

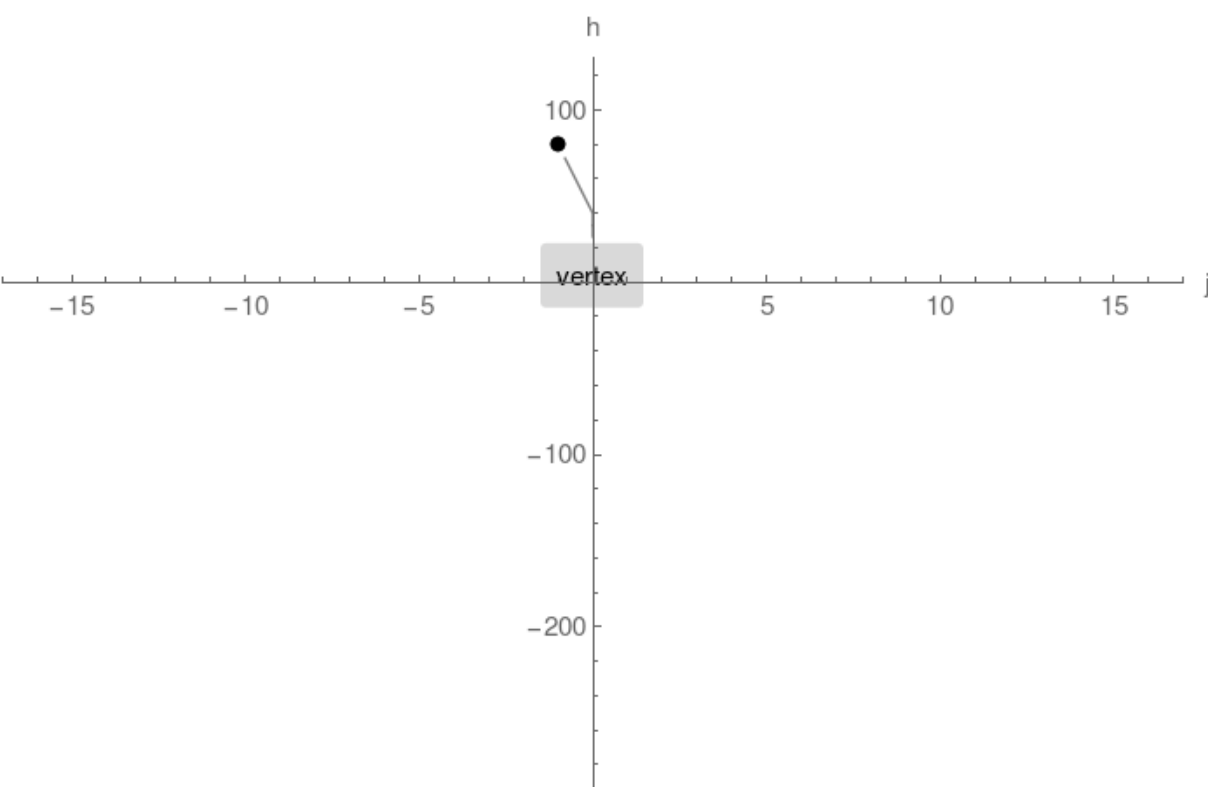
Example 1. 2 horizontal intercepts found

Plot $h(j) = -j^2 - 2j + 79$

Step 1.

Compute vertex and plot single point:

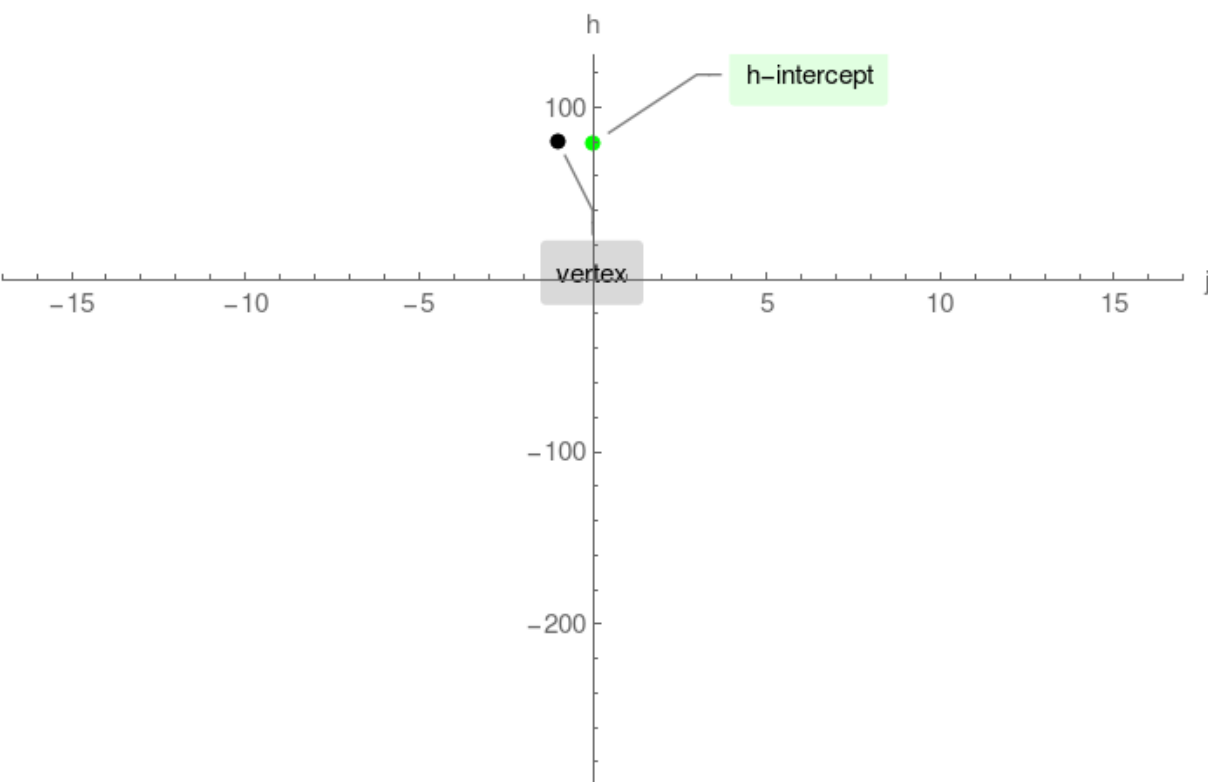
vertex = $(-1, 80)$



Step 2.

Compute h-intercept and plot single point:

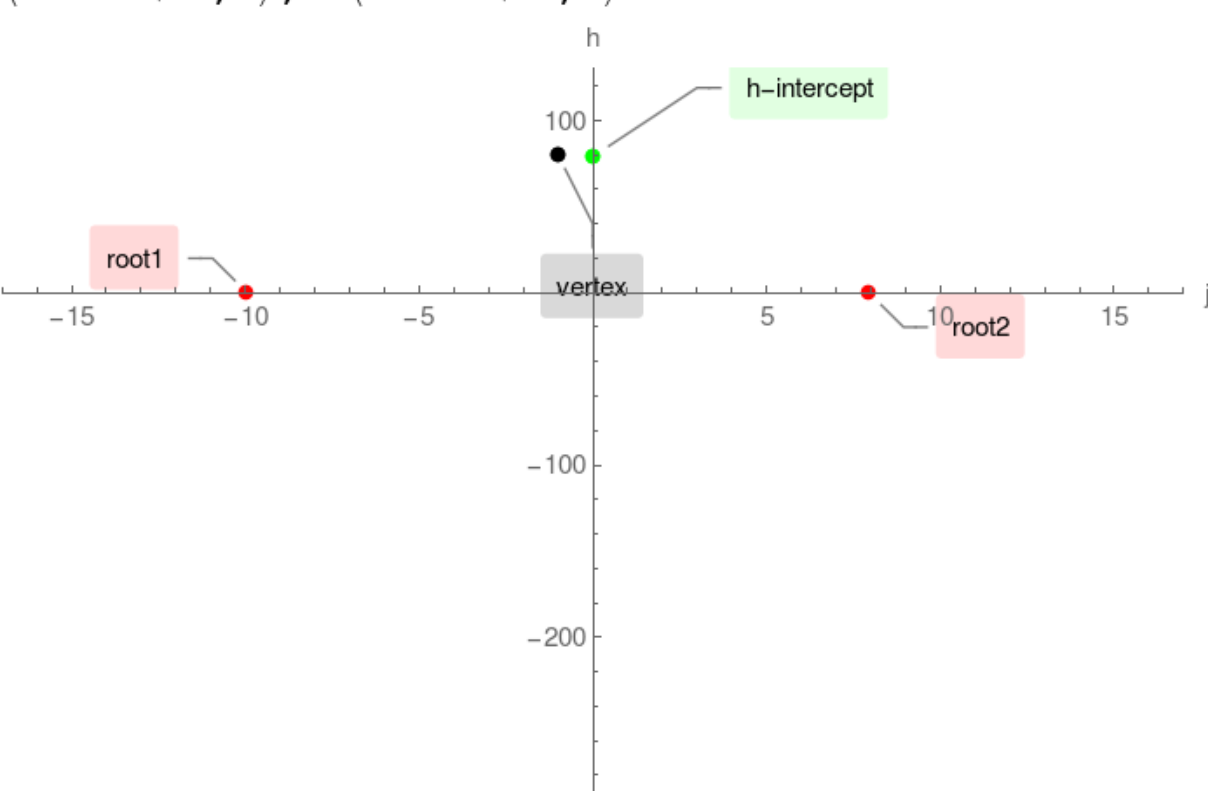
h-intercept = $(0, 79)$



Step 3.

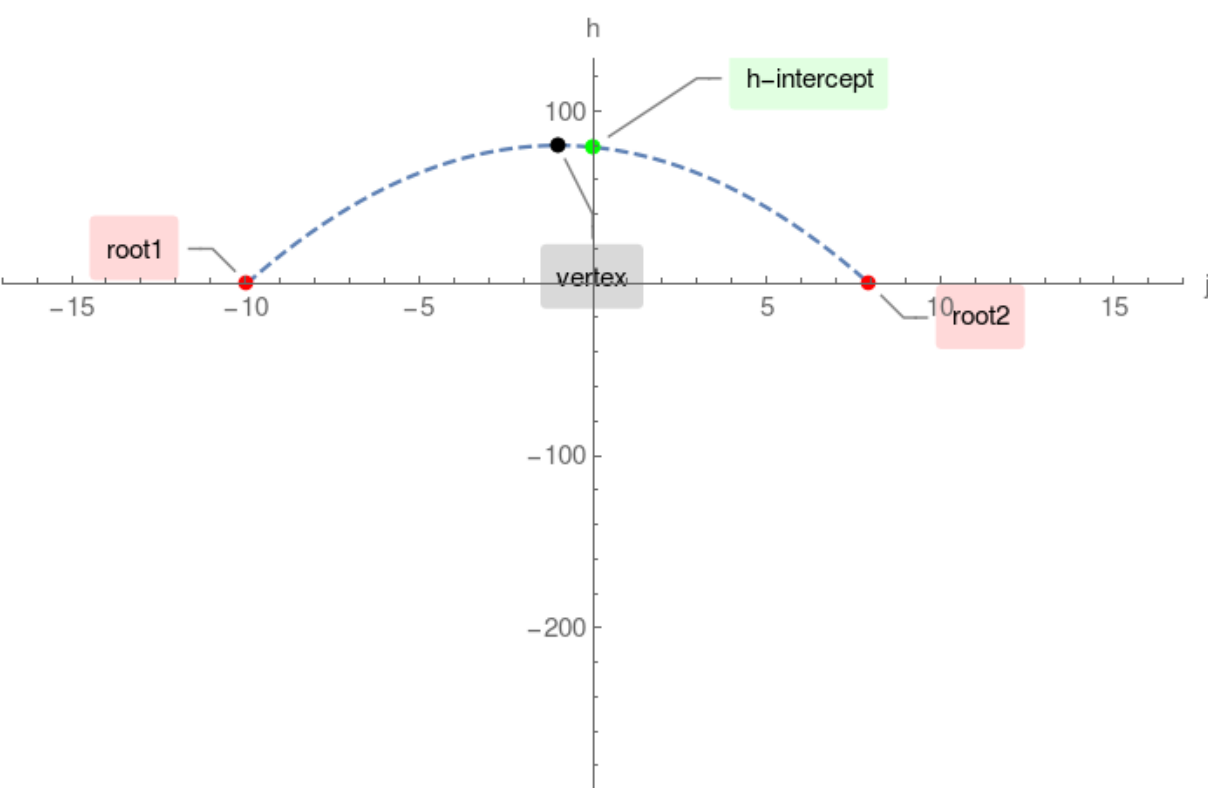
Compute j-intercepts by solving $-j^2 - 2j + 79 = 0$:

$(-1 - 4\sqrt{5}, 0)$, $(-1 + 4\sqrt{5}, 0)$



Step 4.

connect the above computed points:



Step 5.

Extend the parabola beyond the range of intercepts

