

1) How does  $f(x)=3x^2$  compare to  $g(x)=2x^2$

- concave up
- narrower than parent func
- vertex at  $(0,0)$

- concave up
- vertex is  $(0,0)$
- narrower than parent func.

- Both  $f(x)$  &  $g(x)$  are concave up.
- Both  $f(x)$  &  $g(x)$  have their vertex @  $(0,0)$ .
- Both  $f(x)$  &  $g(x)$  are narrower than parent function.
- $f(x)$  is narrower than  $g(x)$ .
- Both  $f(x)$  &  $g(x)$  are parabolas.

## Quadratics 1b - Concavity & Y-Intercept

Standards: F-IF.7

GLOs: #3 Complex Thinker

Math Practice: -Model with mathematics  
-Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them

Learning Target: How do you determine the y-intercept of a quadratic, and what does it mean in context?

#8HW: Quads 1b #1-6

**Y-intercept:**

Understanding of what the constant term,  $c$ , tells us about the graph of a quadratic function

1) For each quadratic function below, determine the value of the function at  $x = 0$ .

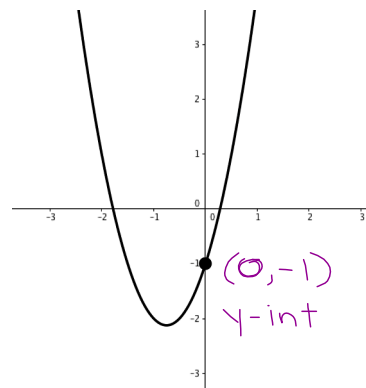
**A.**  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 3x - 1$

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

$$f(0) = 2(0) + 0 - 1$$

$$f(0) = 0 + 0 - 1$$

$$f(0) = -1$$



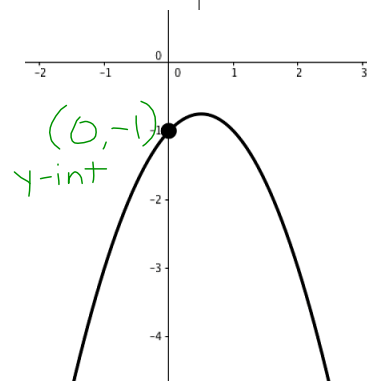
**B.**  $g(x) = -x^2 + x - 1$

$$g(0) = -(0)^2 + (0) - 1$$

$$g(0) = -(0) + 0 - 1$$

$$g(0) = 0 + 0 - 1$$

$$g(0) = -1$$



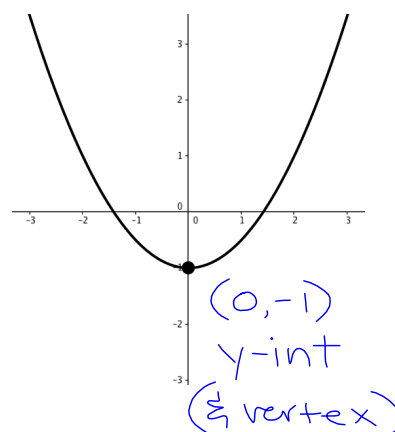
**C.**  $h(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 1$

$$h(0) = \frac{1}{2}(0)^2 - 1$$

$$h(0) = \frac{1}{2}(0) - 1$$

$$h(0) = 0 - 1$$

$$h(0) = -1$$



2) Compare each of your answers (in question 1 above) to the symbolic representation and y-intercept of the graph of each function. What do you notice?

- the  $-1$  is always the  $c$ -value in standard form,  $ax^2 + bx + c$ .
- it is always the y-intercept.

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For a quadratic function,  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ , the value of "**c**" is often referred to as the "**constant term**" of the function.

➤  $f(0) = c$

➤ Therefore, the value of c tells us the y-coordinate of the y-intercept:  $(0, c)$

- 3) While Jane is standing near the edge of a cliff enjoying the view of the ocean, she tosses a pebble upward, which then falls into the ocean below. The function

$$h(t) = -16t^2 + 45t + 125$$

represents the height of the pebble,  $h(t)$ , measured in feet,  $t$  seconds after the pebble left her hand.

