

4.3 Investigate Transformations of Quadratics

A Compare the graphs of $y = x^2$ and $y = x^2 + k$

The graph of $y = x^2 + k$ is *translated vertically* $|k|$ units

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- upward if $k > 0$
- downward if $k < 0$

Example 1. Graph on the same grid the following quadratic relations. Then determine the vertex, minimum or maximum value, domain and the range.

a) $y = x^2$

Vertex:

Minimum Value:

Maximum Value:

Domain:

Range:

b) $y = x^2 - 3$

Vertex:

Minimum Value:

Maximum Value:

Domain:

Range:

c) $y = x^2 + 2$

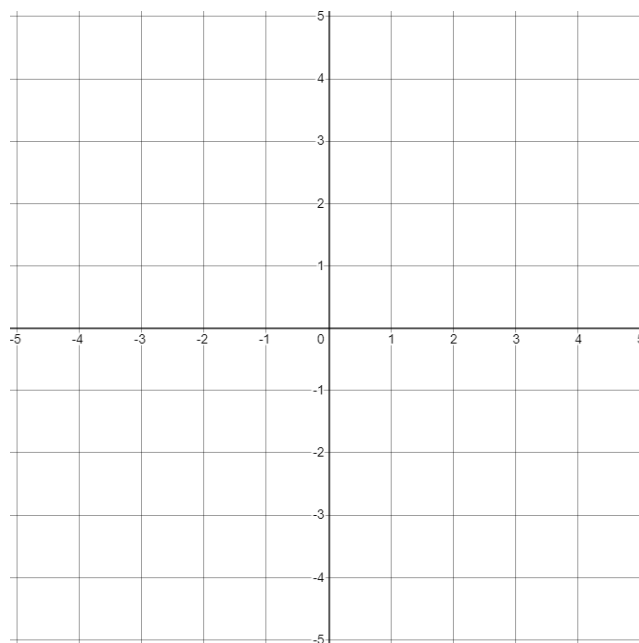
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Minimum Value:

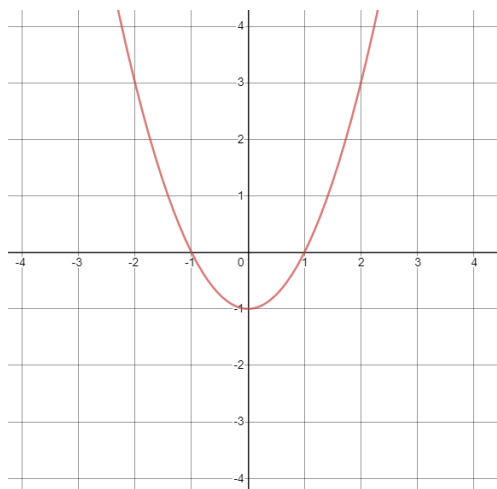
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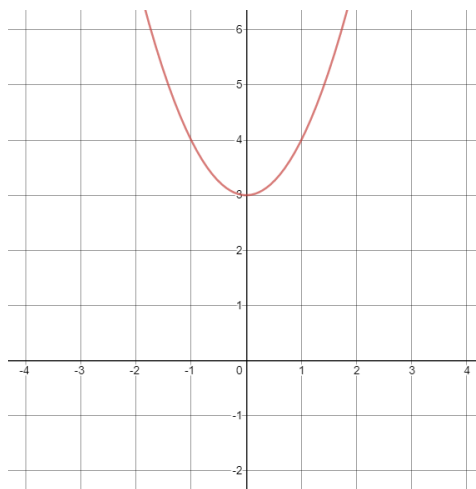
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Example 2. For each case, write the equation of the quadratic relation in the form $y = x^2 + k$.



a)



b)

2. Compare the graphs of $y = x^2$ and $y = (x - h)^2$

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The graph of $y = (x - h)^2$ is *translated horizontally* h units

- to the right if $h > 0$
- to the left if $h < 0$

Example 3. Graph on the same grid the following quadratic relations. Then determine the vertex, minimum or maximum value, domain and the range.

