

Now that you know how to graph the parabola
whether given in:
Standard Form
Factor Form
Vertex Form

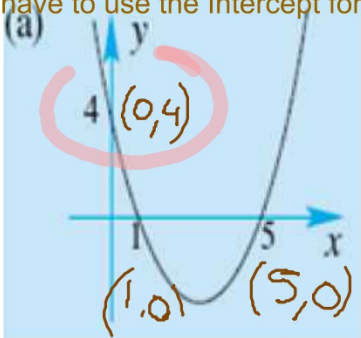
You should know the other way around.
You are given the graph of the parabola
and you find the corresponding
equation.

2 or 1 x-intercepts.

Using factor form $y = a(x-p)(x-q)$
Where p and q are the x-int.
(p,0) & (q,0)

- Parabola cuts the x-axis at 2 points

When you see this, you must feel it:
I have to use the Intercept form!



$$4 = a(-1)(-5)$$

$$4 = 5a$$

$$a = \frac{4}{5}$$

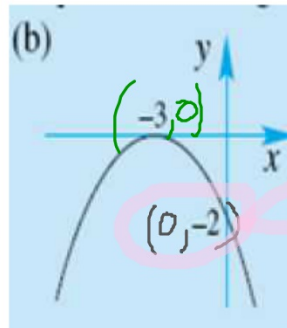
$$y = \frac{4}{5}(x-1)(x-5)$$

$$\therefore y = a(x-1)(x-5)$$

Almost there, but you still need to solve for a
Then, plug in a point that you know it is on the parabola
 $4 = a(0-1)(0-5)$

- Parabola cuts the x-axis at one point:

Because there is only one x-int, it means that p and q are both -3



$$y = a(x+3)(x+3)$$

$$-2 = a(0+3)(0+3)$$

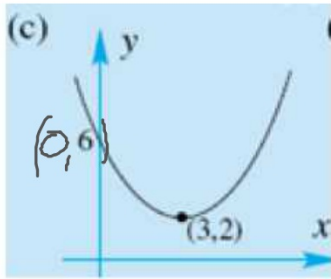
$$-2 = 9a$$

$$a = -\frac{2}{9}$$

$$y = -\frac{2}{9}(x+3)(x+3)$$

The vertex is given

Using vertex form $y = a(x-h)^2 + k$
Where Vertex (h, k)



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

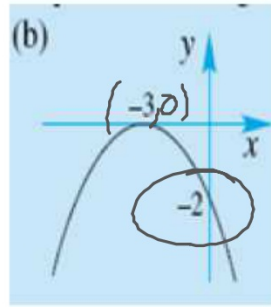
$$6 = a(0-3)^2 + 2$$

$$6 = 9a + 2$$

$$4 = 9a$$

$$a = \frac{4}{9}$$

$$y = \frac{4}{9}(x-3)^2 + 2$$



$$y = a(x+3)^2 + 0$$

$$y = a(x+3)^2$$

$$-2 = a(0+3)^2$$

$$-2 = 9a$$

$$a = -\frac{2}{9}$$

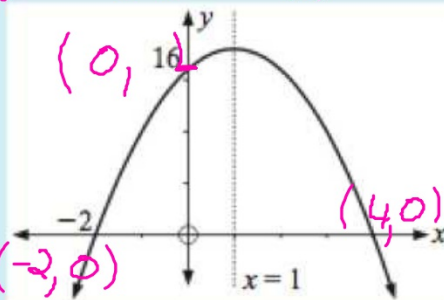
$$y = -\frac{2}{9}(x+3)^2$$

Same thing, but a bit trickier!

Example 30

Find the equation of the quadratic with graph:

First you need the second x-intercept: using the AoS as the midpoint.



$$y = a(x+2)(x-4)$$

$$16 = a(0+2)(0-4)$$

$$16 = -8a$$

$$a = -2$$

$$y = -2(x+2)(x-4)$$

The y-intercept is given

Using Standard form $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

Let's say this graph represents the following function.

