Plotting the Parabola

How to plot : $p(e) = a\,e^2 + b\,e + c$
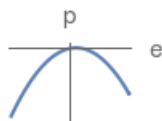
Step 1.
Examine the sign for the leading coefficent

If a $>$ 0 then the valley shape:
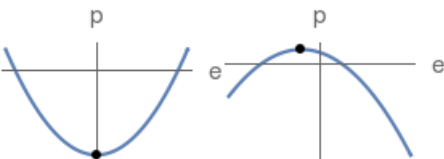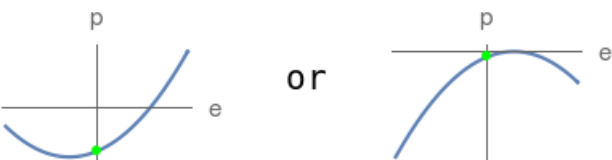

If a $<$ 0 then the hill shape:

Step 2.
Compute the vertex: $\left(-\dfrac{b}{2a}, p\left(-\dfrac{b}{2a}\right)\right)$
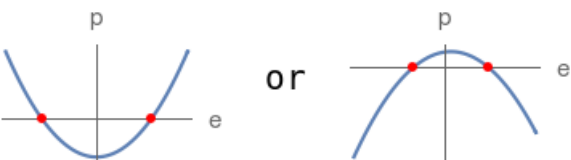

Step 3.
Compute the p-intercept by setting e=0, $0^2\,a + 0\,b + c = c$

 or

Step 4.
Compute the e-intercepts by solving: $a\,e^2 + b\,e + c = 0$

 or

Step 5.
Sketch a rough plot, try to connect vertex to intercepts:

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