

Precalculus

Lecture 15

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Outline

1 Quadratic Functions

- Standard Form
- Geometric Features
- Quadratic Equations
- Vieta's Formulas
- Factoring quadratics
- Plotting Quadratics
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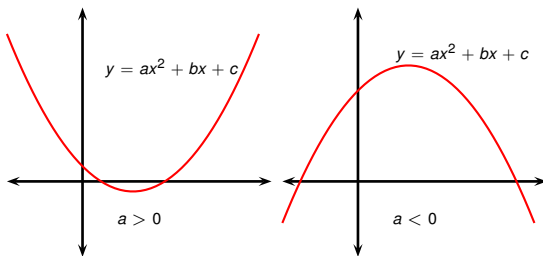
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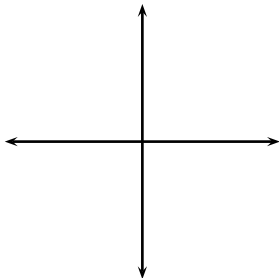
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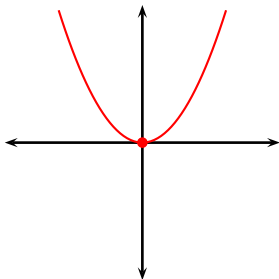
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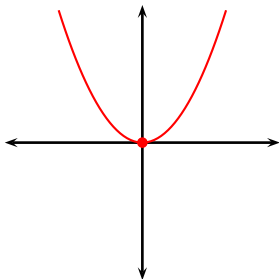
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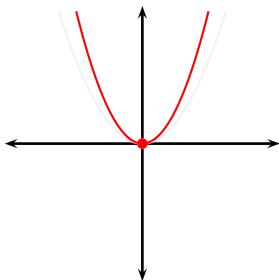
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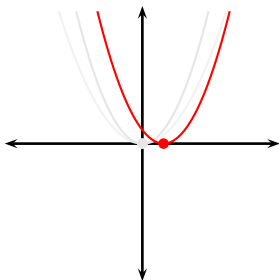
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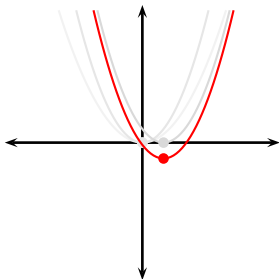
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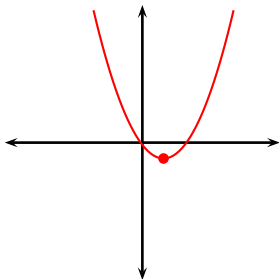
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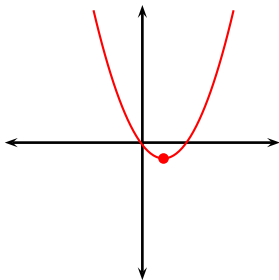
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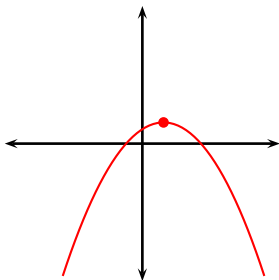
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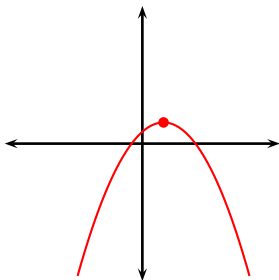
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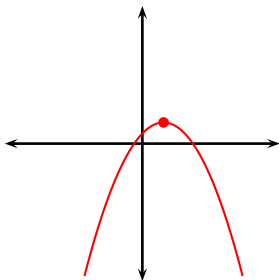
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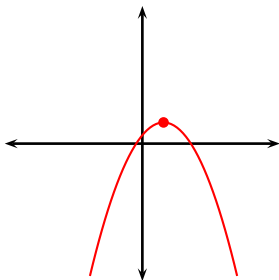
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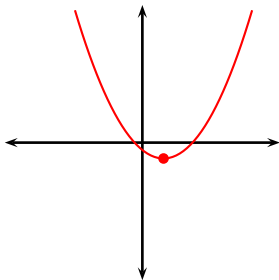
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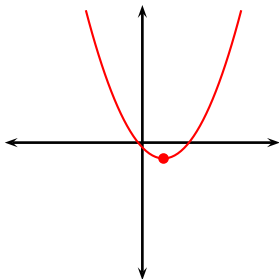
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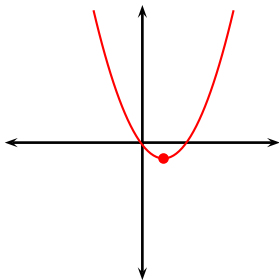
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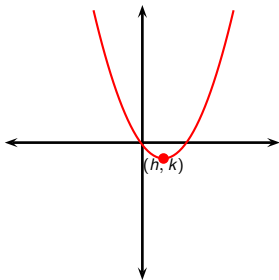
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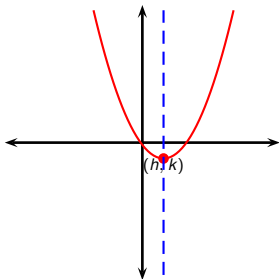
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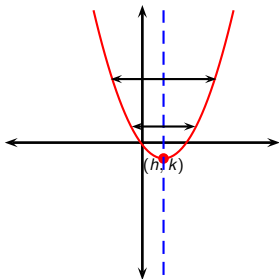
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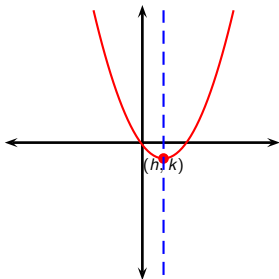
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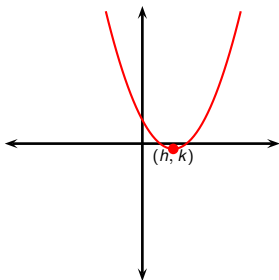
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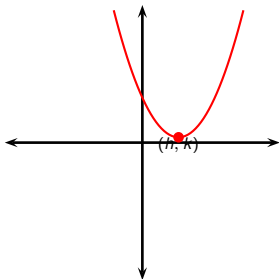
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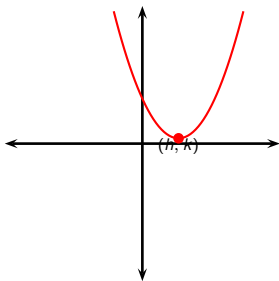
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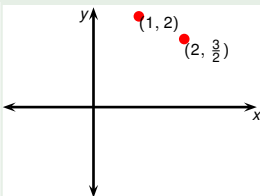
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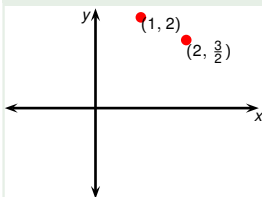
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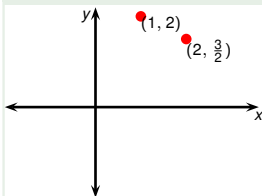


