

Using the method of completing the square, find (i) the coordinates of the vertex of the graph, and (ii) the maximum or minimum value of each of the following quadratic functions.

1. $y = x^2 + 13x - 13$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= x^2 + 13x - 13 \\&= x^2 + 13x + \left(\frac{13}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{13}{2}\right)^2 - 13 \\&= \left(x + \frac{13}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{221}{4}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Vertex} = \left(-\frac{13}{2}, -\frac{221}{4}\right), \text{Minimum value} = -\frac{221}{4}$$

2. $y = x^2 + 7x + 4$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= x^2 + 7x + 4 \\&= x^2 + 7x + \left(\frac{7}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{7}{2}\right)^2 + 4 \\&= \left(x + \frac{7}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{33}{4}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Vertex} = \left(-\frac{7}{2}, -\frac{33}{4}\right), \text{Minimum value} = -\frac{33}{4}$$

3. $y = x^2 - 2x - 6$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= x^2 - 2x - 6 \\&= x^2 - 2x + \left(\frac{-2}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{-2}{2}\right)^2 - 6 \\&= (x - 1)^2 - 7\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Vertex} = (1, -7), \text{Minimum value} = -7$$

4. $y = x^2 - 4x + 7$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= x^2 - 4x + 7 \\&= x^2 - 4x + \left(\frac{-4}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{-4}{2}\right)^2 + 7 \\&= (x - 2)^2 + 3\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Vertex = (2, 3), Minimum value = 3

5. $y = x^2 - 10x - 5$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= x^2 - 10x - 5 \\&= x^2 - 10x + \left(\frac{-10}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{-10}{2}\right)^2 - 5 \\&= (x - 5)^2 - 30\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Vertex = (5, -30), Minimum value = -30

6. $y = x^2 - 9x - 13$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= x^2 - 9x - 13 \\&= x^2 - 9x + \left(\frac{-9}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{-9}{2}\right)^2 - 13 \\&= \left(x - \frac{9}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{133}{4}\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Vertex = $\left(\frac{9}{2}, -\frac{133}{4}\right)$, Minimum value = $-\frac{133}{4}$

7. $y = x^2 - 3x - 15$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= x^2 - 3x - 15 \\&= x^2 - 3x + \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^2 - 15 \\&= \left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{69}{4}\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Vertex = $\left(\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{69}{4}\right)$, Minimum value = $-\frac{69}{4}$

8. $y = x^2 - 6x + 3$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= x^2 - 6x + 3 \\&= x^2 - 6x + \left(\frac{-6}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{-6}{2}\right)^2 + 3 \\&= (x - 3)^2 - 6\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Vertex = $(3, -6)$, Minimum value = -6

9. $y = x^2 + 14x + 3$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= x^2 + 14x + 3 \\&= x^2 + 14x + \left(\frac{14}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{14}{2}\right)^2 + 3 \\&= (x + 7)^2 - 46\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Vertex = $(-7, -46)$, Minimum value = -46

10. $y = x^2 - 9x - 13$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= x^2 - 9x - 13 \\&= x^2 - 9x + \left(\frac{-9}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{-9}{2}\right)^2 - 13 \\&= \left(x - \frac{9}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{133}{4}\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Vertex = $\left(\frac{9}{2}, -\frac{133}{4}\right)$, Minimum value = $-\frac{133}{4}$

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= -2x^2 - 5x + 7 \\&= -2\left(x^2 + \frac{5}{2}x\right) + 7 \\&= -2\left[x^2 + \frac{5}{2}x + \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2\right] + 7 \\&= -2\left[\left(x + \frac{5}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{25}{16}\right] + 7 \\&= -2\left(x + \frac{5}{4}\right)^2 - 2\left(-\frac{25}{16}\right) + 7 \\&= -2\left(x + \frac{5}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{81}{8}\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Vertex = $\left(-\frac{5}{4}, \frac{81}{8}\right)$, Maximum value = $\frac{81}{8}$

12. $y = -2x^2 - 10x + 13$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= -2x^2 - 10x + 13 \\&= -2(x^2 + 5x) + 13 \\&= -2\left[x^2 + 5x + \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2\right] + 13 \\&= -2\left[\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{25}{4}\right] + 13 \\&= -2\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - 2\left(-\frac{25}{4}\right) + 13 \\&= -2\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{51}{2}\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Vertex = $\left(-\frac{5}{2}, \frac{51}{2}\right)$, Maximum value = $\frac{51}{2}$

