

Ch. 7 Target Lab #2
Finding the x- and y-intercepts of a Quadratic Function

A quadratic function is defined as a function where the highest exponent is 2. There are many ways to write a quadratic function, but the standard form is written as _____. A quadratic function will produce the graph of a parabola, which has several key features:

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You should be able to find the intercepts fairly easily. To find the x-intercepts, you set the equation equal to zero and

use the _____ or _____ to solve for x. To find the y-intercept, simply replace the x-values with zero and solve for y.

Remember, both intercepts are actual coordinate points. Their values should be written as a coordinate point in the form:

Example #1

Find the x- and y-intercepts of $y = x^2 - 7x - 18$

Example #2

Find the x- and y-intercepts of $y = 2x^2 + 11x + 15$

Practice Problems

Find the x- and y-intercepts for each function below.

(1) $y = 3x^2 - 14x + 8$

(2) $y = 4x^2 + 3x - 10$

(3) $y = x^2 + 6x - 27$