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"Just a darn minute — yesterday  
you said that X equals two!"

$$a \text{ 🍔}^2 + b \text{ 🍔} + c = 0$$
$$\text{🍔} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Do you want  
 $\pi$  with that?

# MCR3U1

Unit 3: Polynomial Functions & Equations





## 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**

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

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

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

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

- 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?
- 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  $\text{cm}^3$ . What is the lowest concentration of bacteria during the first week of treatment? On what day does this value occur?

**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  $\left[ h, k \right] = \left[ \left( \frac{-b}{2a} \right), f(h) \right]$

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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?

## 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:						
✓/✗:						

**Rule:** When **multiplying or dividing an inequality by a negative**, change the \_\_\_\_\_ 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
$x < 4$			
$x \geq -2$			

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

a)  $4x - 1 < 11$

**Graph on a Number Line:**

**Interval Notation:**

b)  $3(2 - x) + 1 \leq 13$

Graph on a Number Line:

Solution Set:

c)  $\frac{3}{4}x + \frac{1}{2}x > 5$

Interval Notation:

Solution Set:

d)  $\frac{z-1}{5} \geq \frac{z+2}{4} - 1$

Graph on a Number Line:

Solution Set:

Interval Notation:

**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.)**



## Solving Quadratic Equations, I: Three Methods

To find the *roots* (or *zeros* or *x-intercepts*) of a quadratic function:

1. Set  $y = 0$  (and isolate the 0 on one side of the equation)
2. **Solve** the quadratic equation in terms of  $x$  using one of the following methods:
  - a. **Factor** the quadratic and find the values for  $x$  that give each factor a value of zero
  - b. Use the **Quadratic Formula** to calculate the value(s) for  $x$  when  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$
  - c. Solve by using **Inverse Operations** to isolate the variable when it appears only once

**1. Solve by factoring**, where  $x \in R$ .

a)  $-3(5x - 1)(2x + 7) = 0$

b)  $16x^2 - 25 = 0$

c)  $2x - 6x^2 = 0$

**2. Solve using the quadratic formula**  $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ , where  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  and  $x \in C$ .

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

b)  $x^2 + \frac{x}{6} = -\frac{1}{2}$

3. Solve using **inverse operations** to rearrange and isolate  $x$ , where  $x \in C$ .

a)  $x^2 + 36 = 0$

b)  $2x^2 + 24 = 0$

c)  $3(x+2)^2 - 27 = 0$

d)  $\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{17}{9} = 0$

## Solving Quadratic Equations, II: The Discriminant

**Recall:** If  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ , and  $a \neq 0$ , then  $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$  ← **Quadratic Formula**

**Ex. 1:** Solve for  $x$  using the quadratic formula,  $x \in C$ .

a)  $4x^2 - 10x - 25 = 0$

b)  $9x^2 + 12x + 4 = 0$

c)  $3x^2 + 2x + 6 = 0$

What can you conclude about the value of  $b^2 - 4ac$  if the equation has:

distinct (different) real roots	equal (same) real roots	Imaginary (non-real) roots

**The Discriminant:  $D = b^2 - 4ac$**

In the quadratic formula, the quantity under the radical sign is the **discriminant,  $D$** :

- the value (+, -, 0) of the discriminant determines the *nature* of the function's roots
- if the discriminant is a positive perfect square, the quadratic expression is *factorable*

**Ex. 2:** Use the **discriminant** to determine the nature of the roots (real or imaginary? distinct or equal?) for each of the following:

