Problem 1. Given a vertex and another point on a parabola, write in the form $f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k$. Find the zeros of this function by setting f(x) = 0 and solving for x. Rewrite each function in the form $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$. Use the quadratic formula to find the zeros and the vertex of the parabola. Graphing the parabola may help you to keep all of this straight. It's not necessary, but I highly recommend doing it so that you're not just "plugging numbers" into the right places, you're actually seeing why you're plugging in inputs and getting outputs. An example is given below.

(a) Vertex: (-2, 3), Point: (-1, 2) $f(x) = a(x+2)^2 + 3$ f(-1) = 2 $a(-1+2)^2+3=2$ a(1) = 2 - 3a = -1 $f(x) = -(x+2)^2 + 3$ $f(x) = 0 = -(x+2)^2 + 3$ $(x+2)^2 = 3$ $x + 2 = \pm \sqrt{3}$ $x = -2 + \sqrt{3}$ $x \in \left\{-2 - \sqrt{3}, -2 + \sqrt{3}\right\}$ $f(x) = -(x^2 + 4x + 4) + 3$ $f(x) = -x^2 - 4x - 4 + 3$ $f(x) = -x^2 - 4x - 1$ a = -1, b = -4, c = -1 $x = -\frac{b}{2a} \pm \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = -\frac{(-4)}{2(-1)} \pm \frac{\sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(-1)(-1)}}{2(-1)}$ $= -2 \pm \frac{\sqrt{16 - 4}}{2} = -2 \pm \frac{\sqrt{12}}{2} = -2 \pm \frac{\sqrt{4 * 3}}{2} = -2 \pm \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{2} = -2 \pm \sqrt{3}$ $x \in \left\{-2 - \sqrt{3}, -2 + \sqrt{3}\right\}$

Clearly the midpoint is x=-2. Alternately, the midpoint is at $x=-\frac{b}{2a}=-\frac{(-4)}{2(-1)}=-2$. Also

$$f(-2) = -(-2)^2 - 4(-2) - 1 = -(4) + 8 - 1 = 4 - 1 = 3$$

Then the vertex is at

$$\left(-\frac{b}{2a}, f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)\right) = (-2, f(-2)) = (-2, 3)$$

(b) Vertex:
$$(3, -1)$$
, Point: $(0, 1)$

$$f(x) = a(x-3)^2 - 1$$

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$a(0-3)^2 - 1 = 1$$

$$a(9) = 2$$

$$a = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{9}(x-3)^2 - 1$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{9}(x-3)^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\frac{2}{9}(x-3)^2 = 1$$

$$(x-3)^2 = (1)\frac{9}{2}$$

$$x - 3 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{9}{2}}$$

$$x = 3 \pm \frac{\sqrt{9}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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$$f(x) = \frac{2}{9}(x-3)^2 - 1$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{9}(x-3)^2 - 1$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{9}(x^2 - 6x + 9) - 1$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{9}x^2 - \frac{2}{9}(6)x + \frac{2}{9}(9) - 1$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{9}x^2 - \frac{2}{3}(2)x + 2 - 1$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{9}x^2 - \frac{4}{3}x + 1$$

$$a = \frac{2}{9}, b = -\frac{4}{3}, c = 1$$

$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} \pm \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = -\frac{(-\frac{4}{3})}{2(\frac{2}{9})} \pm \frac{\sqrt{(-\frac{4}{3})^2 - 4(\frac{2}{9})(1)}}{2(\frac{2}{9})}$$

$$= \frac{(\frac{4}{3})}{4} \pm \frac{\sqrt{\frac{16}{9} - \frac{8}{9}}}{4} = \left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \frac{9}{4} \pm \frac{\sqrt{\frac{8}{9}}}{4} = 3 \pm \frac{\frac{\sqrt{8}}{34}}{4} = 3 \pm \frac{\frac{\sqrt{8}}{34}}{4}$$

$$= 3 \pm \left(\frac{\sqrt{8}}{3}\right) \frac{9}{4} = 3 \pm \frac{3\sqrt{8}}{4} = 3 \pm \frac{3\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{16}} = 3 \pm 3\sqrt{\frac{8}{16}} = 3 \pm 3\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$x \in \left\{3 - \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}, 3 + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}\right\}$$

Clearly the midpoint is x=3. Alternately, the midpoint is at $x=-\frac{b}{2a}=-\frac{(-\frac{4}{3})}{2(\frac{2}{n})}=3$. Also

$$f(3) = \frac{2}{9}(3)^2 - \frac{4}{3}(3) + 1 = \frac{2}{9}(9) - 4 + 1 = 2 - 4 + 1 = -1$$

Then the vertex is at

$$\left(-\frac{b}{2a}, f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)\right) = (3, f(3)) = (3, -1)$$

(c) Vertex: (2, 1), Point: (1, 2)

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

$$f(1) = 2$$

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

$$a(-1)^2 = 1$$

$$a = 1$$

$$f(x) = (x-2)^2 + 1$$

$$f(x) = (x-2)^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$(x-2)^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$(x-2)^2 + 1 = 0$$