a) $y = x^2$

Vertex:

Minimum Value:

Maximum Value:

Domain:

Range:

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

Vertex:

Minimum Value:

Maximum Value:

Domain:

Range:

c) $y = (x + 2)^2$

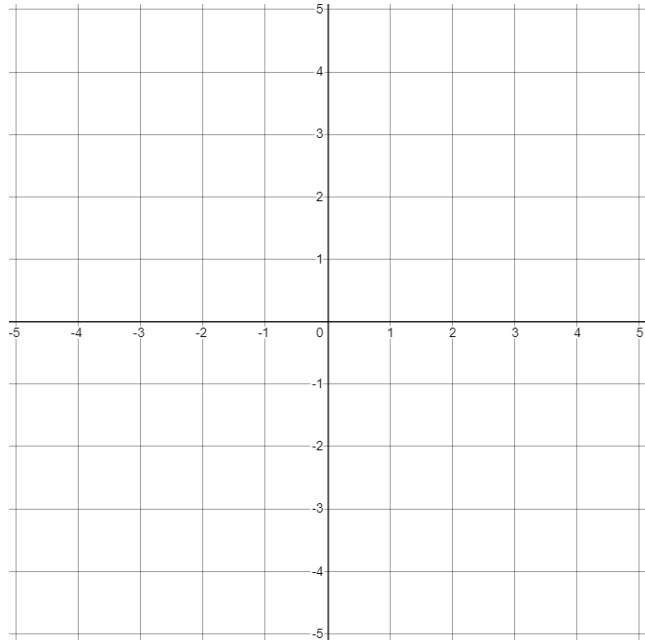
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Minimum Value:

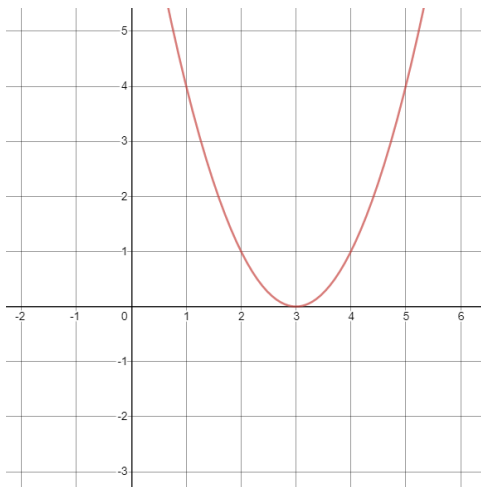
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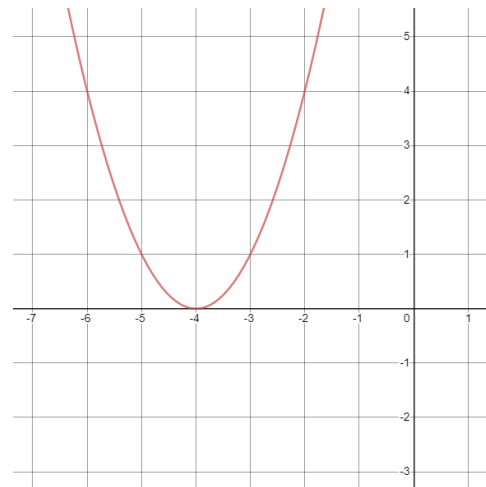
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Example 4. For each case, write the equation of the quadratic relation in the form $y = (x - h)^2$.



a)



b)

2. Compare the graphs of $y = x^2$ and $y = ax^2$

The graph of $y = ax^2$ is

- *stretched (expanded) vertically* if $|a| > 1$
- *compressed vertically* if $|a| < 1$

by a scale factor of $|a|$ and

- *reflected in the x-axis* if $a < 0$

Note. The *scale factor* is defined by $= \frac{\text{size of the copy (image)}}{\text{size of the original}}$



