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3.4 Graphing quadratic functions

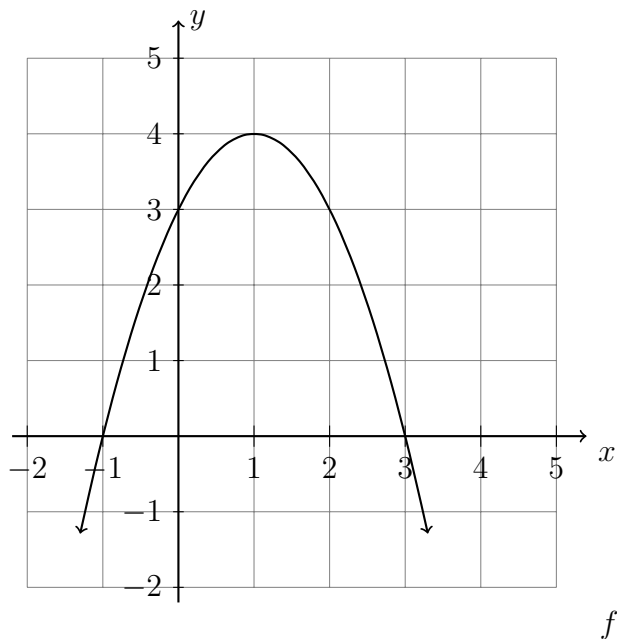
1. The function $f(x) = -x^2 + 2x + 3$ is shown on the graph.

(a) Write down its vertex as an ordered pair.

(b) Write down $f(0)$.

(c) Write down two solutions to $f(x) = 0$.

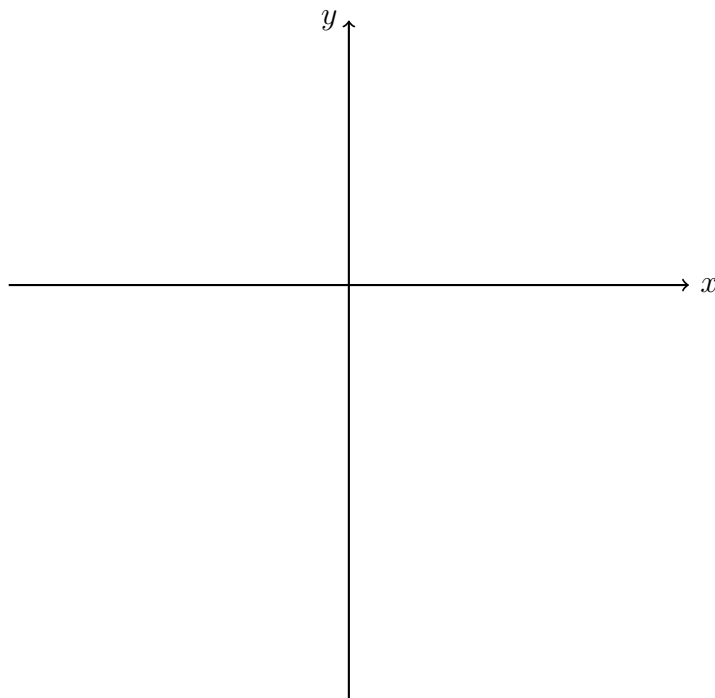
(d) Hence or otherwise, write f in the form $f(x) = a(x - p)(x - q)$



2. Given $f(x) = (x + 2)(x - 6)$

(a) Sketch the function. Label the vertex as an ordered pair and mark the intercepts with their values.

(b) Expand the function to standard form, $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$.



