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Quiz 5

**Problem 1:** Consider the quadratic function  $f(x) = 3 - 6x - x^2$ .

- (a) Find  $a, b, c$  from the standard form for  $f(x)$ .
- (b) Does the graph of  $f(x)$  open upwards or downwards? Explain.
- (c) Find the vertex and axis of symmetry for  $f(x)$ .

**Solution.**

- (a) The standard form of a quadratic function is  $ax^2 + bx + c$ . Writing  $f(x) = 3 - 6x - x^2 = -x^2 - 6x + 3$ , we see that  $a = -1$ ,  $b = -6$ , and  $c = 3$ .

(b)

(c)