a)  $4x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0$

b)  $1 - 2x - 3x^2 = 0$

**Ex. 3:** Determine the value(s) of  $k$  that will give the indicated type of roots.

a)  $kx^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$ ; imaginary roots

b)  $2x^2 - kx + k = 0$ ; equal real roots

c)  $(1 - 3k)x^2 + 3x - 4 = 0$ ; distinct real roots

## WORKSHEET: Solving Quadratic Equations, II: The Discriminant

### PART A

1. State the value of the discriminant for each of the following equations.

a.  $x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0$

b.  $x^2 + x - 2 = 0$

c.  $x^2 - 5x = 0$

d.  $x^2 + 4x + 4 = 0$

e.  $x^2 - 10 = 0$

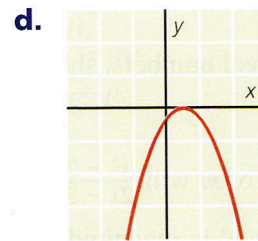
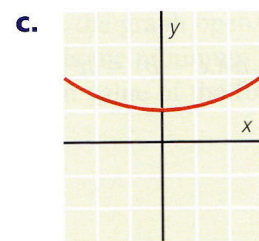
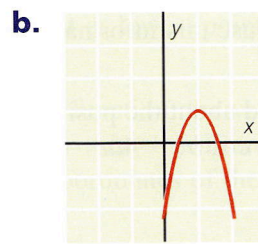
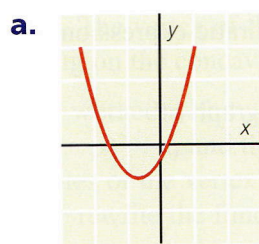
f.  $2x^2 - x - 3 = 0$

g.  $3x^2 + 6x + 3 = 0$

h.  $1 - x - 2x^2 = 0$

i.  $4x^2 + 3x - 2 = 0$

2. For each of the graphs below, state whether the discriminant of the corresponding quadratic equation is greater than 0, equal to 0, or less than 0.



### PART B

3. Determine the nature of the roots for each of the following quadratic equations.

a.  $x^2 - 8x + 12 = 0$

b.  $x^2 + 4x + 5 = 0$

c.  $x^2 - 10x + 5 = 0$

d.  $4x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0$

e.  $1 - 2x - 3x^2 = 0$

f.  $2x^2 + 2 = 0$

g.  $3x^2 - 4x = 0$

h.  $4 - 5x = x^2$

i.  $5 - x^2 = 4x$

j.  $x^2 - \sqrt{8x} + 2 = 0$

k.  $2 - 2x - 0.25x^2 = 0$

l.  $\sqrt{2}x^2 - 2x - \sqrt{2} = 0$

4. Determine the value(s) of  $k$  that will give the indicated type of roots.
- $x^2 - 6x + k = 0$ ; equal roots
  - $x^2 + kx - 16 = 0$ ; real distinct roots
  - $kx^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$ ; non-real roots
  - $2x^2 - kx + k = 0$ ; equal roots
  - $2kx^2 + 3x + 2k = 0$ ; real distinct roots
5. For what values of  $k$  will the graph of  $y = 9x^2 + 3kx + k$  have no  $x$ -intercepts?
6. For what values of  $b^2 - 4ac$  will a quadratic equation have rational roots?  
How could you use this information when factoring quadratic expressions?
7. What can be said about the position of the vertex of the graph of  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  if  $b^2 - 4ac = 0$ ?

**Answers:**

1. a. 12 b. 9 c. 25 d. 0 e. 40 f. 25 g. 0 h. 9 i. 41 2. a.  $D > 0$   
b.  $D > 0$  c.  $D < 0$  d.  $D = 0$  3. a. real, unequal b. non-real  
c. real, unequal d. real, equal e. real, unequal f. non-real g. real,  
unequal h. real, unequal i. real, unequal j. real, equal k. real,  
unequal l. real, unequal 4. a.  $k = 9$  b.  $k \in R$  c.  $k > 1$  d.  $k = 0$  or  
 $k = 8$  e.  $-\frac{3}{4} < k < \frac{3}{4}$  5.  $0 < k < 4$  6.  $b^2 - 4ac$  is a square  
7. on the  $x$ -axis

