

FST 2-6 Notes

Topic: Quadratic Models

GOAL

Review the general quadratic equation $y = ax^2 + bx + c$, its graph, and the Quadratic Formula. Review or introduce quadratic modeling and use technology to determine the best fitting parabola.

SPUR Objectives

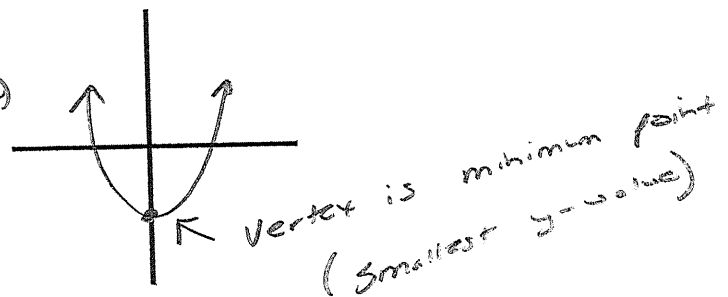
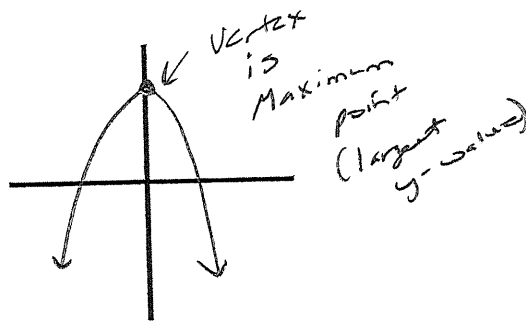
- E Describe properties of quadratic functions.
- F Find and interpret quadratic regression and models.

Vocabulary

quadratic model MODELS BASED ON QUADRATIC FUNCTIONS
quadratic regression FINDS EQN OF BEST FIT PARABOLA.

Properties of Quadratic Functions:

- $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$, where $a \neq 0$
- Graphs a parabola
- Domain: $\{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$
- $(0, c)$ is the y-intercept



If $a < 0$:

Opens down
Maximum point

If $a > 0$:

Opens up
minimum point

Range: $\{y \mid y \leq \text{maximum value}\}$

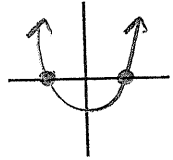
Range: $\{y \mid y \geq \text{minimum value}\}$

x-intercepts of quadratic equation:

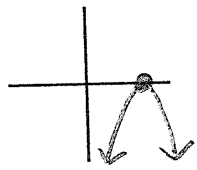
QUADRATIC FORMULA: $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

The discriminant, $b^2 - 4ac$, tells us information about the x-intercepts:

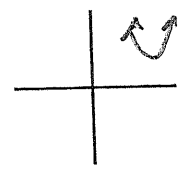
If $b^2 - 4ac > 0$, there are 2 distinct x-intercepts.



If $b^2 - 4ac = 0$, there is only 1 x-intercept.



If $b^2 - 4ac < 0$, there are no x-intercepts.

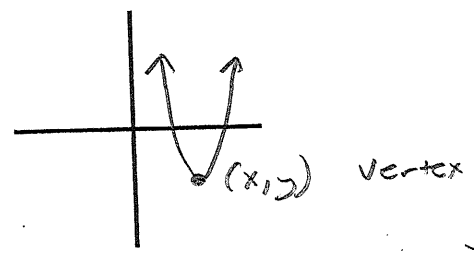


(x, y)

The vertex of the parabola is found by:

1) finding the x-coordinate, $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$

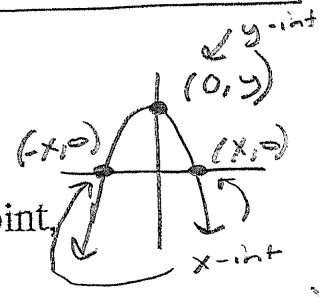
2) using x from step 1 to find the y-coordinate, $y = ax^2 + bx + c$



$\left(\underbrace{-\frac{b}{2a}}_x, \underbrace{a\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right)^2 + b\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right) + c}_y \right)$

