

## Unit 7C Day 26: Intercept form of a quadratic

Focus Question: How do I graph a quadratic in intercept form?

### A. Review

We know two forms of quadratics so far...

1. The function  $f(x) = 3(x - 4)^2 + 7$  is in vertex form because we can immediately tell the vertex which is at (4, 7). All quadratics have a real vertex, so all quadratics can be written in this form.

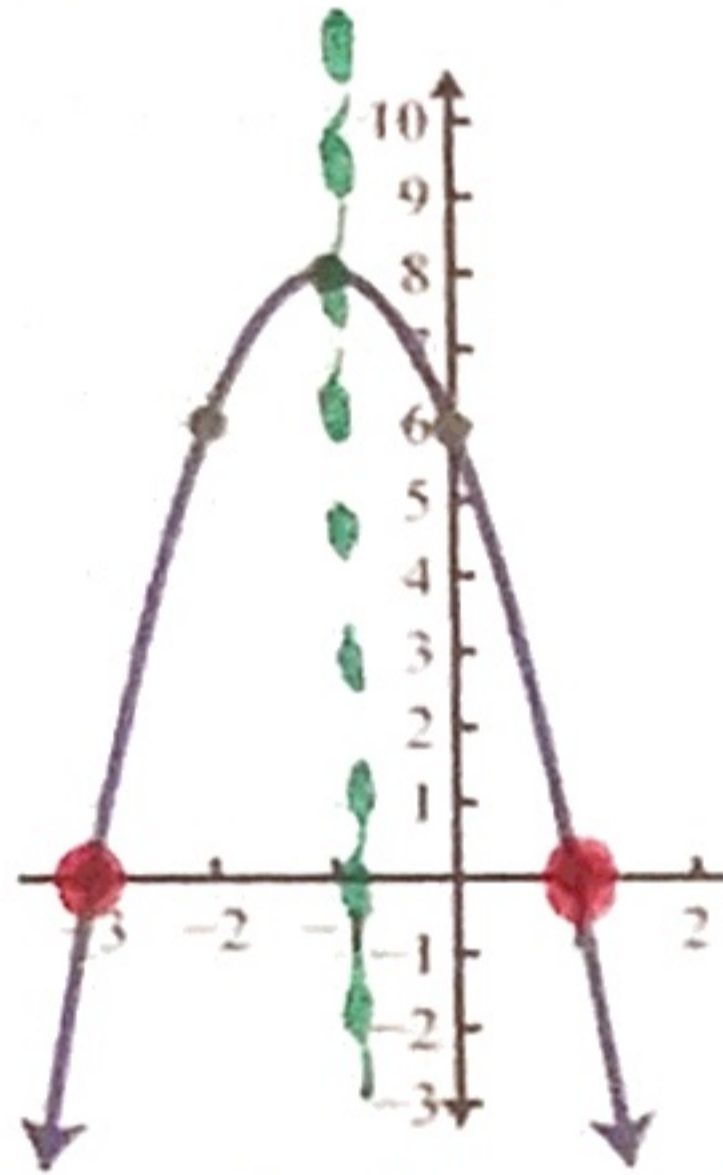
2. The function  $f(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^2 - 3x + 6$  is in standard form because it is from highest to low degree. We can immediately tell the y-int. which is at (0, 6). All quadratics have real y-intercepts so all quadratics can be written in this form.