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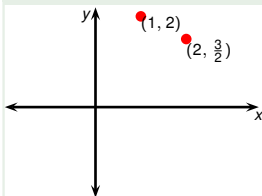
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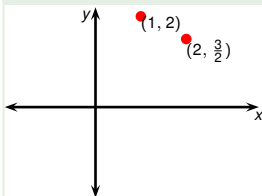
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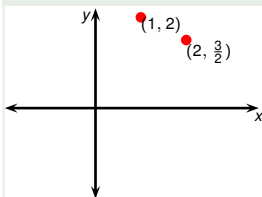
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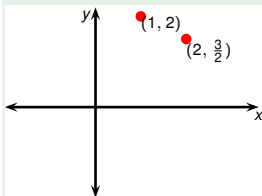
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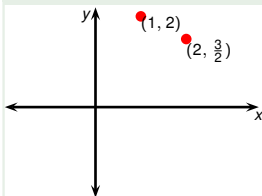
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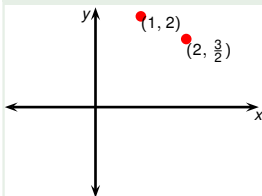
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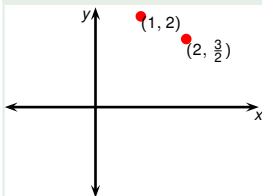
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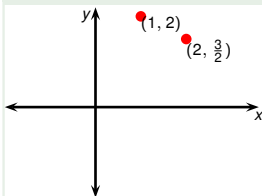
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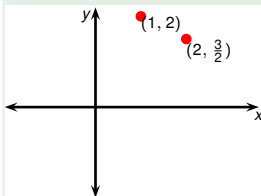
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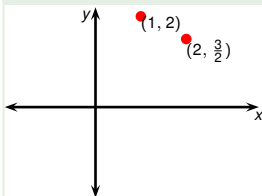
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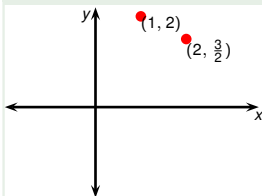
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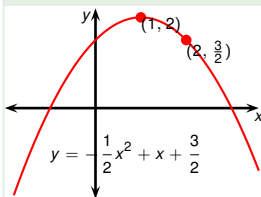
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Alternative answer

