

# 3.1 Quadratic Functions and Models

## Objectives

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

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

↑  
 $a \neq 0$

- Graphing Quadratic Functions Using the Standard Form
- Maximum and Minimum Values of Quadratic Functions
- Modelling with Quadratic Function

**QUADRATIC FUNCTIONS**

A **quadratic function** is a polynomial function of degree 2. So a quadratic function is a function of the form

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c \quad a \neq 0$$

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**STANDARD FORM OF A QUADRATIC FUNCTION**

A quadratic function  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  can be expressed in the **standard form**

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

by completing the square. The graph of  $f$  is a parabola with **vertex**  $(h, k)$ ; the parabola opens upward if  $a > 0$  or downward if  $a < 0$ .

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

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

parabola open up

parabola open down

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

$h = +2$     $k = 3$   
نفس  $x$    نفس  $y$

$$a = 2 > 0 \rightarrow \cup$$

$$f(x) = -4(x + 2)^2 - 3$$

$h = -2$     $k = -3$   
Vertex   نفس  $y$

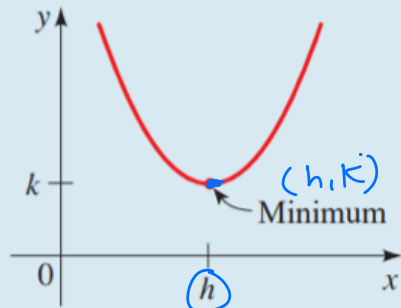
$$a = -4 < 0 \rightarrow \cap$$

## MAXIMUM OR MINIMUM VALUE OF A QUADRATIC FUNCTION

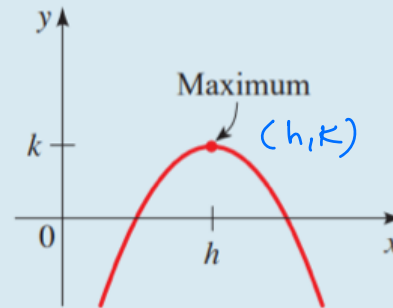
Let  $f$  be a quadratic function with standard form  $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$ . The maximum or minimum value of  $f$  occurs at  $x = h$ .

If  $a > 0$ , then the **minimum value** of  $f$  is  $f(h) = k$ .

If  $a < 0$ , then the **maximum value** of  $f$  is  $f(h) = k$ .



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



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

EXAMPLE 2 ■ Minimum Value of a Quadratic Function

Consider the quadratic function  $f(x) = 5x^2 - 30x + 49$ .

(a) Express  $f$  in standard form.

(b) Sketch a graph of  $f$ .

(c) Find the minimum value of  $f$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a) } f(x) &= 5x^2 - 30x + 49 \longrightarrow a(x-h)^2 + k \\
 &= 5 \left[ x^2 - 6x \right] + 49 \qquad \qquad \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{آلة المربع} \\ \left(\frac{-6}{2}\right)^2 = 9 \end{array} \\
 &\qquad \qquad \qquad \text{آلة المربع}
 \end{aligned}$$

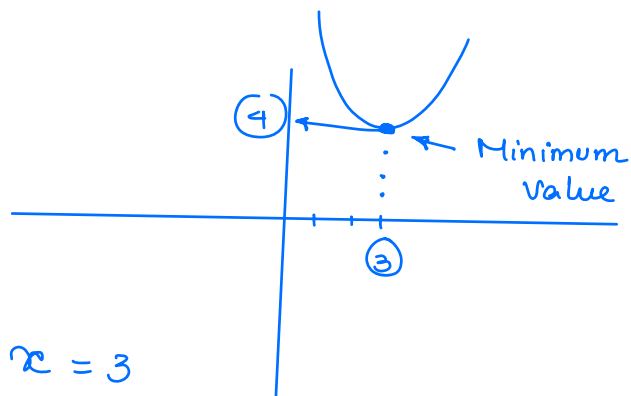
$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 5 \left[ x^2 - 6x + 9 \right] + 49 - 45 \\
 &\qquad \qquad \qquad \text{آلة المربع} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{آلة المربع} \\
 &= 5(x-3)^2 + 4 \longrightarrow a(x-h)^2 + k
 \end{aligned}$$

$a=5 > 0$  parabola open up

$h=3$

$k=4$

b) Sketch



c) Min value is 4 when  $x=3$

### EXAMPLE 3 ■ Maximum Value of a Quadratic Function

Consider the quadratic function  $f(x) = -x^2 + x + 2$ .