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

$a = 1$ You need to see that a was given and it equals 1
 $b = ?$
 $c = ?$

First:

$$c = 1$$

$$y = x^2 + bx + 1$$

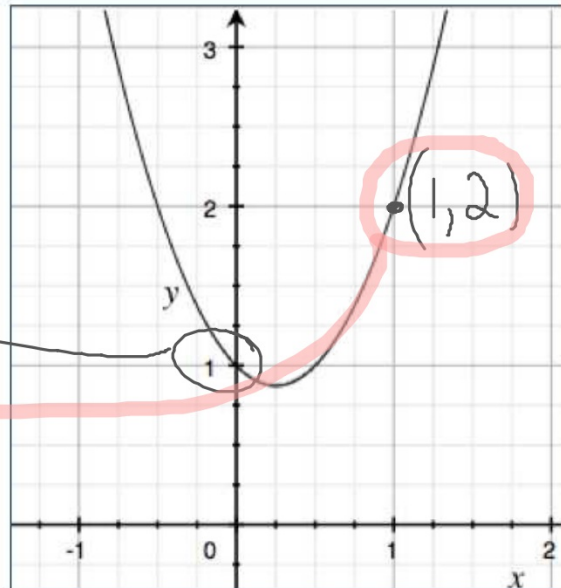
Secondly, plug in a point to solve for b.

$$2 = 1 + b(1) + 1$$

$$2 = 2 + b$$

$$b = 0$$

Answer: $y = x^2 + 1$



Please note: that this answer is not quite right. when $b=0$ the parabola sits on the y-axis (refer to previous presentation). The reason for this is that $(1,2)$ is not really the right point.

Another example, with standard form.

This graph represents the following function:

$$y = ax^2 - x + c$$

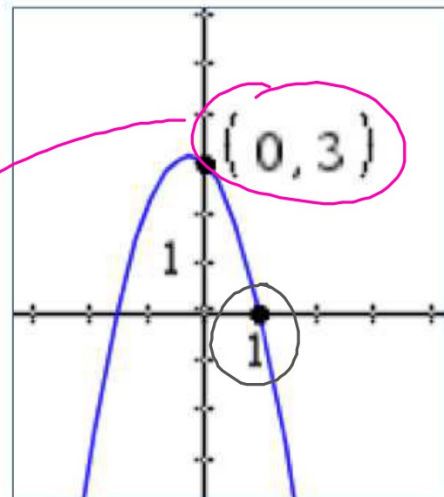
$b = -1$ given
 $c = 3$ from graph

$$y = ax^2 - x + 3$$

$$0 = a(1)^2 - 1 + 3$$

$$-2 = a$$

$$y = -2x^2 - x + 3$$

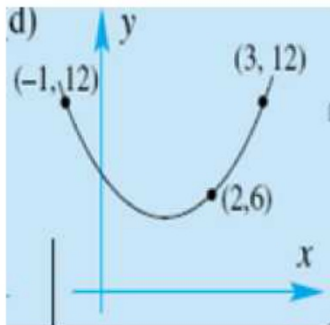
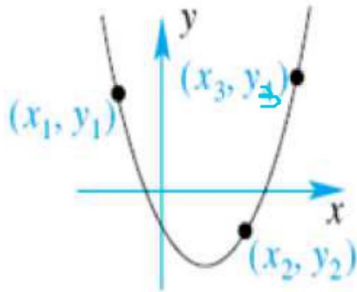


This is really an SL question, but just in case you are interested...

Get the equation from a graph

Using standard form and you have 3 points on the curve

Three arbitrary points are given:



Use the function $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ and then set up and solve the system of simultaneous equations by substituting each coordinate into the function:

$$ax_1^2 + bx_1 + c = y_1$$

$$ax_2^2 + bx_2 + c = y_2$$

$$ax_3^2 + bx_3 + c = y_3$$

Once you have plug in the 3 points, you have a system of equations with 3 equations and 3 variables. Next slide solves the system, but you wouldn't do it by hand, you would use your GDC!!!

$$\textcircled{1} a - b + c = 12$$

$$\textcircled{2} 4a + 2b + c = 6$$

$$\textcircled{3} 9a + 3b + c = 12$$

→ eliminate one variable then solve for other 2.

$$\textcircled{1} c = 12 - a + b$$

sub $\textcircled{1} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$

$$4a + 2b + 12 - a + b = 6$$

$$3a + 3b = -6$$

$$\textcircled{4} a + b = -2$$

sub $\textcircled{4} \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$

$$9a + 3b + 12 - a + b = 12$$

$$8a + 4b = 0$$

$$\textcircled{5} 2a + b = 0$$

use $\textcircled{4}$ & $\textcircled{5}$ to solve for a & b

$$\textcircled{5} 2a + b = 0$$

$$\textcircled{4} a + b = -2$$

$$0 - (-2)$$

$$\textcircled{3} - \textcircled{4} \quad a = 2$$

sub $a = 2 \rightarrow \textcircled{4}$

$$2 + b = -2$$

$$b = -4$$

sub $a = 2$ & $b = -4 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$ (or $\textcircled{2}$ or $\textcircled{3}$)

$$c = 12 - 2 - 4$$

$$c = 6$$

$$\therefore f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x + 6$$