Original



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Scale Factor is 0.5



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Scale Factor is 1.5

Example 3. Graph on the same grid the following quadratic relations. Then determine the vertex, minimum or maximum value, domain and the range.

a) $y = -x^2$

Vertex:

Range:

b) $y = 2x^2$

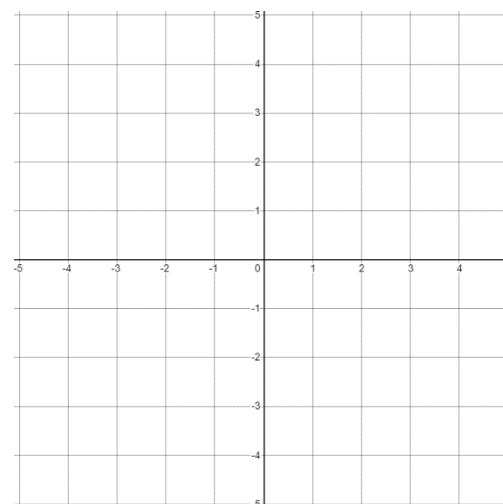
Vertex:

Range:

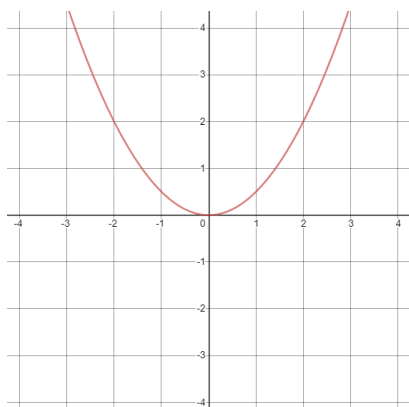
c) $y = -0.5x^2$

Vertex:

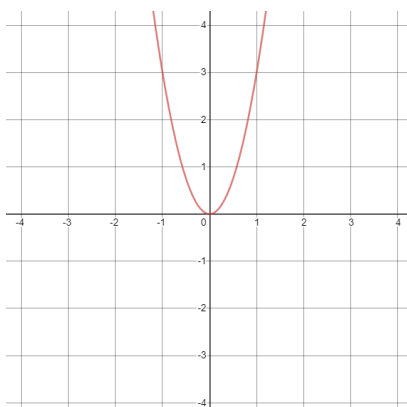
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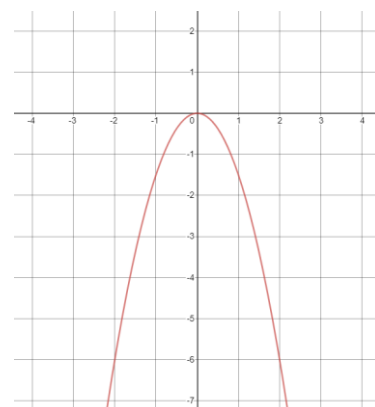
Example 4. For each case, write the equation of the quadratic relation in the form $y = ax^2$.



a)



b)



c)

Example 5. For each case, describe the transformations from the graph of $y = x^2$.

a) $y = x^2 + 5$

b) $y = (x - 5)^2$

c) $y = 3x^2$

c) $y = -(x + 1)^2$

d) $y = -\frac{1}{2}x^2$

e) $y = 2 - 3x^2$

Example 6. For each case, write an equation for the quadratic relation that results from $y = x^2$ by performing the following transformations:

- a) translation upward by 3 units
- b) translation to the left by 2 units
- c) reflection in the x-axis
- d) vertical expansion by a factor of 5
- e) reflection in the x-axis and vertical compression by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$

Example 7. For each case, write an equation for the quadratic relation that results from $y = x^2$ by performing all transformations one by one.

- a)
 - reflection in the x-axis
 - vertical stretch by a factor of 2
- b)
 - translation to the left by 3 units
 - vertical compression by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$
 - reflection in the x-axis

Notes: Textbook Pages 174-177

Homework: Textbook Pages 178 #4, 6, 8, 12, 13