

Maximum/Minimum of a Quadratic Function, I

Recall:

- A quadratic function in **standard form** is $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$, where $a \neq 0$
- A quadratic function in **vertex form** is $f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k$, where the point (h, k) is the **vertex**, $x = h$ is the equation of the **axis of symmetry**, and $a \neq 0$
- When $a > 0$ (when a is positive), the parabola opens **up**, and the vertex is a *minimum*
- When $a < 0$ (when a is negative), the parabola opens **down**, and the vertex is a *maximum*
- To find the vertex given standard form, rewrite the equation in **vertex form** by **completing the square**

1) Factor "a" out of variable terms
 2) $\pm (\frac{b}{2})^2$ within the brackets

Ex. 1. Find the maximum or minimum value of each function and when it occurs.

(output/dependent value of vertex = k) (input/independent value of vertex = h)

a) $A(w) = -4w^2 - 32w + 6$

$$A(w) = -4(w^2 + 8w) + 6$$

$$A(w) = -4\left[w^2 + 8w + \left(\frac{8}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{8}{2}\right)^2\right] + 6$$

$$A(w) = -4(w^2 + 8w + 16 - 16) + 6$$

$$A(w) = -4(w^2 + 8w + 16) + 64 + 6$$

$$A(w) = -4(w + 4)^2 + 70$$

$w = -4 @ \text{max}$

$(-4, 70)$
 ∴ Vertex is $(-4, 70)$
 ∴ the maximum value for A is 70 and it occurs when w = -4

b) $h(t) = 0.3t^2 - 1.2t + 4.5$

$$h(t) = 0.3(t^2 - 4t) + 4.5$$

$$h(t) = 0.3\left[t^2 - 4t + \left(\frac{4}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{4}{2}\right)^2\right] + 4.5$$

$$h(t) = 0.3(t^2 - 4t + 4 - 4) + 4.5$$

$$h(t) = 0.3(t^2 - 4t + 4) - 1.2 + 4.5$$

$$h(t) = 0.3(t - 2)^2 + 3.3$$

$t = 2 @ \text{min}$

$(2, 3.3)$
 ∴ Vertex is $(2, 3.3)$
 ∴ the minimum value for h is 3.3 and it occurs when t = 2

c) $F(g) = \frac{1}{3}g^2 + 4g - 6$

$$F(g) = \frac{1}{3}(g^2 + 12g) - 6$$

$$F(g) = \frac{1}{3}\left[g^2 + 12g + \left(\frac{12}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{12}{2}\right)^2\right] - 6$$

$$F(g) = \frac{1}{3}(g^2 + 12g + 36 - 36) - 6$$

$$F(g) = \frac{1}{3}(g^2 + 12g + 36) - 12 - 6$$

$$F(g) = \frac{1}{3}(g + 6)^2 - 18$$

$g = -6 @ \text{min}$

$(-6, -18)$
 ∴ Vertex is $(-6, -18)$
 ∴ the minimum value for F is -18 and it occurs when g = -6

d) $d(t) = -3t^2 + 5t$

$$d(t) = -3\left(t^2 - \frac{5}{3}t\right)$$

$$d(t) = -3\left[t^2 - \frac{5}{3}t + \left(\frac{5}{2 \cdot 3}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{5}{2 \cdot 3}\right)^2\right]$$

$$d(t) = -3\left[t^2 - \frac{5}{3}t + \frac{25}{36} - \frac{25}{36}\right]$$

$$d(t) = -3\left[t^2 - \frac{5}{3}t + \frac{25}{36}\right] + \frac{75}{36} \div 3$$

$$d(t) = -3\left(t - \frac{5}{6}\right)^2 + \frac{25}{12}$$

$t = \frac{5}{6} @ \text{max}$

$(\frac{5}{6}, \frac{25}{12})$
 ∴ vertex is $(\frac{5}{6}, \frac{25}{12})$
 ∴ the maximum value for d is $\frac{25}{12}$ and it occurs when t = $\frac{5}{6}$

- Ex. 2. A flare is fired vertically from the top of a platform so that its height h , in metres, after time t , in seconds, is given by $h(t) = 4 + 30t - 5t^2$. What is the maximum height that the flare reaches?

$$h(t) = -5t^2 + 30t + 4$$

$$h(t) = -5(t^2 - 6t) + 4$$

$$h(t) = -5(t^2 - 6t + 9 - 9) + 4$$

$$h(t) = -5(t^2 - 6t + 9) + 45 + 4$$

$$h(t) = -5(t-3)^2 + 49$$

$t = 3$ @ max



◦◦ vertex is at $(3, 49)$

◦◦ the maximum height is 49 m

- Ex. 3. A swimming pool is treated periodically to control the growth of bacteria. The concentration of bacteria t days after treatment is $C(t) = 30t^2 - 240t + 500$, where C is the concentration of bacteria per cm^3 . What is the lowest concentration of bacteria during the first week of treatment? On what day does this value occur?

