

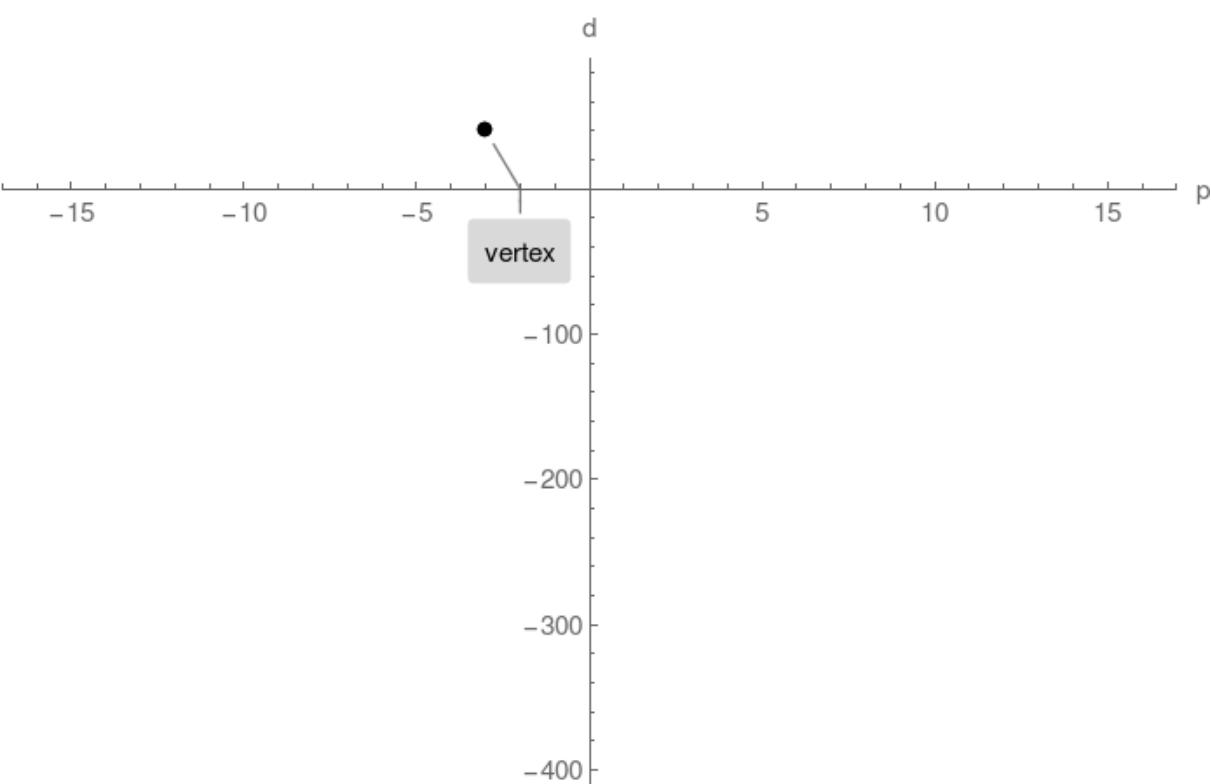
Example 1. 2 horizontal intercepts found

Plot $d(p) = -p^2 - 6p + 31$

Step 1.

Compute vertex and plot single point:

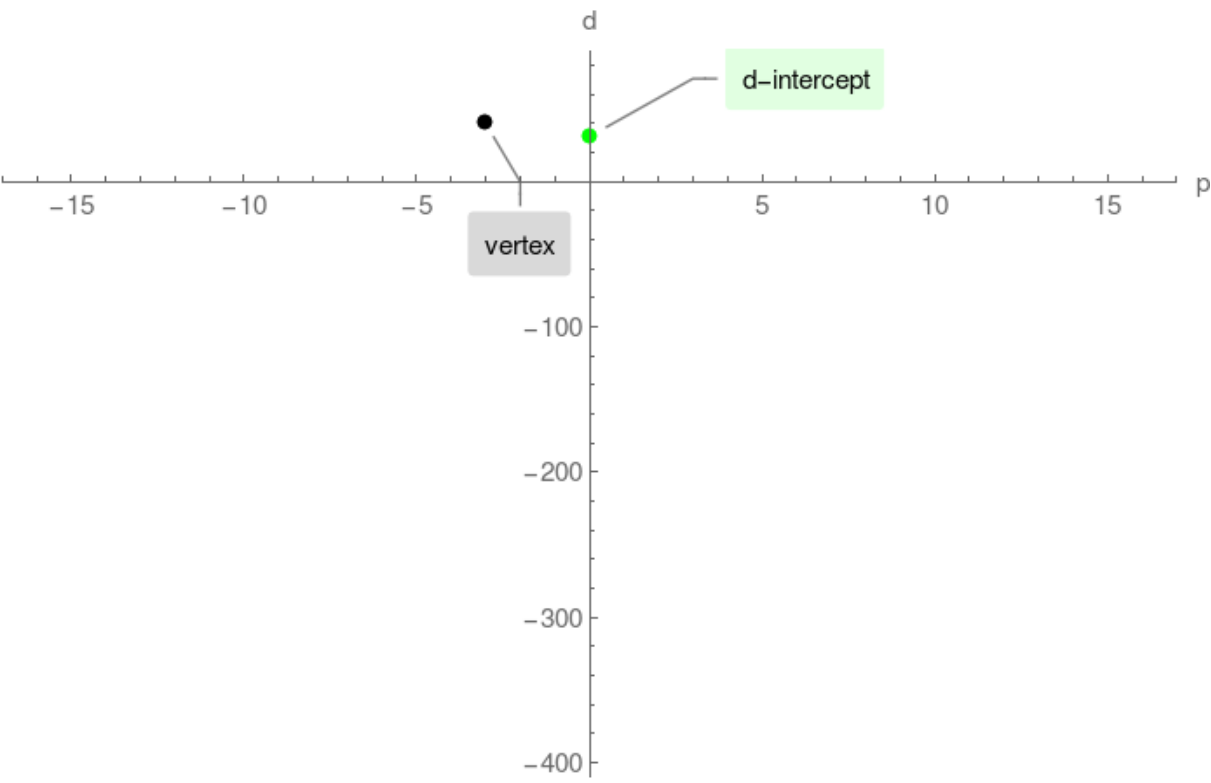
vertex = $(-3, 40)$



Step 2.

Compute d-intercept and plot single point:

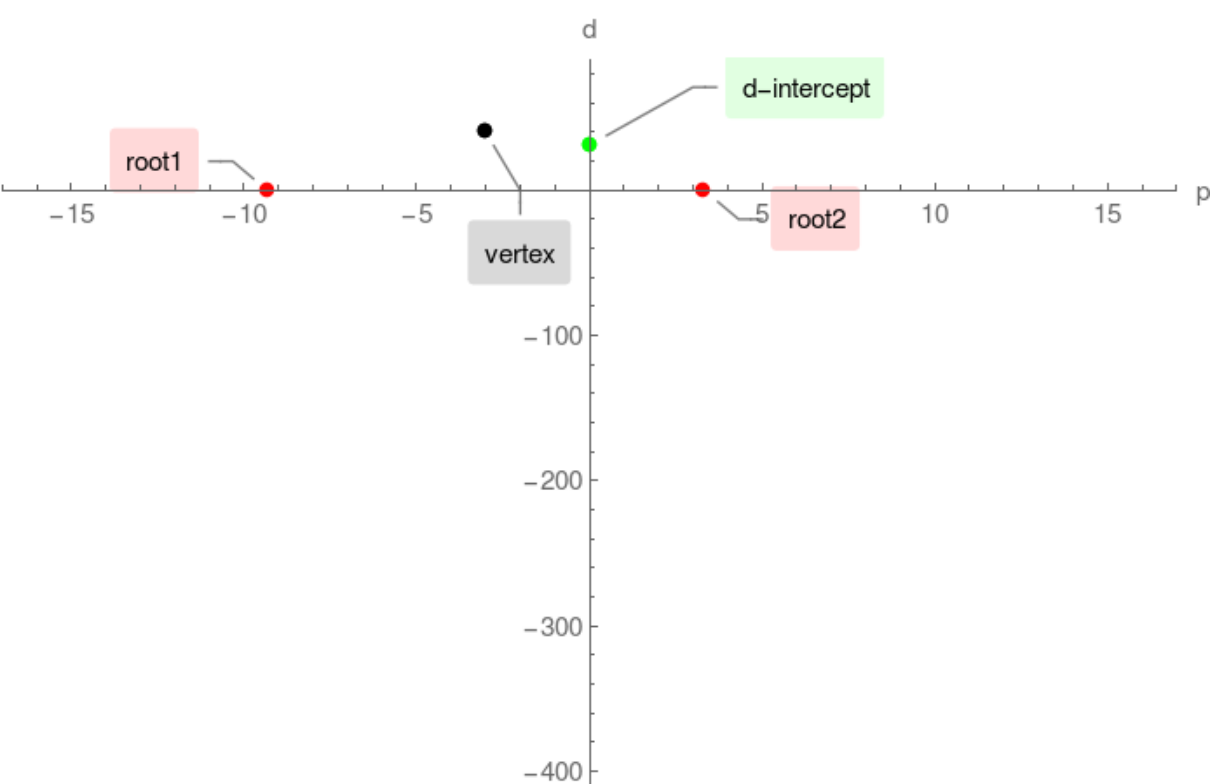
d-intercept = $(0, 31)$



Step 3.

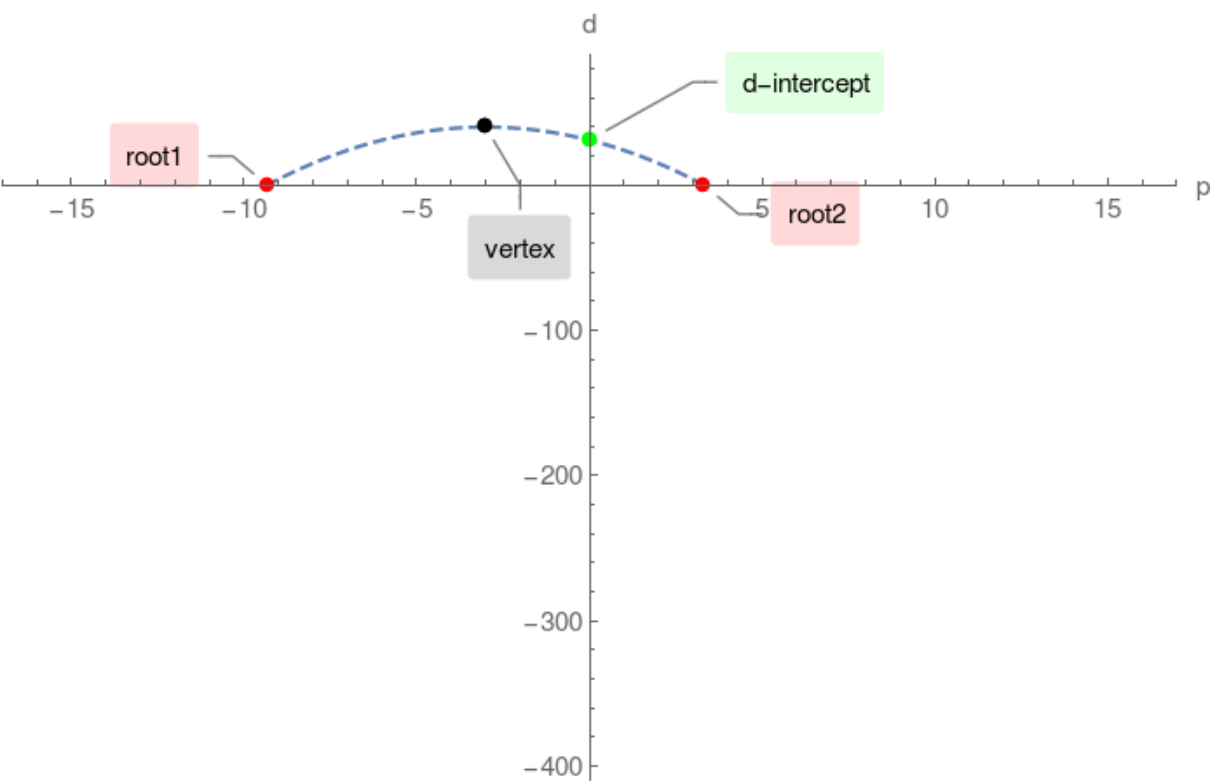
Compute p-intercepts by solving $-p^2 - 6p + 31 = 0$:

$(-3 - 2\sqrt{10}, 0)$, $(-3 + 2\sqrt{10}, 0)$



Step 4.

connect the above computed points:



Step 5.

Extend the parabola beyond the range of intercepts