3. What is/are the other important points of a quadratic? x-intercept

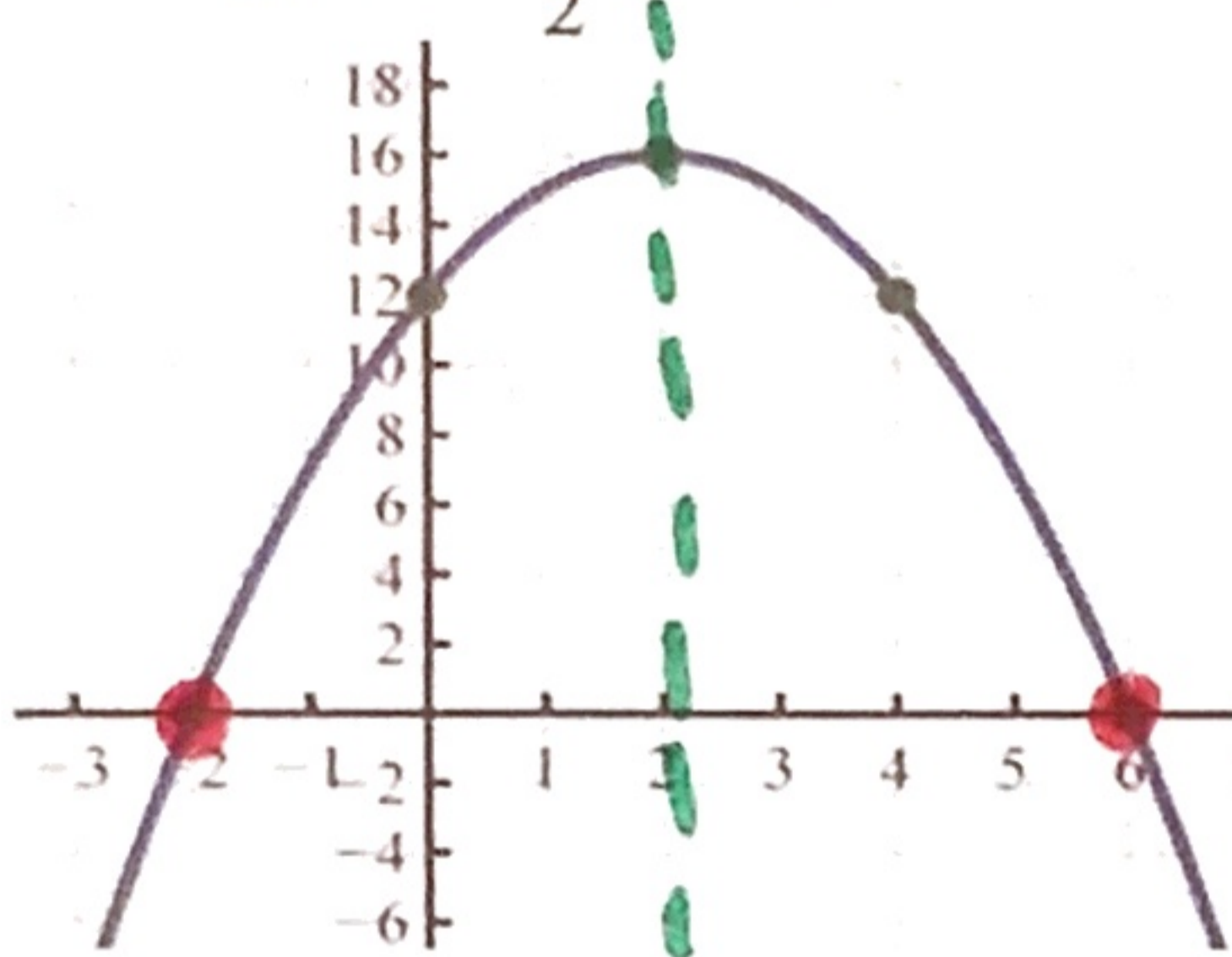
### B. New Form

1. Each of the following quadratics in vertex form has been graphed.

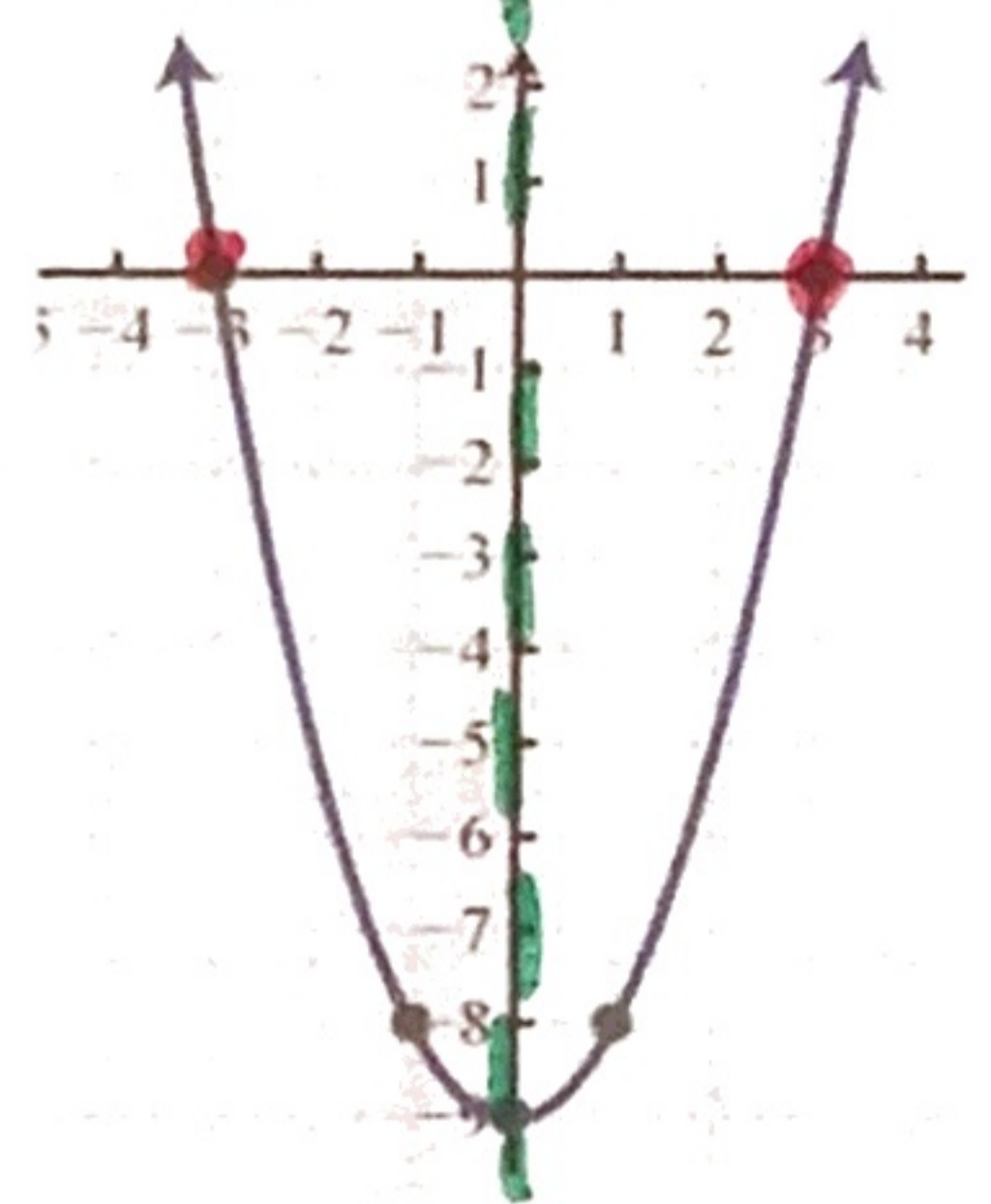
$$f(x) = -2(x + 1)^2 + 8$$



$$g(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 2)^2 + 16$$



$$h(x) = x^2 - 9$$



Give the axis of symmetry and x intercepts for each function.

Axis of symmetry:  $x = -1$   
 X Intercepts: ~~(-3, 0)~~ and ~~(1, 0)~~

Axis of symmetry:  $x = 2$   
 X Intercepts:  $(-2, 0)$  and  $(6, 0)$

Axis of symmetry:  $x = 0$   
 X Intercepts:  $(-3, 0)$  and  $(3, 0)$

2. Each of the following equations is a different way to write the quadratic. Match it to the graph.

a.  $j(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(x + 2)(x - 6)$  matches  $g(x)$  because... started with  $a = -\frac{1}{2}$

b.  $k(x) = -2(x + 3)(x - 1)$  matches  $f(x)$  because... started with  $a = -2$

c.  $m(x) = (x + 3)(x - 3)$  matches  $h(x)$  because...  $a = 1$

when in ( )  
 w/ the x  
 still  
 think opp.



3. How are the axis of symmetry and the x intercepts related? (In other words, if you knew the x-intercepts, how could you find the axis of symmetry?)

*the a.o.s. is exactly halfway btwn the x-ints*

