

2. Consider the three forms of a quadratic function:  $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$  (standard form),  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ , (general form) and  $f(x) = a(x - x_1)(x - x_2)$  (factored form).

For each given form, determine the two other forms.

a)  $f(x) = 2(x - 1)^2 - 8$

$f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x - 6$  (general form)

$f(x) = 2(x + 1)(x - 3)$  (factored form)

b)  $f(x) = x^2 - 10x + 16$

$f(x) = (x - 5)^2 - 9$  (standard form)

$f(x) = (x - 2)(x - 8)$  (factored form)

c)  $f(x) = 4x^2 - 8x + 3$

$f(x) = 4(x - 1)^2 - 1$  (standard form)

$f(x) = 4\left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right)\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)$  (factored form)

d)  $f(x) = 2(x - 1)(x - 5)$

$f(x) = 2x^2 - 12x + 10$  (general form)

$f(x) = 2(x - 3)^2 - 8$  (standard form)

## ACTIVITY 2 Finding the rule – Given the zeros and a point

The parabola on the right has two zeros:  $-1$  and  $2$  and passes through the point  $P(3, 2)$ .

The quadratic function represented by this parabola has the rule:

$y = a(x - x_1)(x - x_2)$  (factored form).

Use the following procedure to determine the factored form of the rule.

1. Identify  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .  $x_1 = -1$  and  $x_2 = 2$

2. Determine  $a$  knowing the coordinates of the point  $(3, 2)$  verify the rule.

We have:  $y = a(x + 1)(x - 2)$

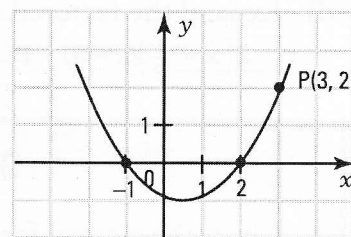
$2 = a(3 + 1)(3 - 2)$

$2 = 4a$

$a = \frac{1}{2}$

3. What is therefore the factored form of the rule?  $y = \frac{1}{2}(x + 1)(x - 2)$

4. What is the general form?  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x - 1$



## FINDING THE RULE – GIVEN THE ZEROS AND A POINT

$y = a(x - x_1)(x - x_2)$

1. Identify the zeros  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .

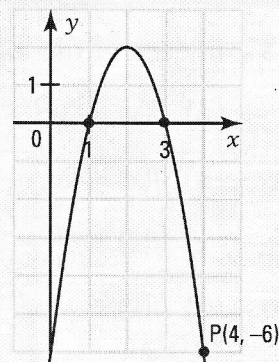
1.  $x_1 = 1; x_2 = 3$   
 $y = a(x - 1)(x - 3)$

2. Determine  $a$  after replacing  $x$  and  $y$  in the rule by the coordinates of the point P.

2.  $-6 = a(4 - 1)(4 - 3)$   
 $-6 = 3a$   
 $a = -2$

3. Deduce the rule of the function.

3.  $y = -2(x - 1)(x - 3)$  (factored form)  
 $y = -2x^2 + 8x - 6$  (general form)



3. Find the rule, in general form, of each of the following quadratic functions.

a) A function with  $-5$  and  $2$  as zeros and passing through the point  $P(3, 16)$ .

$$y = 2x^2 + 6x - 20$$

b) A function with  $-3$  and  $-1$  as zeros and an initial value of  $-6$ .

$$y = -2x^2 - 8x - 6$$

c) A function with the unique zero  $-2$  and passing through the point  $P(-1, 3)$ .

$$y = 3x^2 + 12x + 12$$

d) A function with the vertex  $V(-1, 4)$  and passing through the point  $P(2, -5)$ .