## Solving Second-Degree (Quadratic) Inequalities

**Quadratic inequalities** are inequalities where the highest power of the unknown variable is two.

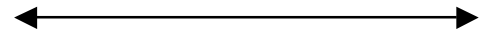
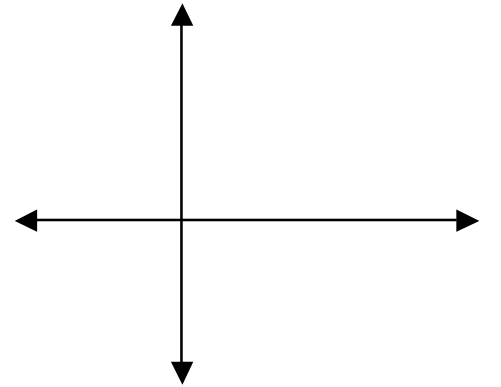
*Examples:*  $3x^2 - 2x + 1 > 0$  and  $4x^2 + 5x < 7$

**Summary for solving a quadratic inequality:**

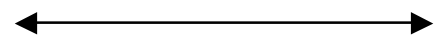
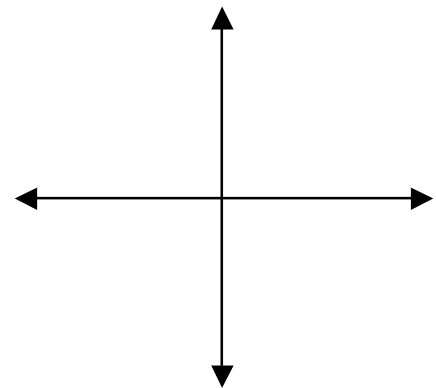
- Rearrange to obtain 0 on the right side of the inequality.
- Redefine as a quadratic function.
- Find the zeros.
- Sketch the graph (scale the x-axis only).
- State the solution.

Solve the following inequalities. Present each solution using set notation, interval notation, and a number line.

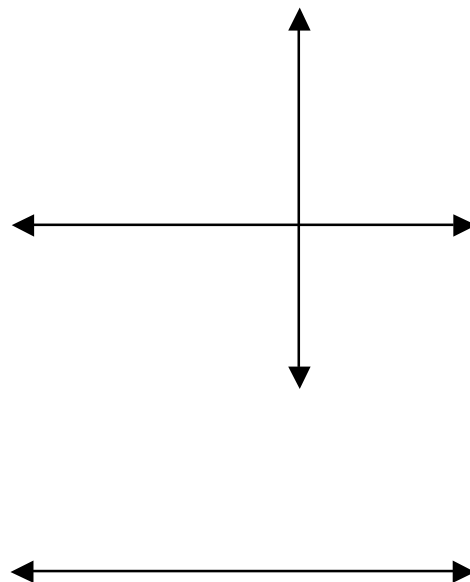
**Ex. 1:**  $x^2 - 3x \leq 10$



**Ex. 2:**  $x^2 > 16$



**Ex. 3:**  $-4x^2 - 8x \leq -5$



**Ex. 4:** Determine the value(s) of  $k$  that will give the indicated type of roots.

$x^2 + kx + 2k = 0$ ; distinct real roots

**HW:** i) Complete #4bde, #5 from the Lesson 5 Worksheet

ii) Solve the following inequalities. Present your solution using set notation and a number line. Sketch the appropriate quadratic function, as demonstrated in the notes.

1.  $x^2 - 4 > 0$

2.  $x^2 - 6x < 16$

3.  $x^2 - 6x \leq 0$

iii) Solve the following inequalities. Present your solution using interval notation and a number line. Sketch the appropriate quadratic function, as demonstrated in the notes.