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$$a \left(x + \frac{b}{2a} - \frac{\sqrt{D}}{2a} \right) \left(x + \frac{b}{2a} + \frac{\sqrt{D}}{2a} \right) = 0$$

use $A^2 - B^2$
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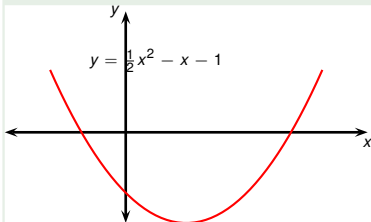
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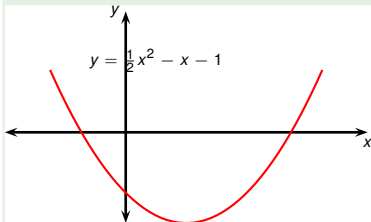
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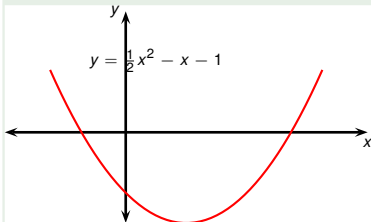
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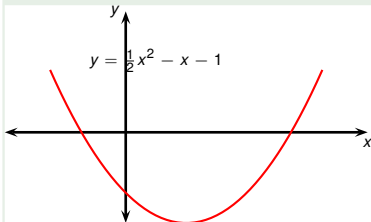
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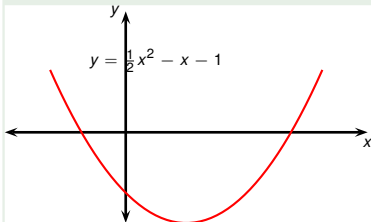
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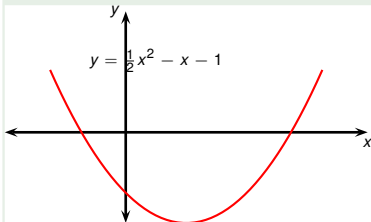
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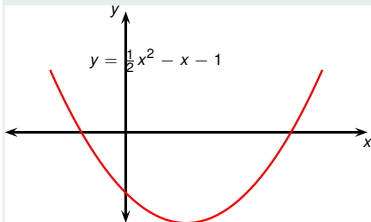
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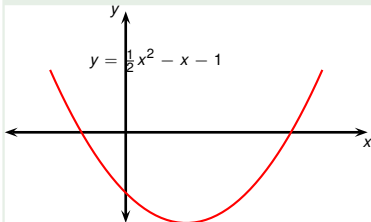
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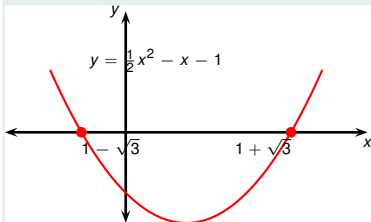
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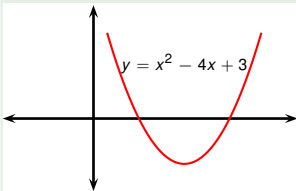
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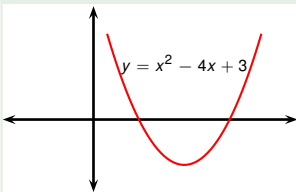
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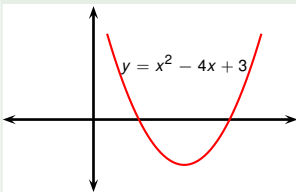
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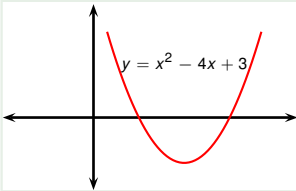
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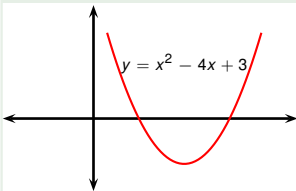
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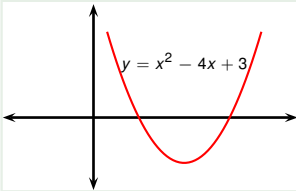
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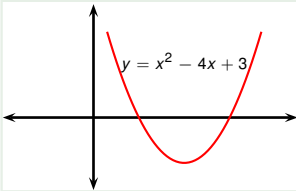
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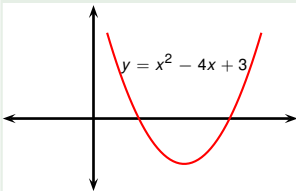
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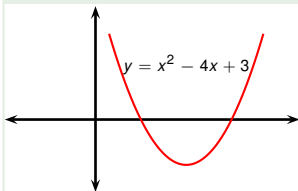
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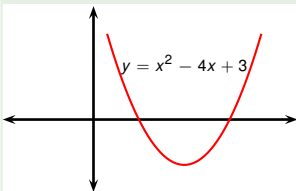
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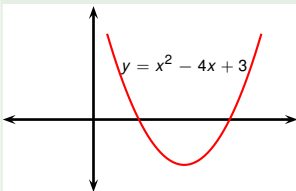