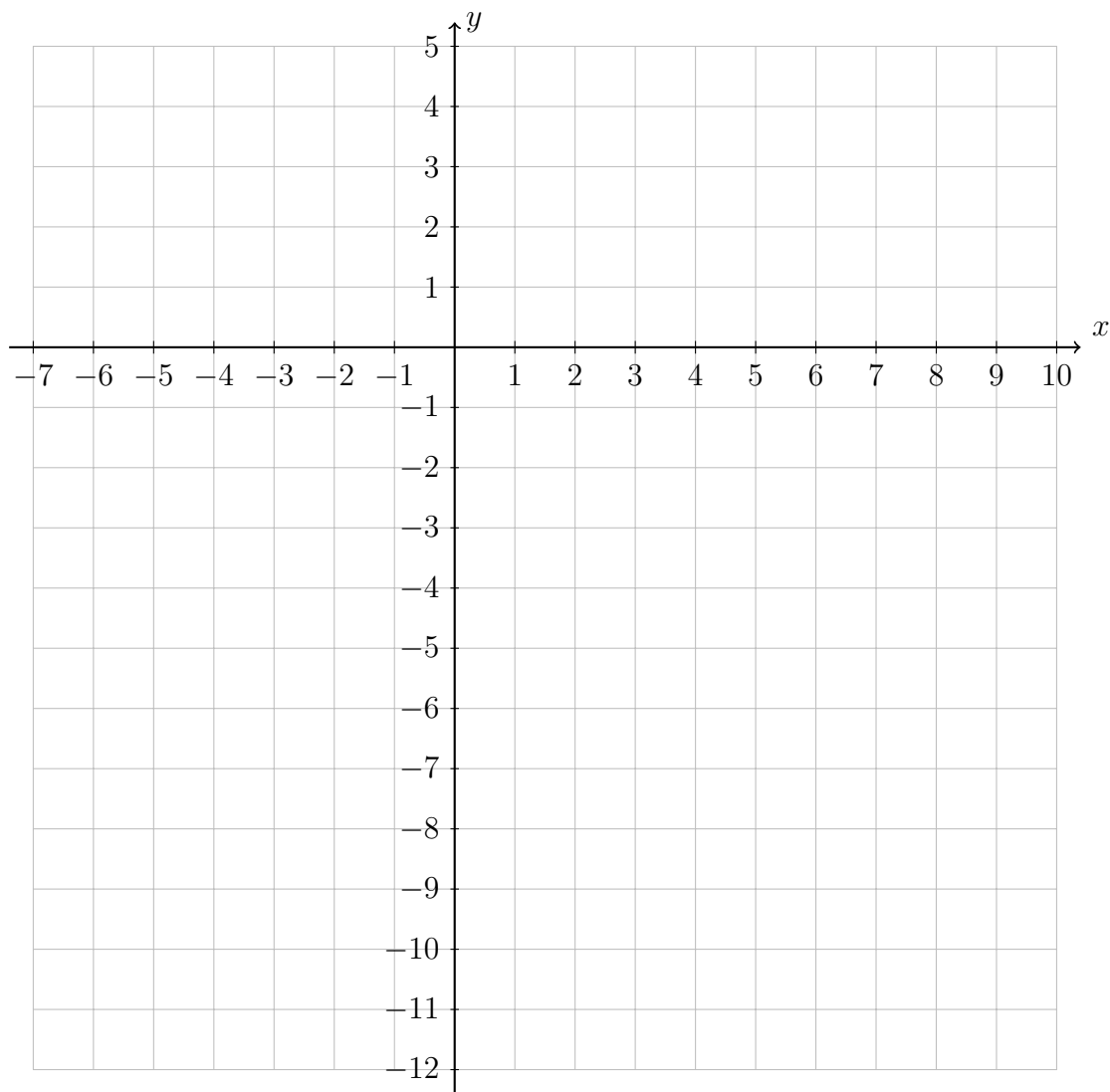
3. Consider the graph given by the equation $y = 0.4x^2 - 2x - 8$.

(a) Find the coordinates where the graph crosses the x -axis.

(b) Find the coordinates of the intercept with the y -axis.

(c) Find the equation of the axis of symmetry of the curve.

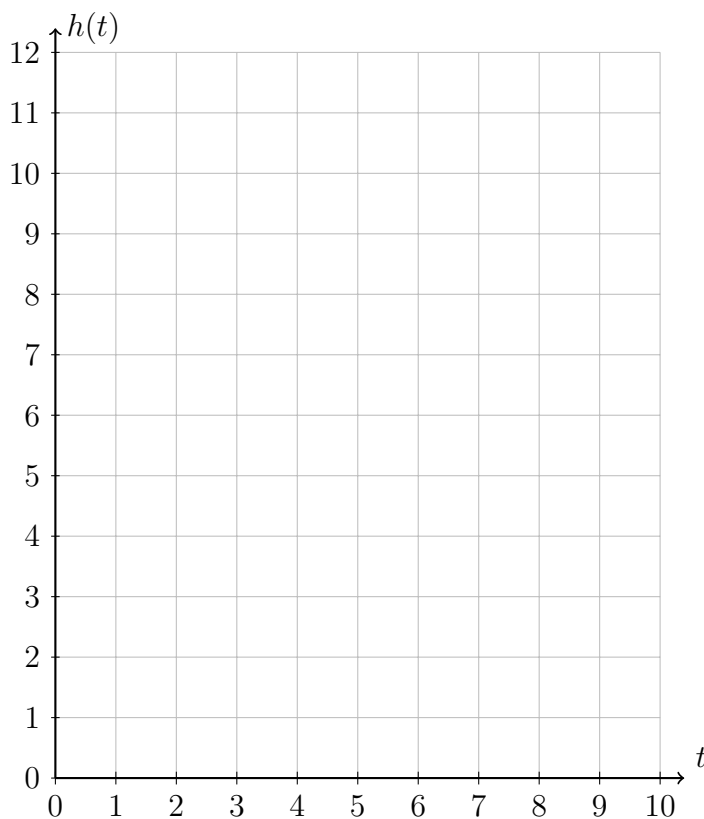
(d) Sketch the graph and the axis of symmetry, marking the intercepts and vertex.