4.  $2x^2 + 5x \leq -2$

5.  $5x^2 - 6x < -1$

6.  $6x^2 > 14 - 17x$

**Answers:**

1.  $\{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}, x < -2, x > 2\}$

2.  $\{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}, -2 < x < 8\}$

3.  $\{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}, 0 \leq x \leq 6\}$

4.  $x \in \left[-2, -\frac{1}{2}\right]$

5.  $x \in \left(\frac{1}{5}, 1\right)$

6.  $x \in \left(-\infty, -\frac{7}{2}\right)$  or  $\left(\frac{2}{3}, \infty\right)$

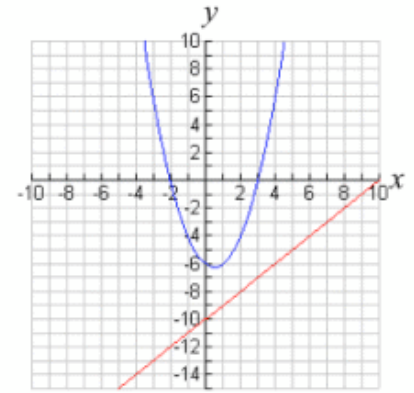
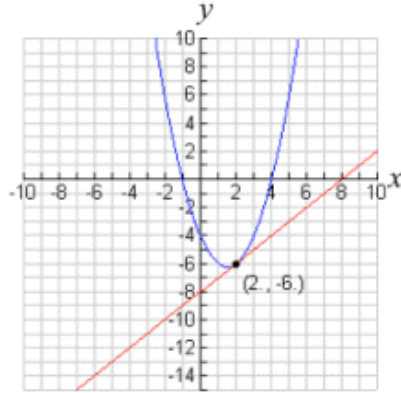
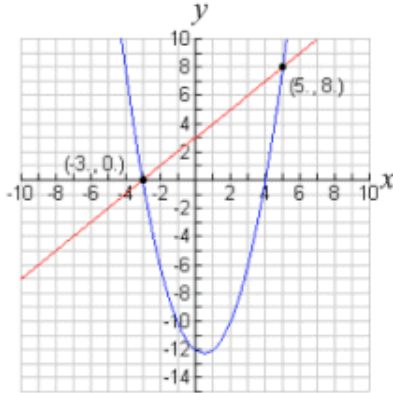


## Solving Systems of Equations

### A. Linear-Quadratic Systems

Graphing a straight line and a parabola on the same set of axes yields three possible scenarios:

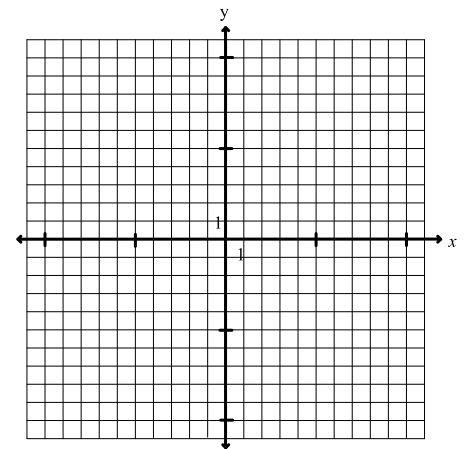
1. The equations will intersect in **two locations**. *Two distinct real solutions.*
2. The equations will intersect in **one location**. *Two identical real solutions.*
3. The equations will **not** intersect. *No real solutions.*



**Ex. 1:** Solve the following linear-quadratic system algebraically and graph the solution.

$$y = -x^2 - 6x - 7$$

$$y = \frac{3}{2}x + 4$$



**Ex. 2:** i) Determine the nature of the solutions without solving or graphing. ii) Interpret your results **geometrically**.

a)  $y = x^2 - 2x + 1$   
 $3 = x - y$

b)  $y = (x - 2)^2 - 3$   
 $y - 1 = -4x$

## B. Other Systems of Equations

Ex. 3: Solve the following systems of equations.

a)  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$   
 $4y = 3x$

b)  $y = 2x^2 - 2x + 3$   
 $y = x^2 + 5x - 7$

### Homework:

A. Solve the following systems of equations **algebraically** and illustrate the results **graphically**. Round solutions to 1 decimal place, where necessary. Follow example 1 from the note.