13. $y = 3x^2 + 7x - 11$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= 3x^2 + 7x - 11 \\&= 3\left(x^2 + \frac{7}{3}x\right) - 11 \\&= 3\left[x^2 + \frac{7}{3}x + \left(\frac{7}{6}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{7}{6}\right)^2\right] - 11 \\&= 3\left[\left(x + \frac{7}{6}\right)^2 - \frac{49}{36}\right] - 11 \\&= 3\left(x + \frac{7}{6}\right)^2 + 3\left(-\frac{49}{36}\right) - 11 \\&= 3\left(x + \frac{7}{6}\right)^2 - \frac{181}{12}\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Vertex = $\left(-\frac{7}{6}, -\frac{181}{12}\right)$, Minimum value = $-\frac{181}{12}$

14. $y = -2x^2 - 7x - 1$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= -2x^2 - 7x - 1 \\&= -2\left(x^2 + \frac{7}{2}x\right) - 1 \\&= -2\left[x^2 + \frac{7}{2}x + \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^2\right] - 1 \\&= -2\left[\left(x + \frac{7}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{49}{16}\right] - 1 \\&= -2\left(x + \frac{7}{4}\right)^2 - 2\left(-\frac{49}{16}\right) - 1 \\&= -2\left(x + \frac{7}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{41}{8}\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Vertex = $\left(-\frac{7}{4}, \frac{41}{8}\right)$, Maximum value = $\frac{41}{8}$

15. $y = 4x^2 - 10x + 5$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= 4x^2 - 10x + 5 \\&= 4\left(x^2 - \frac{5}{2}x\right) + 5 \\&= 4\left[x^2 - \frac{5}{2}x + \left(-\frac{5}{4}\right)^2 - \left(-\frac{5}{4}\right)^2\right] + 5 \\&= 4\left[\left(x - \frac{5}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{25}{16}\right] + 5 \\&= 4\left(x - \frac{5}{4}\right)^2 + 4\left(-\frac{25}{16}\right) + 5 \\&= 4\left(x - \frac{5}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{5}{4}\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Vertex = $\left(\frac{5}{4}, -\frac{5}{4}\right)$, Minimum value = $-\frac{5}{4}$

16. $y = -4x^2 - 12x + 3$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= -4x^2 - 12x + 3 \\&= -4(x^2 + 3x) + 3 \\&= -4\left[x^2 + 3x + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2\right] + 3 \\&= -4\left[\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{9}{4}\right] + 3 \\&= -4\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - 4\left(-\frac{9}{4}\right) + 3 \\&= -4\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + 12\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Vertex = $\left(-\frac{3}{2}, 12\right)$, Maximum value = 12

17. $y = -x^2 - 2x - 10$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= -x^2 - 2x - 10 \\&= -(x^2 + 2x) - 10 \\&= -\left[x^2 + 2x + (1)^2 - (1)^2\right] - 10 \\&= -\left[(x + 1)^2 - 1\right] - 10 \\&= -(x + 1)^2 - (-1) - 10 \\&= -(x + 1)^2 - 9\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Vertex = $(-1, -9)$, Maximum value = -9

18. $y = -2x^2 - 4x - 18$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= -2x^2 - 4x - 18 \\&= -2(x^2 + 2x) - 18 \\&= -2\left[x^2 + 2x + (1)^2 - (1)^2\right] - 18 \\&= -2\left[(x + 1)^2 - 1\right] - 18 \\&= -2(x + 1)^2 - 2(-1) - 18 \\&= -2(x + 1)^2 - 16\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Vertex = $(-1, -16)$, Maximum value = -16

19. $y = 3x^2 + 9x - 1$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= 3x^2 + 9x - 1 \\&= 3(x^2 + 3x) - 1 \\&= 3\left[x^2 + 3x + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2\right] - 1 \\&= 3\left[\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{9}{4}\right] - 1 \\&= 3\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + 3\left(-\frac{9}{4}\right) - 1 \\&= 3\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{31}{4}\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Vertex = $\left(-\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{31}{4}\right)$, Minimum value = $-\frac{31}{4}$

20. $y = 3x^2 - 10x + 13$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= 3x^2 - 10x + 13 \\&= 3 \left(x^2 - \frac{10}{3}x \right) + 13 \\&= 3 \left[x^2 - \frac{10}{3}x + \left(-\frac{5}{3} \right)^2 - \left(-\frac{5}{3} \right)^2 \right] + 13 \\&= 3 \left[\left(x - \frac{5}{3} \right)^2 - \frac{25}{9} \right] + 13 \\&= 3 \left(x - \frac{5}{3} \right)^2 + 3 \left(-\frac{25}{9} \right) + 13 \\&= 3 \left(x - \frac{5}{3} \right)^2 + \frac{14}{3}\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Vertex = $\left(\frac{5}{3}, \frac{14}{3} \right)$, Minimum value = $\frac{14}{3}$