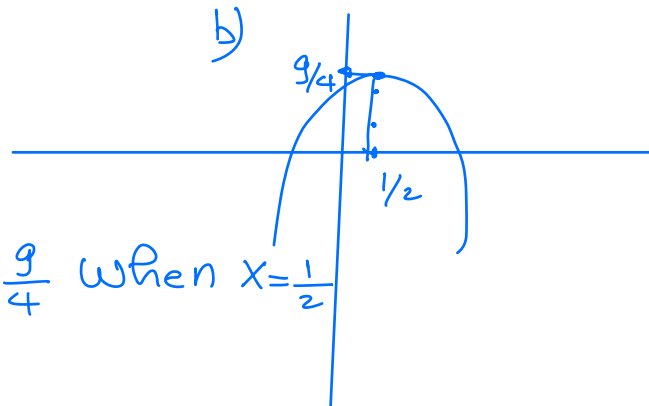
- (a) Express  $f$  in standard form. ✓
- (b) Sketch a graph of  $f$ . ✓
- (c) Find the maximum value of  $f$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } f(x) &= -x^2 + x + 2 \longrightarrow a(x-h)^2 + k \\ &= -\left[ \underbrace{x^2 - x}_{\substack{\text{complete} \\ \text{square}}} \right] + 2 && \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4} \\ &= -\left[ x^2 - x + \frac{1}{4} \right] + 2 + \frac{1}{4} && 2 \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \\ &= -1\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{9}{4} \longrightarrow a(x-h)^2 + k && = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$a = -1 < 0$   
parabola  
open  
down

$$h = \frac{1}{2}$$

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



c) Maximum value at  $\frac{9}{4}$  when  $x = \frac{1}{2}$

25-34 ■ Maximum and Minimum Values A quadratic function  $f$  is given. (a) Express  $f$  in standard form. (b) Sketch a graph of  $f$ . (c) Find the maximum or minimum value of  $f$ .

-29.  $f(x) = -x^2 - 3x + 3 \longrightarrow a(x-h)^2 + k$

$$= -(\underbrace{x^2 + 3x}_{x^2 + 3x}) + 3$$

$$= -\left(x^2 + 3x + \frac{9}{4}\right) + \frac{12}{4} + \frac{9}{4}$$

$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{4}$

$12 + 9 = 21$

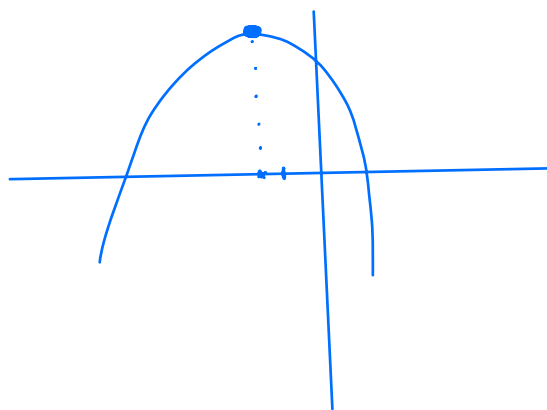
$$= -\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{21}{4} \longrightarrow a(x-h)^2 + k$$