1.  $y = x^2$   
 $y = 2x + 3$

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

3.  $y = x^2 - 4x + 3$   
 $y = -1$

4.  $y = 3x - 1$   
 $y = -x^2 + 4x + 1$

5.  $y = \frac{1}{2}x + 2$   
 $y = x^2 + 2x$

6.  $y + 1 = x$   
 $y = -x^2 + 2x + 5$

B. **Without solving or graphing**, determine the nature of the solutions for the following systems of equations and give a **geometric** interpretation. Follow example 2 from the note.

7.  $y = 3x^2 + 2x + 5$   
 $y = -x - 2$

8.  $y = -2x^2 + 2x + 7$   
 $y = x + 3$

9.  $y = 2x^2 - 12x + 16$   
 $y = -x^2 + 6x - 11$

### Answers:

1. (3, 9), (-1, 1)

2. no real solutions

3. (2, -1)

4. (2, 5), (-1, -4)

5. (-2.4, 1.6), (0.9, 4.9)

6. (3, 2), (-2, -3)

7. no real solutions; the line will never intersect the parabola

8. two distinct real solutions; the line

intersects the parabola at two distinct points

9. two identical real solutions; the two parabolas intersect at one point

**Solving Quadratic Equations, III: Applications**

**Ex. 1:** The following equation represents the height,  $h$ , in metres of an object thrown off the top of a cliff after  $t$  seconds:  $h = -5t^2 + 20t + 80$ .

a) How high is the cliff?

b) When does the object hit the ground?

c) Does the object ever reach a height of 110 m? Use two methods...

**Ex. 2:** A dining room measures  $5\text{ m}$  by  $4\text{ m}$ . A strip of uniform width is added to two adjacent sides to increase the area by  $5\text{ m}^2$ . Find the width of the strip to 1 decimal place.

**Ex. 3:** A uniform-width boardwalk is built around the inside edge of a rectangular parkland that is  $10\text{ m}$  by  $15\text{ m}$ . If the boardwalk takes up 20% of the lot, how wide is the boardwalk to the nearest centimetre.

## Solving Cubic and Quartic Equations

**Note:** A polynomial equation of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  degree has  $n$  roots.

**Ex. 1:** Solve for  $x$  in each of the following,  $x \in \mathbb{C}$ .

a)  $-4x^3 - 18x^2 + 10x = 0$

b)  $x^4 - 24x^2 - 25 = 0$

c)  $3x^3 + x^2 + 24x + 8 = 0$

d)  $(x^2 - 5x)^2 - 2(x^2 - 5x) - 24 = 0$

e)  $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 - 7\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) + 12 = 0$

**WORKSHEET: Solving Cubic and Quartic Equations**

**Note:** A polynomial equation of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  degree has  $n$  roots.

Solve for  $x$  in each of the following,  $x \in C$ .

a)  $4x^3 - 9x = 0$

b)  $-2x^3 + 3x^2 - x = 0$

c)  $12x^3 - 40x^2 - 52x = 0$

d)  $x^4 - 5x^2 + 4 = 0$

e)  $x^2 + 4 = \frac{32}{x^2}$

f)  $20x^4 - 25x^2 - 45 = 0$

g)  $x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 12 = 0$

h)  $4x^3 + 8x^2 - x - 2 = 0$

i)  $2x^4 - 4x^3 - 8x^2 + 16x = 0$

j)  $(x^2 - 2x)^2 - 11(x^2 - 2x) + 24 = 0$

k)  $(2x^2 + 5x)^2 - 10(2x^2 + 5x) - 24 = 0$

l)  $(x^2 + 2x)^2 - (x^2 + 2x) - 12 = 0$

m)  $\left(x + \frac{6}{x}\right)^2 - 2\left(x + \frac{6}{x}\right) - 35 = 0$

n)  $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 - 5\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) + 6 = 0$

o)  $\left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 - \frac{77}{12}\left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right) + 10 = 0$