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

e) A function with the vertex  $(1, -8)$  and one of the zeros equal to  $3$ .

$$y = 2x^2 - 4x - 6$$

4. What is the vertex of the parabola that has  $-2$  and  $4$  for zeros and passes through the point  $A(5, 21)$ ?

$$y = 3(x + 2)(x - 4); V(1, -27)$$

5. A parabola with zeros  $-1$  and  $3$  passes through the point  $A(2, 6)$ . What is the  $y$ -coordinate of the point  $B$  on the parabola that has an  $x$ -coordinate of  $4$ ?

$$y = -2(x + 1)(x - 3); B(4, -10). \text{ The } y\text{-coordinate of point } B \text{ is } -10.$$

6. A parabola with zeros  $-3$  and  $4$  passes through the point  $A(2, -20)$ . What are the points on this parabola that have a  $y$ -coordinate equal to  $16$ ?

$$y = 2(x + 3)(x - 4); P_1(-4, 16) \text{ and } P_2(5, 16)$$

7. What is the  $y$ -intercept of the parabola with zeros  $-3$  and  $-1$  and passing through the point  $A(-2, 2)$ ?

$$\text{The } y\text{-intercept is equal to } -6.$$

8. What is the equation of the axis of symmetry of a parabola with zeros  $-3$  and  $4$ ?

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$

9. The table of values on the right gives the coordinates of different points on a parabola. What is the equation of this parabola?

$$\text{Axis of symmetry: } x = 2; \text{ The zeros are } -1 \text{ and } 5.$$

$$y = -(x + 1)(x - 5); y = -x^2 + 4x + 5$$

$x$	$y$
0	5
1	8
3	8
5	0

10. Determine the range of the quadratic function  $f$  with zeros  $3$  and  $5$  which verifies  $f(2) = -6$ .

$$f(x) = -2x^2 + 16x - 30; V(4, 2); \text{ ran } f = ]-\infty, 2]$$

11. What is the rule of the function  $f$  that has a range of  $]-\infty, 4]$  and is positive over the interval  $[-1, 3]$ ?

$$f(x) = -x^2 + 2x + 3$$

- 12.** The value of a share, in dollars,  $x$  weeks after its purchase is given by the rule  $y = -0.1x^2 + x + 4.5$ . Do you make a profit or a loss if the share is sold two weeks after reaching its maximum value?

**Value at purchase: \$4.50;  $V(5, 7)$ ;  $f(7) = \$6.60$ . A profit of \$2.10 per share is made.**

- 13.** The position  $f(t)$ , in metres, of a diver relative to the surface is described by the rule  $f(t) = 0.5t^2 - 6t + 10$  where  $t$  represents elapsed time, in seconds. How long was the diver under water?

**$f(t) \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow 2 \leq t \leq 10$ . The diver was under water during 8 seconds.**

- 14.** The trajectory of a stone thrown from a seaside cliff is a partial parabola. The position  $f(t)$ , in metres, of the stone relative to sea level is given by  $f(t) = -t^2 + 8t + 20$  where  $t$  represents elapsed time in seconds since it was thrown. How many seconds after reaching its maximum height will the stone hit the water?

**After 6 seconds.**

- 15.** The manager of a movie theatre has calculated the following results. When the cost of admission is set at \$10, he observes on average 100 spectators per showing and for each \$0.50 rebate on the admission price, he notices an average of 10 more spectators.

- a) Find the rule which gives the total revenue per showing as a function of the number  $x$  of \$0.50 rebates.

**$R(x)$ : Total revenue per showing.**

$$R(x) = (10 - 0.5x)(100 + 10x); R(x) = -5x^2 + 50x + 1000$$

- b) 1. At what amount should the manager set the cost of admission in order to maximize the revenue per showing?

**The function  $R$  reaches its maximum when  $x = 5$ . The price of admission should be set at \$7.50.**

2. What is the total maximum revenue per showing? **\$1125**

- 16.** A stone is thrown upward from a height of 4 m. After 3 s, it reaches its maximum height and after 8 s, it hits the ground. Its trajectory is parabolic.

1. What is the maximum height reached by the stone?

**6.25 m**

2. Determine the elapsed time from the moment the stone was at a height of 2.25 m during its descent to the moment it hit the ground.

**1 second**