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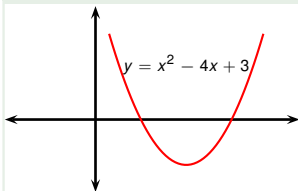
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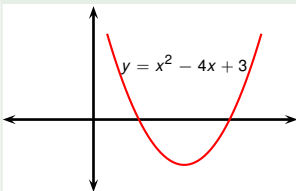
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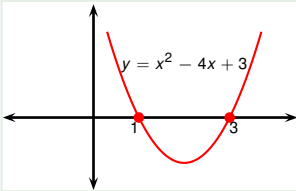
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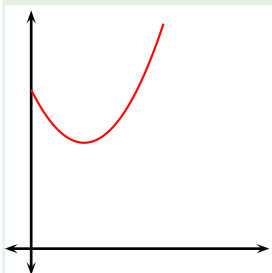
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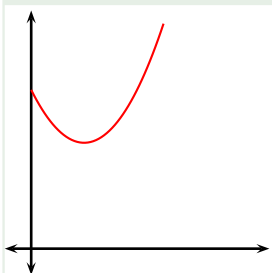
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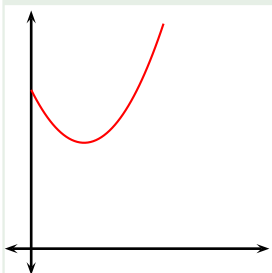
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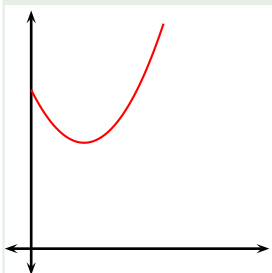
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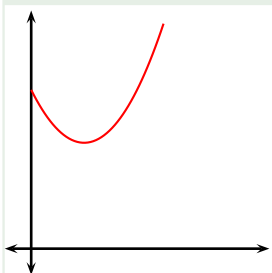
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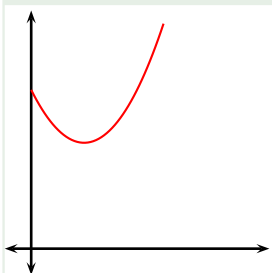
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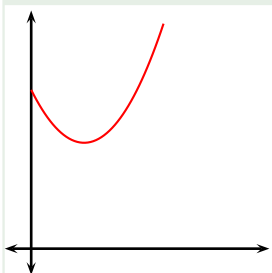
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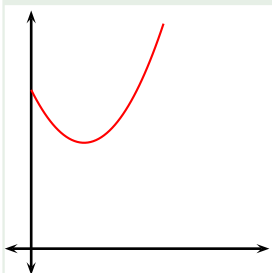
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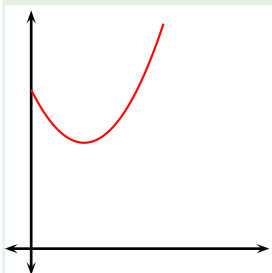
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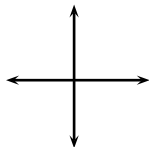
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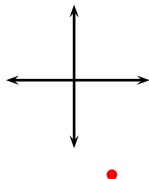
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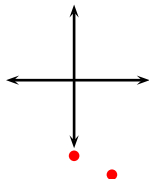
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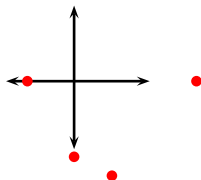
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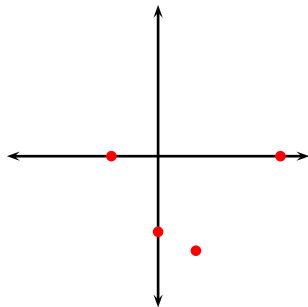
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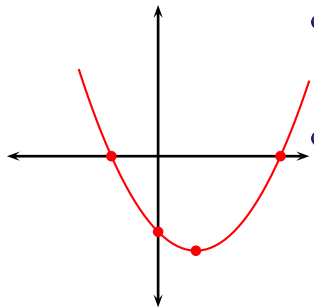
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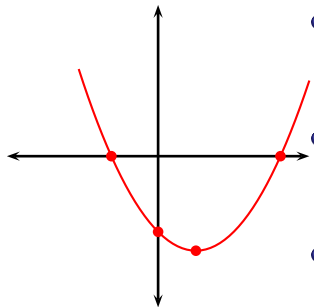
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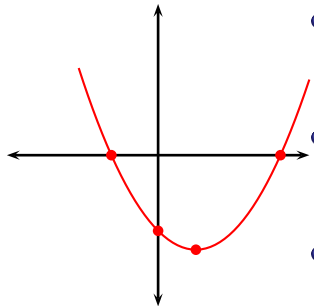
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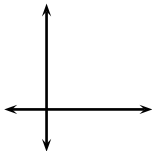
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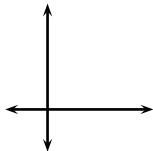