1. Consider the function f with equation $f(x) = -3x^2 - 4x + 7$.

- a. Find the x - and y -intercepts of its graph.
- b. Tell whether the parabola has a maximum or minimum point, and find its coordinates.



a) x-intercept (when $y=0$)

(Use Quadratic Formula)

$$0 = -3x^2 - 4x + 7$$

$$a = -3 \quad b = -4 \quad c = 7$$

$$x = \frac{-(-4) \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(-3)(7)}}{2(-3)}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{160}}{-6}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm 10}{-6}$$

$$x = \frac{4 + 10}{-6} \quad x = \frac{4 - 10}{-6}$$

$$x = \frac{14}{-6} \quad x = \frac{-6}{-6}$$

$$x = -\frac{7}{3} \quad x = 1$$

x-intercepts

a) y-intercept (when $x=0$)

$$y = -3(0)^2 - 4(0) + 7$$

$$y = 7$$

$(0, 7)$ y-int

b) Maximum → opens down

Vertex: (x, y)

$$x = \frac{-b}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-(-4)}{2(-3)} = \frac{4}{-6} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$y = -3\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 - 4\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) + 7$$

$$y = 8\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Vertex: } \left(-\frac{2}{3}, 8\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

2. A projectile is shot from a tower 10 feet high with an upward velocity of 100 feet per second.
- Approximate the relationship between height h (in feet) and time t (in seconds) after the projectile is shot.
 - How long will the projectile be in the air?

Height h of an object at time t after it has been thrown with initial velocity v_0 from an initial height h_0 , $g = 32 \text{ ft/sec}^2$

$$h = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 + v_0t + h_0$$

a) $h = -\frac{1}{2}(32)t^2 + 100t + 10$

$$h = -16t^2 + 100t + 10$$

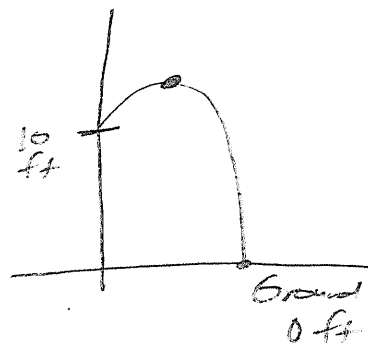
b) $0 = -16t^2 + 100t + 10$
 $a = -16 \quad b = 100 \quad c = 10$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-100 \pm \sqrt{10640}}{-32}$$

$$x = \frac{-100 + \sqrt{10640}}{-32}$$

$x = -0.098 \text{ sec}$
 NOT VALID,
 Time never
 negative



$$x = \frac{-100 - \sqrt{10640}}{-32}$$

$$x = 6.348 \text{ sec}$$

3. A parabola contains the points $(-0.1, -16.32)$, $(2, 3)$, and $(6, -9)$. Find its equation.

$$ax^2 + bx + c = y$$

By solving a system of equations:

1) Write a system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} -16.32 &= a(-0.1)^2 + b(-0.1) + c \rightarrow -16.32 = 0.01a - 0.1b + c \\ 3 &= a(2)^2 + b(2) + c \rightarrow 3 = 4a + 2b + c \\ -9 &= a(6)^2 + b(6) + c \rightarrow -9 = 36a + 6b + c \end{aligned}$$

2) Write a matrix Eqn. $r \times c$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & -0.1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 36 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -16.32 \\ 3 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

[A] [X] [B]

3) Solve the matrix Eqn. Write eqn. for parabola.

$$X = [A]^{-1} \cdot [B]$$

$$[X] = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 13 \\ -15 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \rightarrow a \\ \rightarrow b \\ \rightarrow c \end{matrix}$$

$$y = -2x^2 + 13x - 15$$

x	y
L1	L2
-0.1	-16.32
2	3
6	-9

By using quadratic regression

STAT #1 Edit Data x values in L1 y values in L2

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**When you identify ^{your} a, b and c values don't forget to substitute them back into the equation $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

$$y = -2x^2 + 13x - 15$$