- a. By simply analyzing the function, determine the y-intercept of the graph of  $h(t)$ .  
(Note: you do **not** have to evaluate or graph the function.)

$$(0, 125)$$

- b. Interpret what the y-intercept means in the context of the given situation.

input  $\rightarrow$  time (in sec.)

output  $\rightarrow$  height of pebble  
(in feet)

At 0 seconds, the height of the pebble is 125 ft.  
(initial height)

\*The initial height of the pebble was 125 ft.

- 4) The Lokahi Surfboard Company uses the following function to predict its monthly profit,  $P(x)$ , from selling any number of surfboards,  $x$ :

$$P(x) = -8x^2 + 300x - 1500$$

- a. By simply analyzing the function, determine the y-intercept of the graph of  $P(x)$ .  
(Note: you do **not** have to evaluate or graph the function.)

$$(0, -1500)$$

- b. Interpret what the y-intercept means in the context of the given situation.

input  $\rightarrow$  # of surfboards  
output  $\rightarrow$  monthly profit

When you sell 0 surfboards your monthly profit is  $-\$1500$ .

\*The initial monthly profit is  $-\$1500$ .

- 5) When a baseball is hit into the air, the path that it travels takes the shape of a parabolic curve. When Patrick hit a baseball, the path of the ball could be modeled by the function

$$f(x) = -0.0025x^2 + 4x + 3.5$$

where  $f(x)$  represents the height, in feet, of ball  $x$  seconds after the ball was hit.

- a. By simply analyzing the function, determine the y-intercept of the graph of  $f(x)$ .  
(Note: you do **not** have to evaluate or graph the function.)

$$(0, 3.5)$$

- b. Interpret what the y-intercept means in the context of the given situation.

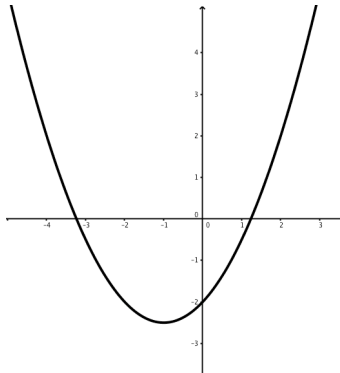
After 0 seconds, the ball was 3.5 ft high.  
(initial height).

\*The initial height of the ball is 3.5 ft.

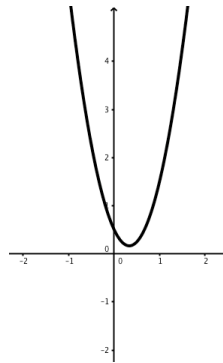
**Concavity:**

Of the six functions graphed below, compare the three graphs in the top row to the three graphs in the bottom row. What do you notice?

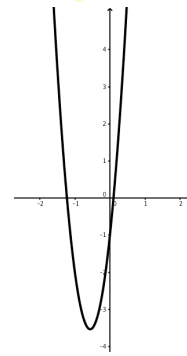
A.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + x - 2$



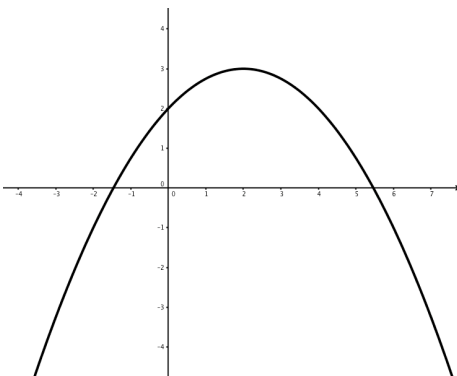
B.  $g(x) = 3x^2 - 2x + \frac{1}{2}$



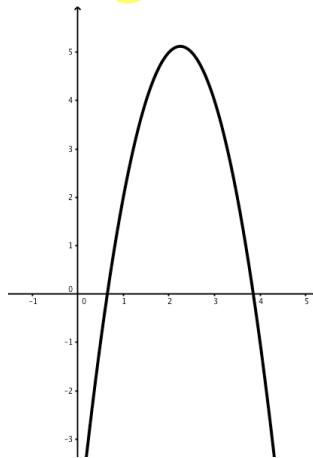
C.  $h(x) = 8x^2 + 9x - 1$



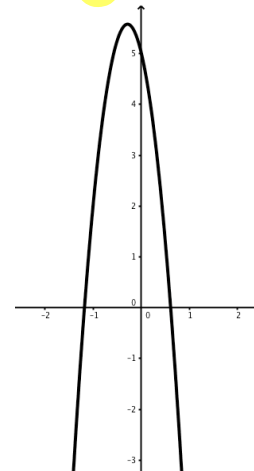
D.  $p(x) = -\frac{1}{4}x^2 + x + 2$



E.  $q(x) = -2x^2 + 9x - 5$



F.  $r(x) = -7x^2 - 4x + 5$



6) For each function, place a “√” in the appropriate columns. Each row should have two “√”.