$$C(t) = 30t^2 - 240t + 500$$

$$C(t) = 30(t^2 - 8t) + 500$$

$$C(t) = 30(t^2 - 8t + 16 - 16) + 500$$

$$C(t) = 30(t^2 - 8t + 16) - 480 + 500$$

$$C(t) = 30(t-4)^2 + 20$$

$t = 4$ @ min



◦◦ vertex is at $(4, 20)$

◦◦ the minimum concentration is 20 bacteria per cm^3 on the 4th day

Maximum/Minimum of a Quadratic Function, II

Note: To find the vertex, (h, k) , given standard form, $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$:

- rewrite the equation in *vertex form*, $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$, by **completing the square** OR
- use the short-cut formula $[h, k] = \left[\left(\frac{-b}{2a} \right), f\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right) \right]$

"x-value at the vertex" → $\left[\overset{\uparrow}{x_v}, \overset{\uparrow}{f(x_v)} \right]$ ← "y-value at the vertex"

Ex. 1. Use the short-cut formula above to find the vertex for the following quadratics:

a) $h(t) = 0.3t^2 - 1.2t + 4.5$
 $a = 0.3 \quad b = -1.2 \quad c = 4.5$

Find t -value at vertex:

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

$$t_v = \frac{-(-1.2)}{2(0.3)}$$

$$t_v = \frac{1.2}{0.6}$$

$$t_v = 2$$

Find $h(t_v)$:

$$h(2) = 0.3(2)^2 - 1.2(2) + 4.5$$

$$h(2) = 3.3$$

∴ the vertex is $(2, 3.3)$

b) $F(g) = \frac{1}{3}g^2 + 4g - 6$
 $a = \frac{1}{3} \quad b = 4 \quad c = -6$

Find g -value at vertex:

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

$$g_v = \frac{-(4)}{2(\frac{1}{3})}$$

$$g_v = \frac{-4}{(2/3)} \rightarrow = -4 \cdot \frac{3}{2}$$

$$g_v = -6$$

Find $F(g_v)$:

$$F(-6) = \frac{1}{3}(-6)^2 + 4(-6) - 6$$

$$F(-6) = -18$$

∴ the vertex is $(-6, -18)$

c) $d(t) = -3t^2 + 5t$
 $a = -3 \quad b = 5 \quad c = 0$

Find t -value at vertex:

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

$$t_v = \frac{-(5)}{2(-3)}$$

$$t_v = \frac{5}{6}$$

Find $d(t_v)$:

$$d\left(\frac{5}{6}\right) = -3\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^2 + 5\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)$$

$$= -3\left(\frac{25}{36}\right) + \frac{25}{6}$$

$$= -\frac{25}{12} + \frac{50}{12}$$

$$= \frac{25}{12}$$

∴ the vertex is $\left(\frac{5}{6}, \frac{25}{12}\right)$

These are a few examples from Lesson 1 :)

Ex. 2. Determine two numbers whose difference is 12 and whose product is a minimum.

Let P represent the product.

Let m and n represent the two numbers.

① $m - n = 12 \rightarrow$ rearrange: $m = n + 12$ ③

② $P = m \cdot n$

Substitute ③ into ②:

$$P = (n + 12)n$$

$$P = n^2 + 12n$$

$$a = 1 \quad b = 12 \quad c = 0$$

Find n -value at vertex:

$$n_v = \frac{-(12)}{2(1)}$$

$$n_v = -6$$

→ Find m (the other number):

$$\because n = -6$$

$$\because m = n + 12$$

$$m = -6 + 12$$

$$m = 6$$

∴ the two numbers are 6 and -6

Ex. 3. Find two positive quantities whose sum is 18, if the sum of their squares is a minimum.

Let S represent the sum of the squares.

Let p and q represent the two positive quantities.

①: $p + q = 18 \rightarrow$ Rearrange: $p = 18 - q$ ③

②: $S = p^2 + q^2$

Sub ③ into ②:

$$S = (18 - q)^2 + q^2$$

$$S = (18 - q)(18 - q) + q^2$$

$$S = 324 - 18q - 18q + q^2 + q^2 \quad (\text{expand})$$

$$S = 2q^2 - 36q + 324 \quad (\text{rearrange})$$

$$a = 2 \quad b = -36 \quad c = 324$$

Find q -value at vertex:

$$q_v = \frac{-(-36)}{2(2)} \rightarrow q_v = 9$$

Find p (the other positive quantity):

$$\because q = 9$$

$$\because p = 18 - q$$

$$p = 18 - 9$$

$$p = 9$$

\because the two positive quantities are 9 and 9

Ex. 4. A magazine producer can sell 600 of her magazines at \$6.00 each. A marketing survey shows her that for every \$0.50 she increases the price, she will lose 30 sales. What price should she set to obtain the greatest revenue?

Let R represent the total revenue, in dollars.