$a = -1 < 0$   
parabola  
opens down

$h = -\frac{3}{2}$

$k = \frac{21}{4}$

c) It has a maximum  
value of  $\frac{21}{4}$  at  $x = -\frac{3}{2}$



31.  $g(x) = 3x^2 - 12x + 13$

$\longrightarrow a(x-h)^2 + k$

$g(x) = 3[x^2 - 4x] + 13$

$= 3[x^2 - 4x + 4] + 13 - 12$

$\left(\frac{-4}{2}\right)^2 = 4$

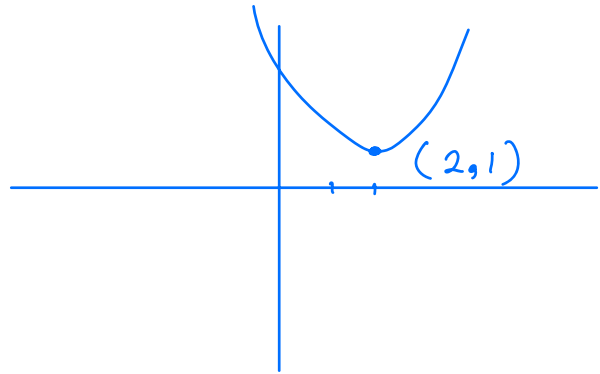
$= 3(x-2)^2 + 1$

$a = 3 > 0$   
parabola  
open up

$h = 2$   
b)

$k = 1$

$g(x)$  has a minimum  
point of 1 at  $x = 2$



## MAXIMUM OR MINIMUM VALUE OF A QUADRATIC FUNCTION

The maximum or minimum value of a quadratic function  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  occurs at

$$x = -\frac{b}{2a}$$

If  $a > 0$ , then the **minimum value** is  $f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)$ .

If  $a < 0$ , then the **maximum value** is  $f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)$ .

$$\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)$$

### EXAMPLE 4 ■ Finding Maximum and Minimum Values of Quadratic Functions

Find the **maximum** or **minimum** value of each quadratic function.

(a)  $f(x) = x^2 + 4x$

(b)  $g(x) = -2x^2 + 4x - 5$

a)  $f(x) = x^2 + 4x$

$a = 1 > 0 \cup \quad b = 4$

$x = -\frac{b}{2a} = \frac{-4}{2 \cdot 1} = (-2)$

$f(x) = f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right) = f(-2) = (-2)^2 + 4(-2)$   
 $= 4 - 8 = (-4)$

Vertex  $(-2, -4)$

$a = 1 > 0 \rightarrow \cup \rightarrow$  It has a minimum point of  $-4$  at  $x = -2$

(b)  $g(x) = -2x^2 + 4x - 5$

$a = -2 \quad b = 4$

$x = -\frac{b}{2a} = \frac{-4}{2(-2)} = (+1)$

$f(x) = f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right) = f(1) = -2(1)^2 + 4(1) - 5 = (-3)$

Vertex  $(1, -3) \rightarrow a = -2 < 0 \cap$

The parabola has a maximum point of  $-3$  at  $x = 1$   
 $(1, -3)$



**35–44 ■ Formula for Maximum and Minimum Values**  
Find the **maximum** or **minimum** value of the function.


36.  $f(x) = 3 - 4x - x^2$

$$f(x) = -x^2 - 4x + 3$$

$$a = -1 \quad b = -4$$

$$x = \frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-(-4)}{2(-1)} = \frac{4}{-2} = -2$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right) = f(-2) = -(-2)^2 - 4(-2) + 3 \\ &= -4 + 8 + 3 = 7 \end{aligned}$$

$a = -1 < 0$  parabola open down  It has a maximum point  $(-2, 7)$

$$38. f(x) = 6x^2 - 24x - 100$$

$$a = 6 \quad b = -24$$

$$x = \frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-(-24)}{2 \times 6} = \frac{24}{12} = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) = f\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right) &= f(2) = 6(2)^2 - 24(2) - 100 \\ &= 24 - 48 - 100 \\ &= -124 \end{aligned}$$

$a = 6 > 0$   $\cup$  It has a minimum point  
(2, -124)

41.  $h(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2x - 6$

$a = \frac{1}{2}$        $b = 2$

$x = \frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-2}{2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{-2}{1} = -2$

$f(x) = f\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right) = f(-2) = \frac{1}{2}(-2)^2 + 2(-2) - 6$   
 $= \frac{1}{2}(4) - 4 - 6$   
 $2 - 10 = -8$

$a = \frac{1}{2} > 0$  ∪ It has minimum point  
(-2, -8)