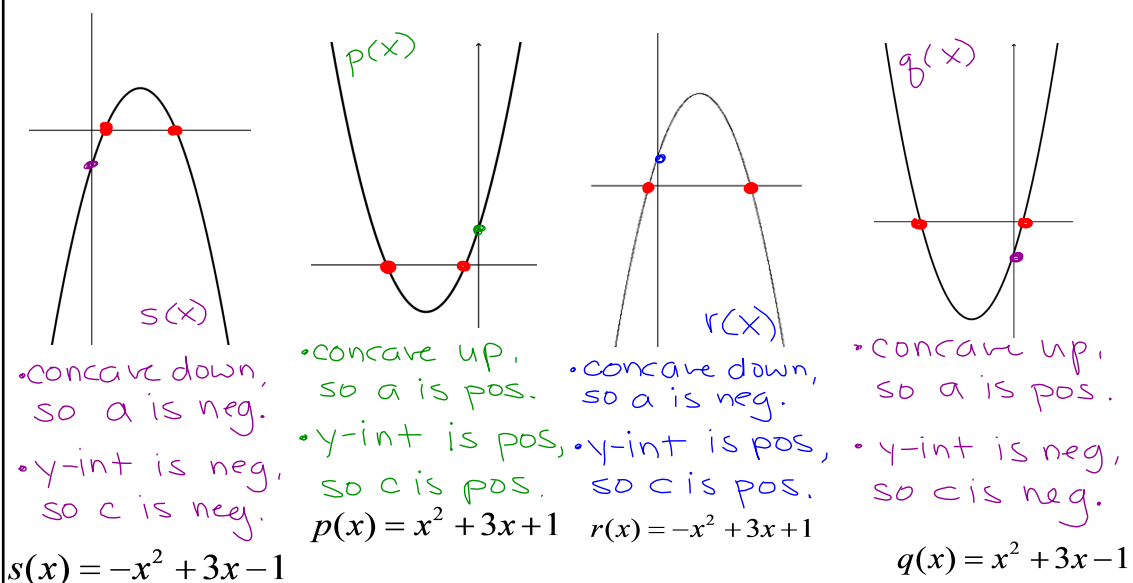
Function	Graph is Concave Up	Graph is Concave Down	Coefficient of $x^2$ : $a > 0$	Coefficient of $x^2$ : $a < 0$
$f(x)$	✓		✓	
$g(x)$	✓		✓	
$h(x)$	✓		✓	
$p(x)$		✓		✓
$q(x)$		✓		✓
$r(x)$		✓		✓

(erase to show)

Consider any quadratic function,  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ , with  $a \neq 0$ .

- The quadratic coefficient "a" determines the concavity of the graph of  $f(x)$ :
  - If  $a > 0$ , then the graph of  $f$  is **concave up** (opens upwards).
  - If  $a < 0$ , then the graph of  $f$  is **concave down** (opens downwards).
- The closer the value of "a" is to 0, the wider the graph will be.
- The farther the value of "a" is from 0, the narrower the graph will be.
- The value of the constant coefficient "c" tells us the y-coordinate of the y-intercept:  $(0, c)$

7) Work with a partner to label each graph with its appropriate function name:  $p(x)$ ,  $q(x)$ ,  $r(x)$ , or  $s(x)$ .



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**8)** A quadratic function  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  will have two x-intercepts if the graph crosses the x-axis at two points.

**A.** For each of the functions above in question 7, place two points on each graph to show the locations of the x-intercepts. (in red)

**B.** However, some quadratic functions do not have any x-intercepts: their graphs will never cross the x-axis. Consider the four cases shown below. Working with a partner, circle the two cases that are guaranteed to have x-intercepts, and place an asterisk, “ \* ” next to the two cases that MAY NOT have x-intercepts.