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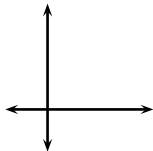
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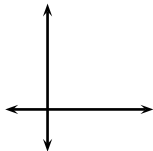
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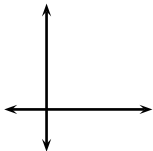
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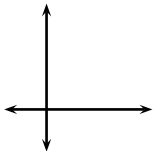
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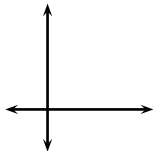
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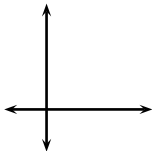
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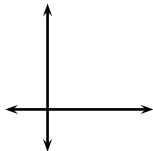
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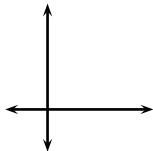
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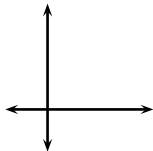
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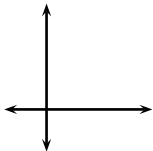
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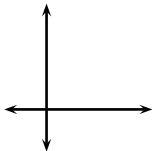
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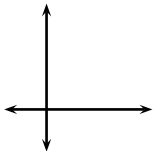
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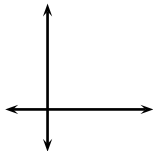
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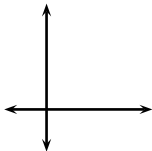
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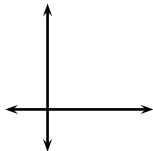


