

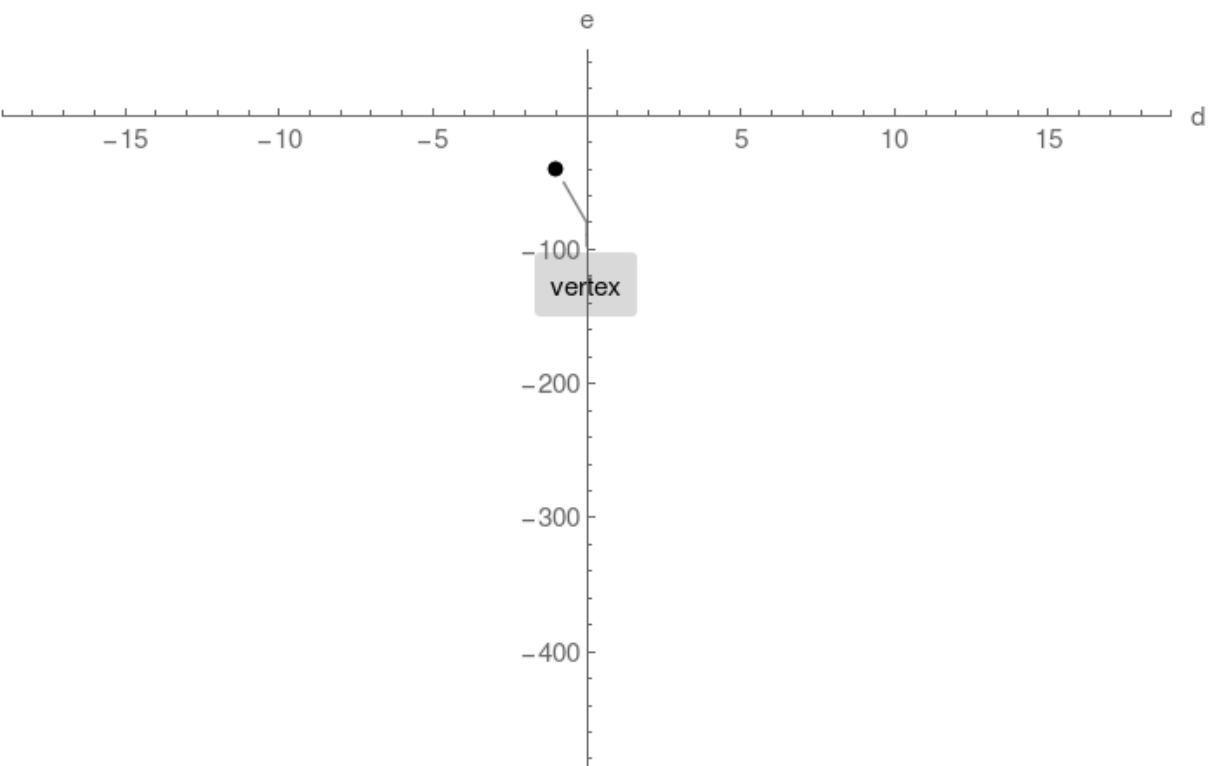
Example 2. No horizontal intercepts found

Plot $e(d) = -d^2 - 2d - 41$

Step 1.

Compute vertex and plot single point:

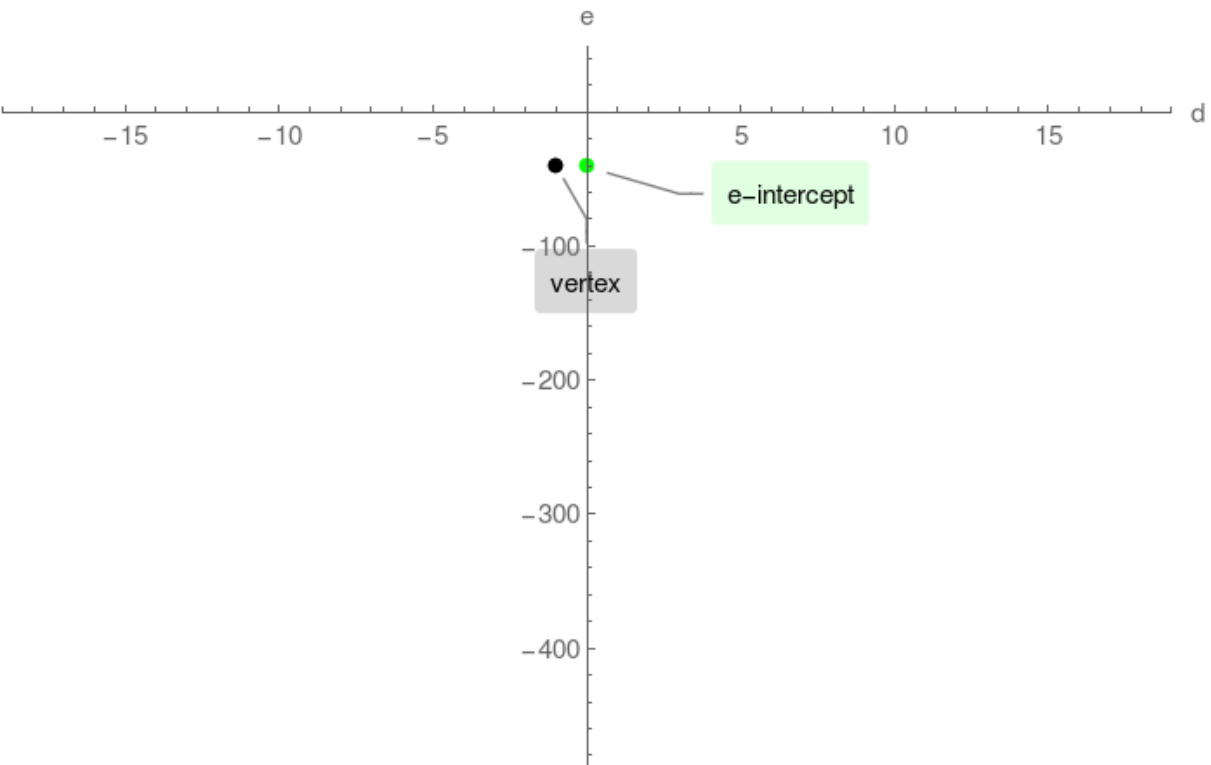
vertex = $(-1, -40)$



Step 2.

Compute e-intercept and plot single point:

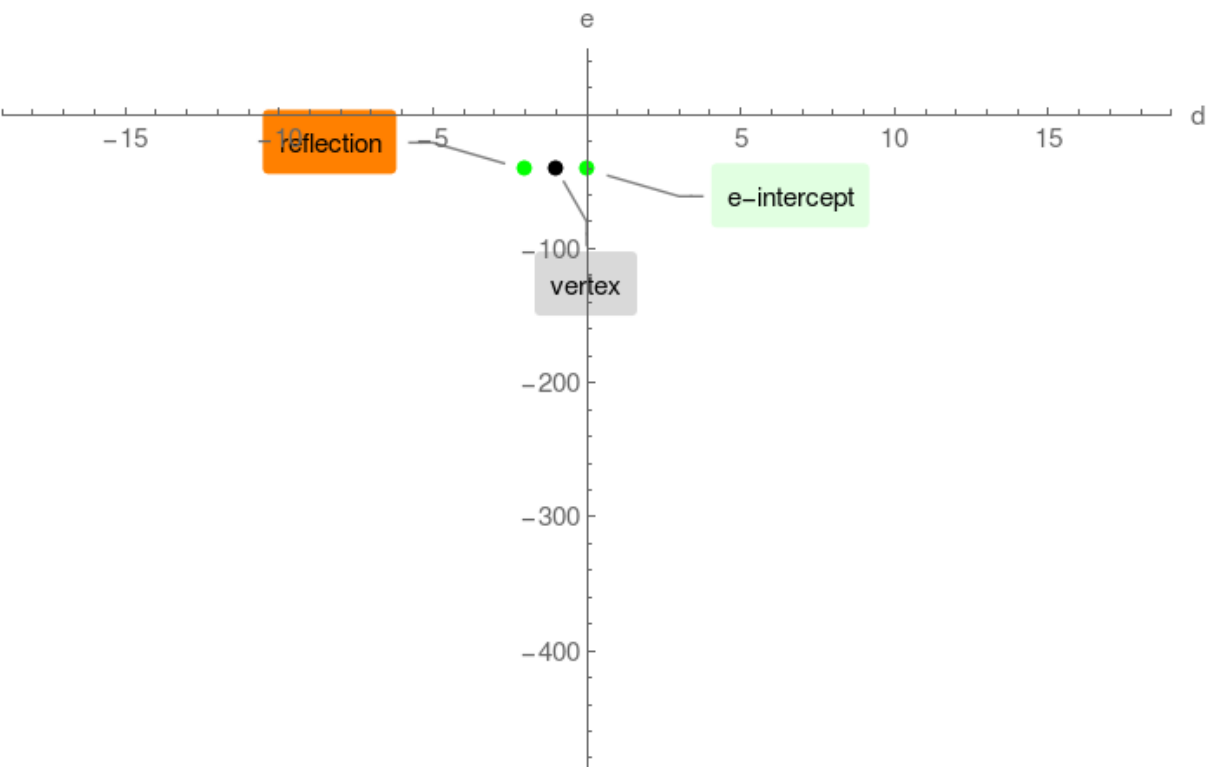
e-intercept = $(0, -41)$



Step 3.

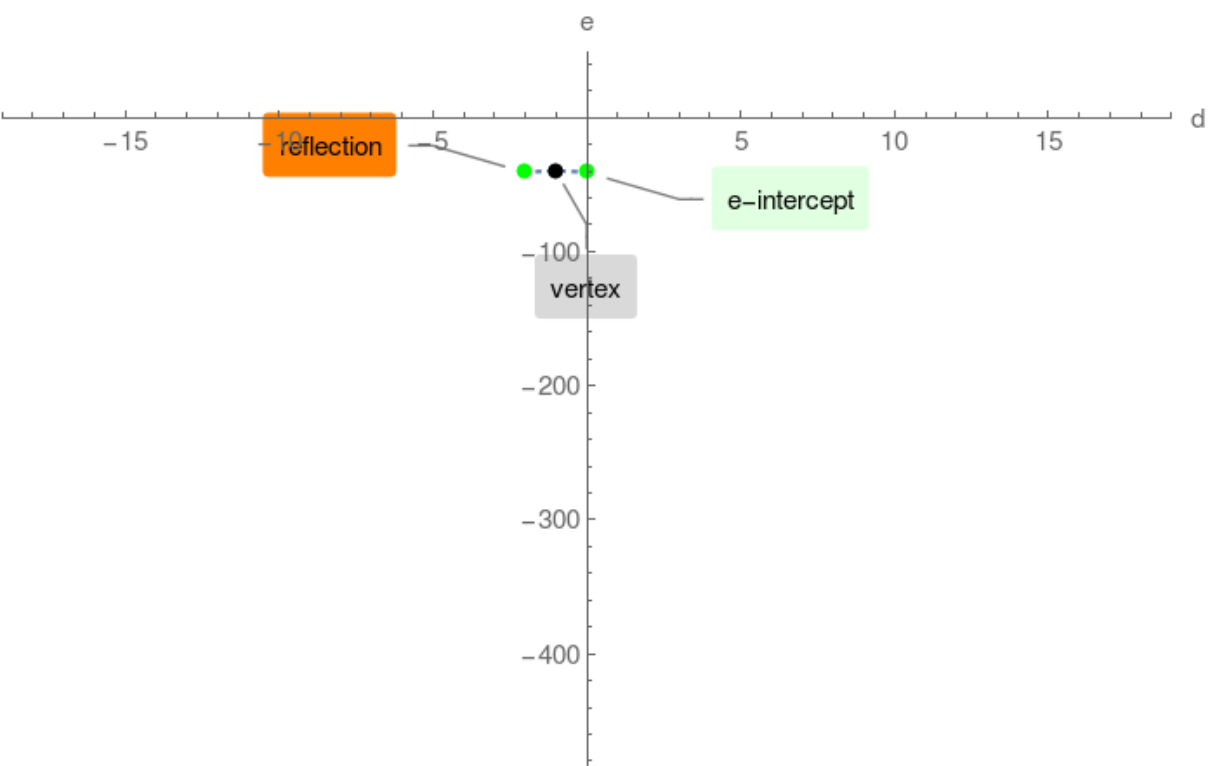
Compute e-intercept reflected against vertex,

reflection = $(-2, -41)$



Step 4.

connect the above computed points:



Step 5.

Extend the parabola beyond the range of intercepts

