

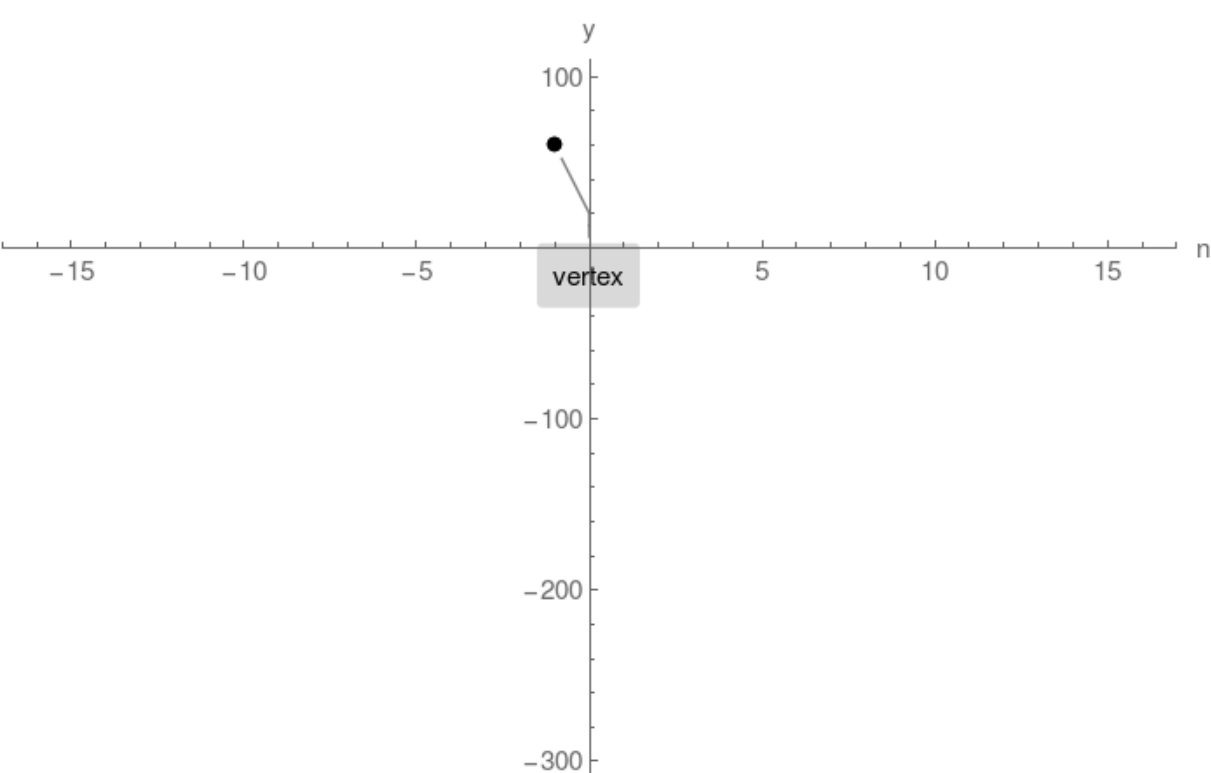
Example 1. 2 horizontal intercepts found

Plot $y(n) = -n^2 - 2n + 59$

Step 1.

Compute vertex and plot single point:

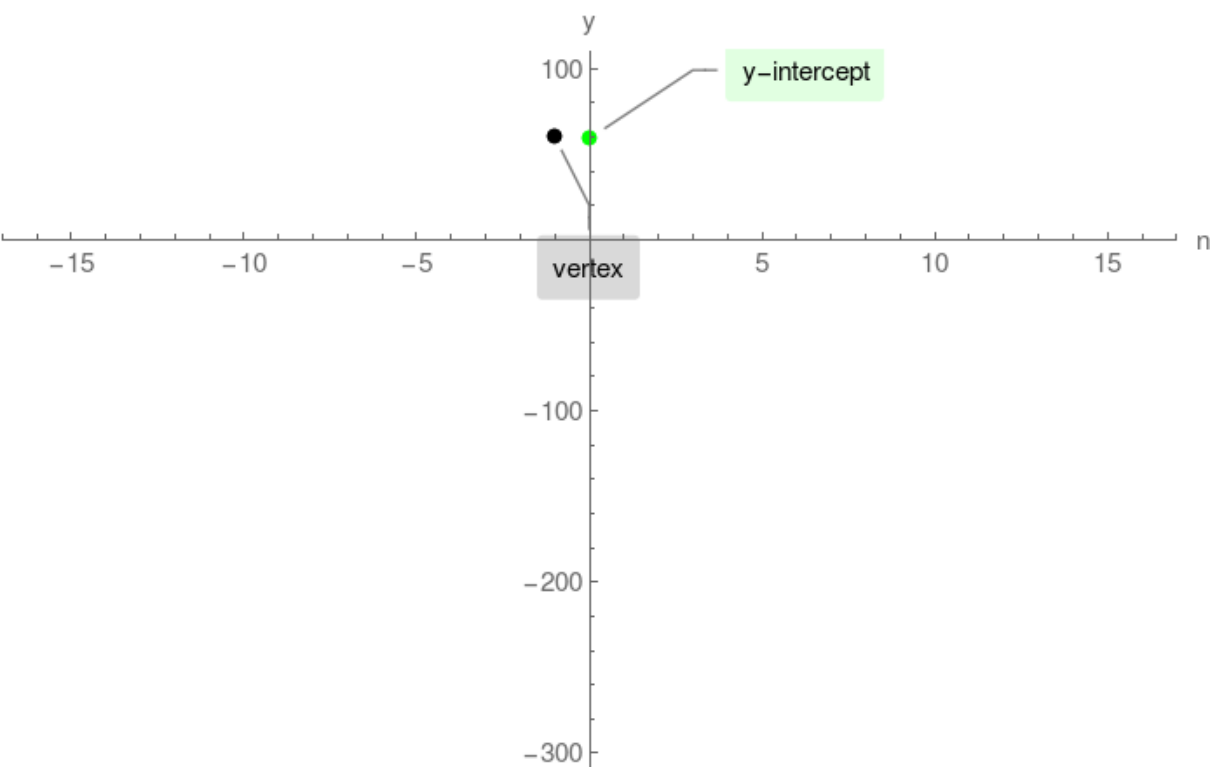
vertex = $(-1, 60)$



Step 2.

Compute y-intercept and plot single point:

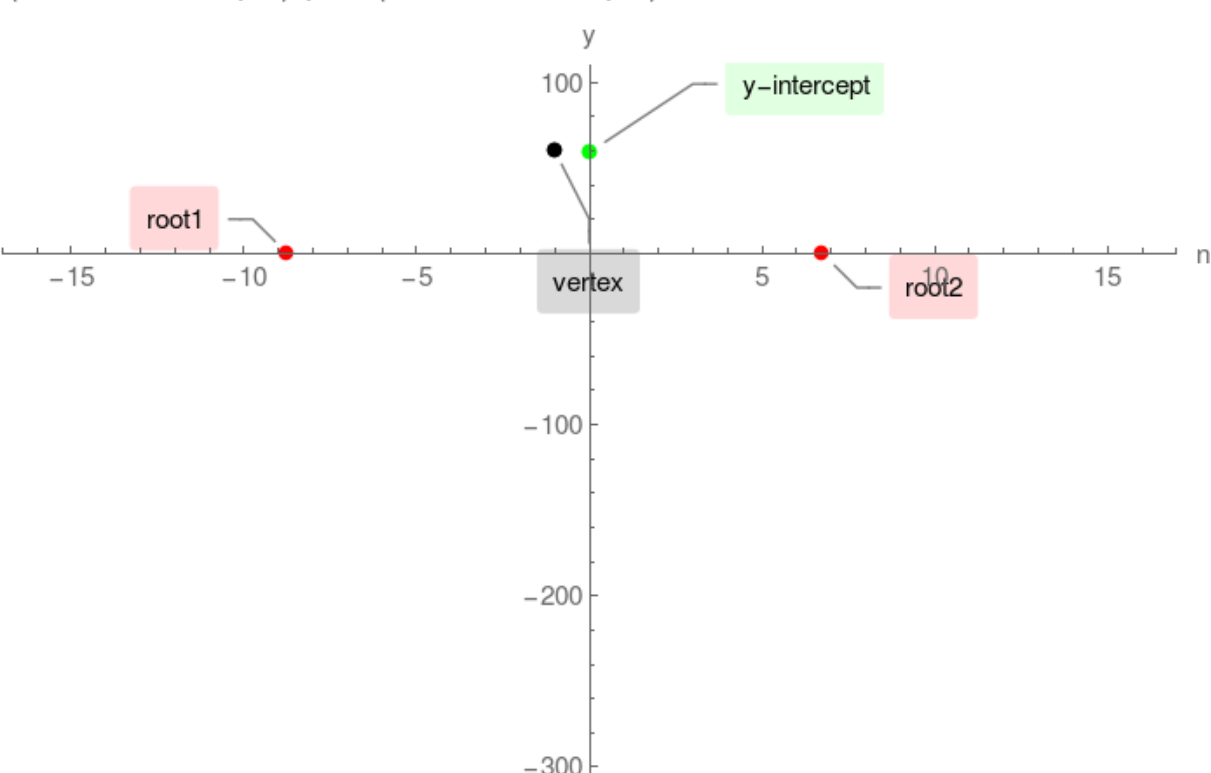
y-intercept = $(0, 59)$



Step 3.

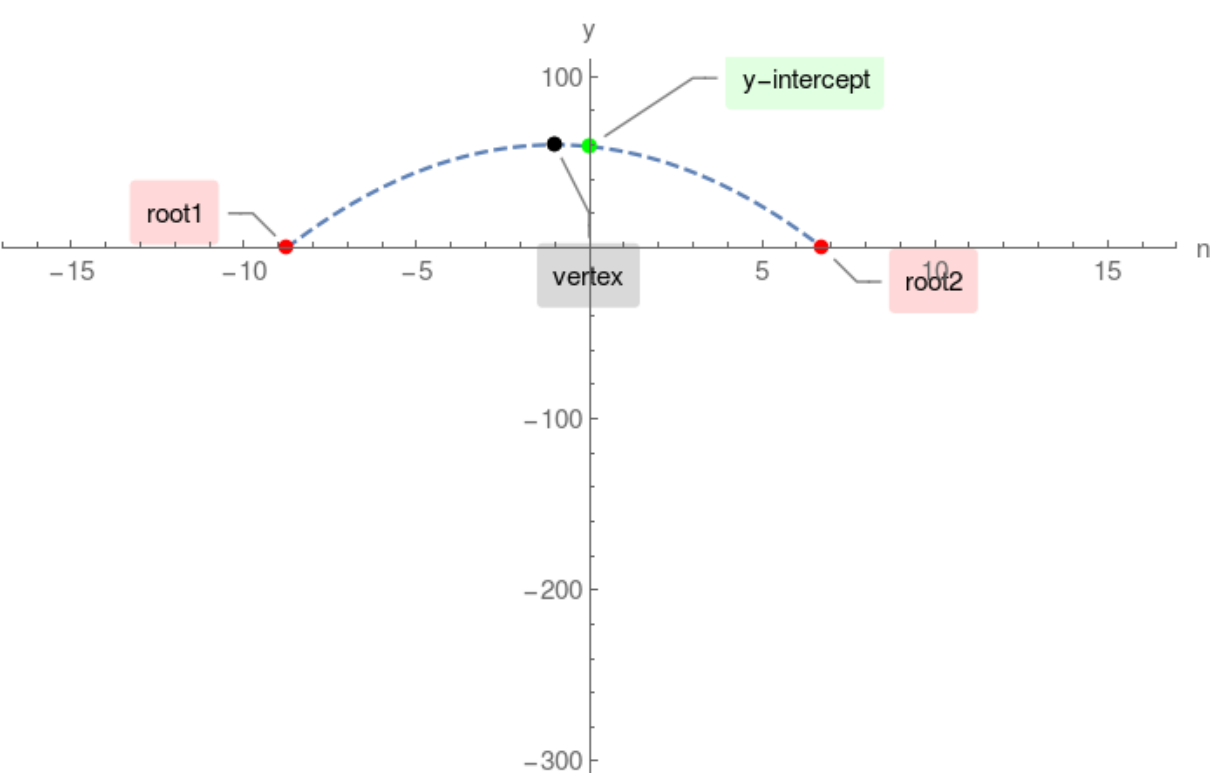
Compute n-intercepts by solving $-n^2 - 2n + 59 = 0$:

$(-1 - 2\sqrt{15}, 0)$, $(-1 + 2\sqrt{15}, 0)$



Step 4.

connect the above computed points:



Step 5.

Extend the parabola beyond the range of intercepts

