quadratic formula

$$0 = ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

If c = 0, $0 = ax^2 + bx = 0 \rightarrow$ Common factor

If b = 0, $0 = ax^2 + c = 0 \rightarrow$ Square root

If a = 0, $0 = bx + c = 0 \rightarrow$ linear.

(Notice this is not a parabola equation)

* Solve for x-int.

common factor

factoring $\rightarrow$ trials & errors

distribute

factor form

$$y = (ax+b)(cx+d) = y$$

* x-int?

Set each

$$\text{factor}() = 0$$

then solve

for x

* Vertex?

(same as line of sym)

The x coordinate

of the vertex

is halfway

between the

x-ints

$$\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, ?\right)$$

trials and errors

quadratic formula

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

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Common factor