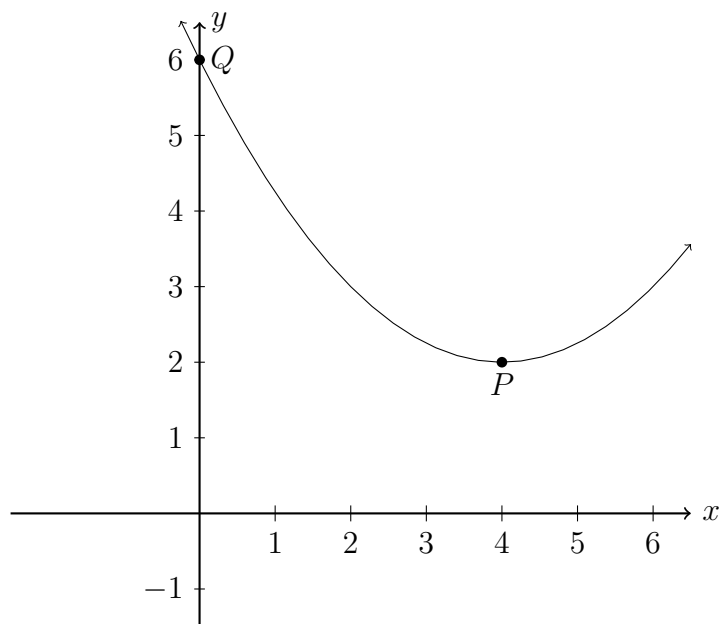
4. A ball is thrown vertically upwards.

The path of the ball can be modelled by the equation $h(t) = 12t - 4t^2$ where $h(t)$ is the height of the ball after t seconds.

- (a) Plot a graph of this equation and hence sketch it below, showing the coordinates of the vertex and axes intercepts.
- (b) Find the t -intercepts and explain what these values represent.
- (c) Find the equation of the axis of symmetry, and state what this tells you in the context of the problem.



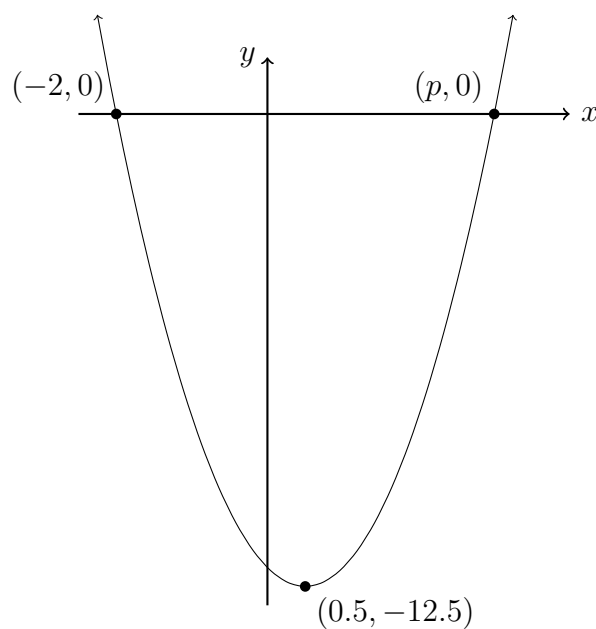
5. Let f be a quadratic function. Part of the graph of f is shown below. The vertex is at $P(4, 2)$ and the y -intercept is at $Q(0, 6)$.



- (a) Write down the equation of the axis of symmetry.
- (b) Write down the domain and range of f .
- (c) The function f can be written in the form $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$.
Write down the value of h and of k .
- (d) Find a .

6. Consider the function $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$. The graph of $y = f(x)$ is shown in the diagram. The vertex of the graph has coordinates $(0.5, -12.5)$. The graph intersects the x -axis at the two points, $(-2, 0)$ and $(p, 0)$.

diagram not to scale



- (a) Find the value of p .
- (b) Find the value of:
- i. a .
 - ii. b .
 - iii. c .
- (c) Write down the equation of the axis of symmetry.