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

$$x - 2 = \pm \sqrt{-1}$$

$$x = 2 \pm i$$

$$x \in \{2 - i, 2 + i\}$$

$$f(x) = (x-2)^2 + 1$$

$$f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 4 + 1$$

$$f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 5$$

$$a = 1, b = -4, c = 5$$

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$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} \pm \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = -\frac{(-4)}{2(1)} \pm \frac{\sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(1)(5)}}{2(1)} = -(-2) \pm \frac{\sqrt{16 - 20}}{2}$$

$$= 2 \pm \frac{\sqrt{-4}}{2} = 2 \pm \frac{i\sqrt{4}}{2} = 2 \pm \frac{2i}{2} = 2 \pm i$$

$$x \in \{2 - i, 2 + i\}$$

Clearly the midpoint is x=2. Alternately, the midpoint is at $x=-\frac{b}{2a}=-\frac{(-4)}{2(1)}=2$. Also

$$f(2) = (2)^2 - 4(2) + 5 = 4 - 8 + 5 = -4 + 5 = 1$$

Then the vertex is at

$$\left(-\frac{b}{2a}, f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)\right) = (2, f(2)) = (2, 1)$$

(d) Vertex:
$$(-5, -2)$$
, Point: $(-1, 6)$

$$f(x) = a(x + 5)^2 - 2$$

$$f(-1) = 6$$

$$a(-1 + 5)^2 - 2 = 6$$

$$a(4)^2 = 8$$

$$16a = 8$$

$$a = \frac{8}{16}$$

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

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x + 5)^2 - 2$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x + 5)^2 - 2 = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(x + 5)^2 = 2$$

$$(x + 5)^2 = 2(2)$$

$$x + 5 = \pm \sqrt{4}$$

$$x + 5 = \pm 2$$

$$x = -5 \pm 2$$

$$x = -5 \pm 2$$

$$x \in \{-5 - 2, -5 + 2\}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + 10x + 25) - 2$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}(10)x + \frac{1}{2}(25) - 2$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 5x + \frac{25}{2} - \frac{4}{2}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 5x + \frac{21}{2}$$

$$a = \frac{1}{2}, b = 5, c = \frac{21}{2}$$

$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} \pm \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = -\frac{(5)}{2(\frac{1}{2})} \pm \frac{\sqrt{(5)^2 - 4(\frac{1}{2})(\frac{21}{2})}}{2(\frac{1}{2})} = -\frac{(5)}{1} \pm \frac{\sqrt{(5)^2 - 2(\frac{21}{2})}}{1}$$

$$= -5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 21} = -5 \pm \sqrt{4} = -5 \pm 2$$

$$x \in \{-5 - 2, -5 + 2\}$$

Clearly the midpoint is x=-5. Alternately, the midpoint is at $x=-\frac{b}{2a}=-\frac{(5)}{2(\frac{1}{2})}=-5$. Also

$$f(-5) = \frac{1}{2}(-5)^2 + 5(-5) + \frac{21}{2} = \frac{25}{2} - 25 + \frac{21}{2} = \frac{46}{2} - 25 = 23 - 25 = -2$$

Then the vertex is at

$$\left(-\frac{b}{2a}, f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)\right) = (-5, f(-5)) = (-5, -2)$$

(e) Vertex: $(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$, Point: (1, 1)

$$f(x) = a\left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{2}{3}$$

$$f(1) = 1$$

$$a\left(1 - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{2}{3} = 1$$

$$a\left(1 - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = 1 - \frac{2}{3}$$

$$a\left(\frac{3}{3} - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{3}{3} - \frac{2}{3}$$

$$a\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$a\left(\frac{1}{9}\right) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$a = \frac{1}{3}(9)$$

$$a = 3$$

$$f(x) = 3\left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{2}{3} = 0$$

$$3\left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{2}{3} = 0$$

$$3\left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = -\frac{2}{9}$$

$$x - \frac{2}{3} = \pm i\sqrt{\frac{2}{9}}$$

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$$x = \frac{2}{3} \pm i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$$

$$x \in \left\{ \frac{2}{3} - i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}, \frac{2}{3} + i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \right\}$$

$$f(x) = 3 \left(x - \frac{2}{3} \right)^2 + \frac{2}{3}$$

$$f(x) = 3 \left(x^2 - \frac{4}{3}x + \frac{4}{9} \right) + \frac{2}{3}$$

$$f(x) = 3x^2 - (3)\frac{4}{3}x + (3)\frac{4}{9} + \frac{2}{3}$$

$$f(x) = 3x^2 - 4x + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{2}{3}$$

$$f(x) = 3x^2 - 4x + \frac{6}{3}$$

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

$$a = 3, b = -4, c = 2$$

$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} \pm \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = -\frac{(-4)}{2(3)} \pm \frac{\sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(3)(2)}}{2(3)} = \frac{2}{3} \pm \frac{\sqrt{16 - 24}}{2(3)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \pm \frac{\sqrt{-8}}{2(3)} = \frac{2}{3} \pm \frac{i\sqrt{8}}{2(3)} = \frac{2}{3} \pm \frac{i\sqrt{4} \times 2}{2(3)} = \frac{2}{3} \pm \frac{2i\sqrt{2}}{2(3)} = \frac{2}{3} \pm i\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$$

$$x \in \left\{ \frac{2}{3} - i\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}, \frac{2}{3} + i\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \right\}$$

Clearly the midpoint is $x = \frac{2}{3}$. Alternately, the midpoint is at $x = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{(-4)}{2(3)} = \frac{2}{3}$. Also

$$f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = 3\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 - 4\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + 2 = 3\left(\frac{4}{9}\right) - \frac{8}{3} + 2$$
$$= \frac{4}{3} - \frac{8}{3} + 2 = -\frac{4}{3} + 2 = -\frac{4}{3} + \frac{6}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Then the vertex is at

$$\left(-\frac{b}{2a}, f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)\right) = \left(\frac{2}{3}, f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\right) = \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$$