Let n represent the number of price increases.

$$R(0) = (6.00)(600) \rightarrow \text{no price increases}$$

$$R(1) = (6.00 + 0.50)(600 - 30) \rightarrow 1 \text{ price increase}$$

$$\because R(n) = (6.00 + 0.50n)(600 - 30n) \rightarrow n \text{ price increases}$$

$$R(n) = 3600 - 180n + 300n - 15n^2 \quad (\text{expand})$$

$$R(n) = -15n^2 + 120n + 3600 \quad (\text{rearrange})$$

$$a = -15 \quad b = 120 \quad c = 3600$$

① Find n -value of vertex:

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

$$n_v = \frac{-(120)}{2(-15)}$$

$$n_v = 4$$

② New price = $\frac{6.00 + 0.50n}{}$
 $= 6.00 + 0.50(4)$
 $= 8.00$

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\because to obtain the maximum revenue she should set her price at \$8.00

Solving First-Degree Inequalities

Inequalities can have an **infinite** number of solutions among a **set of numbers**, whereas **equations** have a **finite** number of solutions (real or imaginary!) Inequalities can be solved in a manner very similar to equations, with a few notable exceptions...

Ex. 1: Take the inequality $9 > 6$:

Operation:	Add 3	Subtract 3	Multiply by 3	Divide by 3	Multiply by -3	Divide by -3
Resulting Inequality:	$9+3 > 6+3$ $12 > 9$	$9-3 > 6-3$ $6 > 3$	$9(3) > 6(3)$ $27 > 18$	$\frac{9}{3} > \frac{6}{3}$ $3 > 2$	$9(-3) > 6(-3)$ $-27 > -18$	$\frac{9}{-3} > \frac{6}{-3}$ $-3 > -2$
✓/✗:	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗

Rule: When **multiplying or dividing an inequality by a negative**, change the **direction** of the inequality sign!!

Solutions for inequalities can be presented in a variety of ways:

Inequality	Graph on a Number Line	Solution Set	Interval Notation
$x < 4$		$\{x x \in \mathbb{R}, x < 4\}$	$(-\infty, 4)$ 'not included' = round parenthesis
$x \geq -2$		$\{x x \in \mathbb{R}, x \geq -2\}$	$[-2, \infty)$ 'included' = square bracket

Ex. 2: Solve the following. Present each solution using a *number line*, *set notation*, and/or *interval notation*.

a) $4x - 1 < 11$

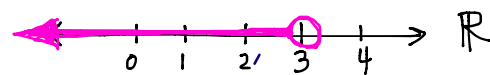
$$4x < 11 + 1$$

$$4x < 12$$

$$\frac{4x}{4} < \frac{12}{4}$$

$\therefore x < 3$

Graph on a Number Line:

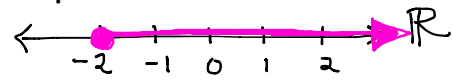


Interval Notation:

$(-\infty, 3)$

b) $3(2-x)+1 \leq 13$
 $6-3x+1 \leq 13$
 $-3x+7 \leq 13$
 $-3x \leq 13-7$
 $-3x \leq 6$
 $\frac{-3x}{-3} \leq \frac{6}{-3}$
 $\therefore x \geq -2$

Graph on a Number Line:



Solution Set:

$$\{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}, x \geq -2\}$$

c) $\left(\frac{3}{4}x + \frac{1}{2}x > \frac{5}{1}\right) \cdot 4$ multiply by LCD = 4
 $\frac{3(4)}{4}x + \frac{1(4)}{2}x > \frac{5(4)}{1}$
 $3x + 2x > 20$
 $5x > 20$
 $\frac{5x}{5} > \frac{20}{5}$
 $\therefore x > 4$

Interval Notation:

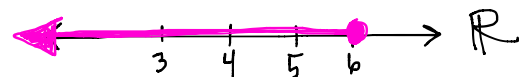
$$(4, \infty)$$

Solution Set:

$$\{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 4\}$$

d) $\left(\frac{z-1}{5} \geq \frac{z+2}{4} - \frac{1}{1}\right) \cdot 20$ multiply by LCD = 20
 $\frac{4(20)(z-1)}{5} \geq \frac{5(20)(z+2)}{4} - \frac{20(1)}{1}$
 $4(z-1) \geq 5(z+2) - 20$
 $4z - 4 \geq 5z + 10 - 20$
 $4z - 5z \geq 10 - 20 + 4$
 $-z \geq -6$
 $\frac{-z}{-1} \leq \frac{-6}{-1}$
 $\therefore z \leq 6$

Graph on a Number Line:



Solution Set:

$$\{z \mid z \in \mathbb{R}, z \leq 6\}$$

Interval Notation:

$$(-\infty, 6]$$

Practice Interval Notation! Go to Unit 1 Lesson 2 and include interval notation for Ex. 2-5 in the note.

HW: p. 78-80 #3ceg, 4dh, 5bdf, 6e, 7ad, 8, 10, 15ab (Note: Graph #3 and #5 only. No formal checks required.)