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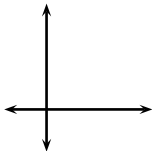
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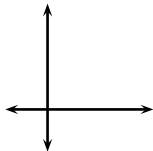


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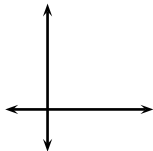
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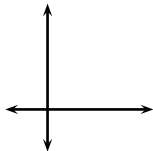
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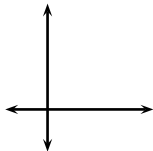
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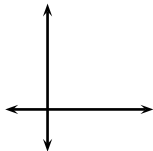
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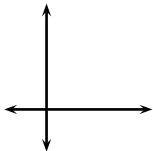
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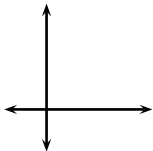
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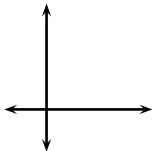
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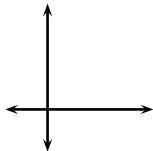
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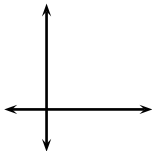
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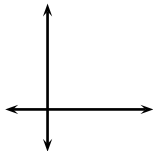
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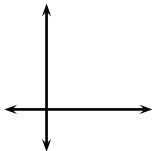
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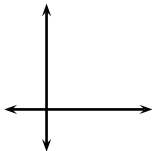
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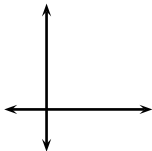
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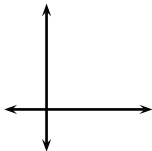
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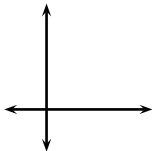
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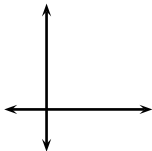
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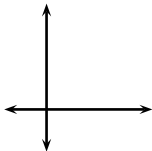
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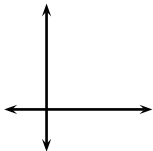
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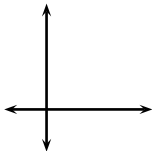
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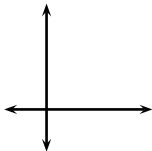
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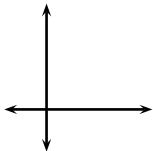
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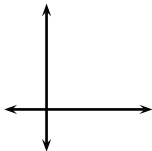
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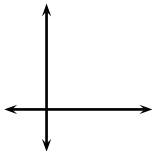
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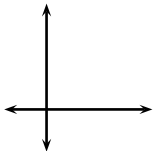