**Answers:**

a.  $0, -\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}$     b.  $0, \frac{1}{2}, 1$     c.  $0, \frac{13}{3}, -1$     d.  $-2, 2, -1, 1$     e.  $-2, 2, -2i\sqrt{2}, 2i\sqrt{2}$     f.  $-i, i, -\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}$

g.  $-2i, 2i, 3$     h.  $-2, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$     i.  $0, -2, 2, 2$     j.  $4, -2, 3, -1$     k.  $-\frac{1}{2}, -2, \frac{3}{2}, -4$

l.  $-1 - \sqrt{5}, -1 + \sqrt{5}, -1 - i\sqrt{2}, -1 + i\sqrt{2}$     m.  $-3, -2, 1, 6$     n.  $1, 1, \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$     o.  $-\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{4}, 3, 4$

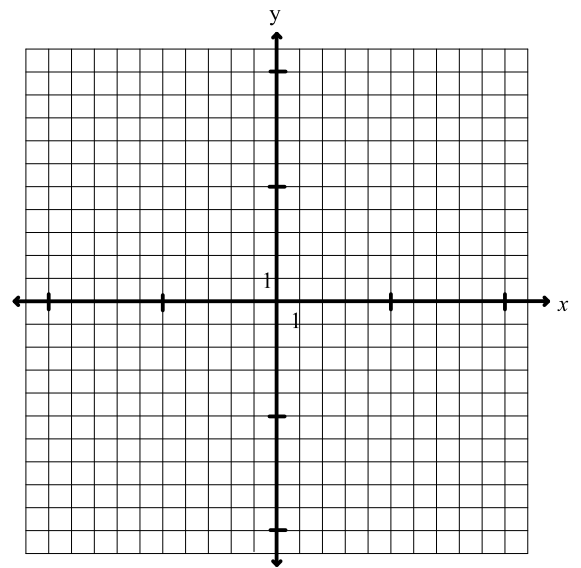
### Unit 3 Review

1. Determine the maximum or minimum value of  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 2x + 3$  and when it occurs.

2. Solve the following linear-quadratic system of equations and illustrate your solution graphically.

$$y = -2(x + 2)^2 + 8$$

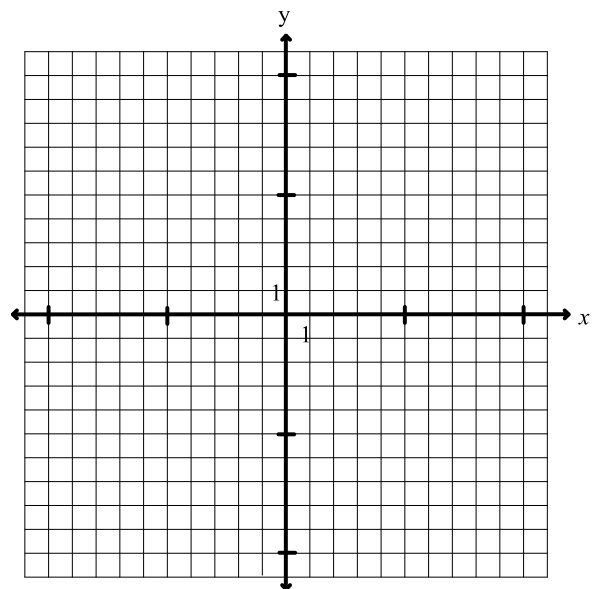
$$y = -2x$$



3. **Without solving**, determine the number of solutions to the following linear-quadratic system and illustrate your results graphically.

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 2x + 3$$

$$2x - 3y - 6 = 0$$



4. Determine the value(s) of  $k$  that will give the indicated type of roots.

a)  $(2k - 3)x^2 - 6x + 1 = 0$ ; **two distinct real roots**

b)  $x^2 + kx + (8 - k) = 0$ ; **two equal real roots**

5. Solve for  $x \in \mathbb{C}$ .

a)  $2(x - 3)^2 - 32 = 0$

b)  $\frac{2}{1-x} = \frac{3}{x+2} - 1$

c)  $x^4 - x^2 - 72 = 0$

d)  $2x^3 - 4x^2 - 50x + 100 = 0$