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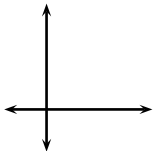
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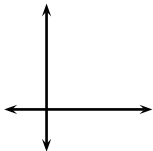


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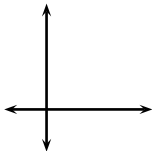


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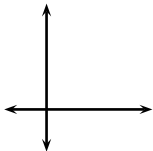
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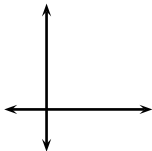
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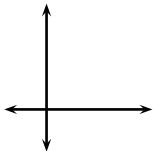
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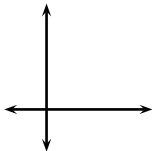
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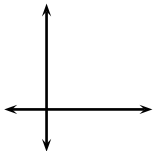
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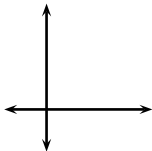
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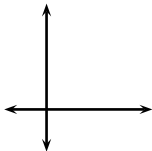
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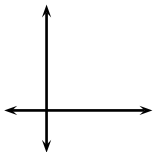
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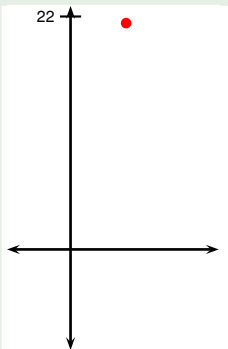


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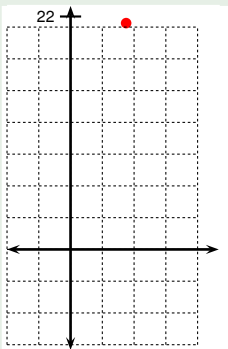


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Example



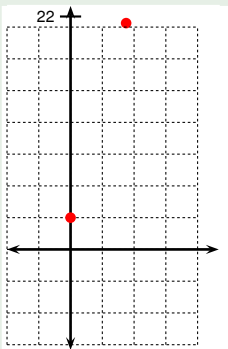
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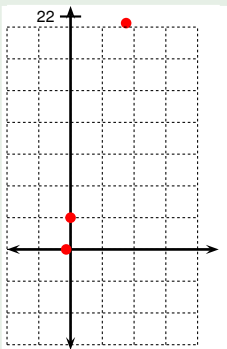
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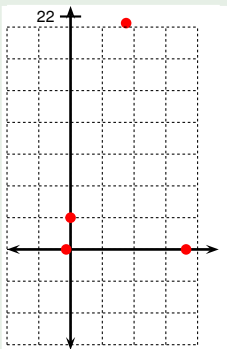
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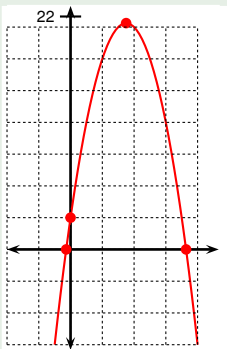
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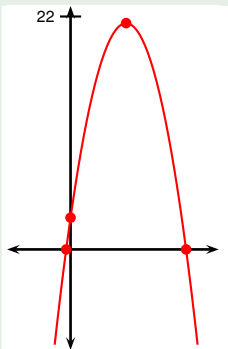
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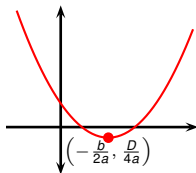
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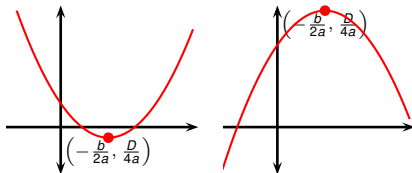


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