4. What form would you call  $j(x)$ ,  $k(x)$ , and  $m(x)$ ? Explain.

*Intercept form b/c you can immediately see the x-int.*

C. Intercept form of a quadratic is  $f(x) = a(x - p)(x - q)$ .

1. The x intercepts are found at  $(p, 0)$  and  $(q, 0)$  (Just like in vertex form, if it is in the parenthesis with x you should *think opposite*

*$x = \frac{p+q}{2}$*

2. The axis of symmetry is found at \_\_\_\_\_

3. To find the y value of the vertex, substitute the x value of the *a.o.s.* into the function.

4. If  $a < 0$ , the parabola *open down*

If  $|a| > 1$  the parabola *is skinny*. If  $0 < |a| < 1$ , the parabola *is wider*

D. Use the function  $f(x) = (x+1)(x-5)$  to answer each question.

1. Prove it is a quadratic.

*Handwritten multiplication:*  

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 1x - 5x - 5 \\ x \phantom{+ 1x} - 5 \phantom{- 5x} - 5 \phantom{- 5} \\ \hline x^2 + 1x - 5x - 5 \end{array}$$

*Handwritten expansion:*  

$$\begin{aligned} x(x-5) + 1(x-5) \\ x^2 - 5x + 1x - 5 \\ \hline x^2 - 4x - 5 \end{aligned}$$

2. Where are the x- intercepts?

*Handwritten answer:*  $(-1, 0)$   $(5, 0)$

3. Where is the axis of symmetry?

*Handwritten calculation:*  

$$\frac{-1 + 5}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{4}{2} \Rightarrow 2$$
 $x = 2$

4. Where is the vertex?

*Handwritten calculation:*  

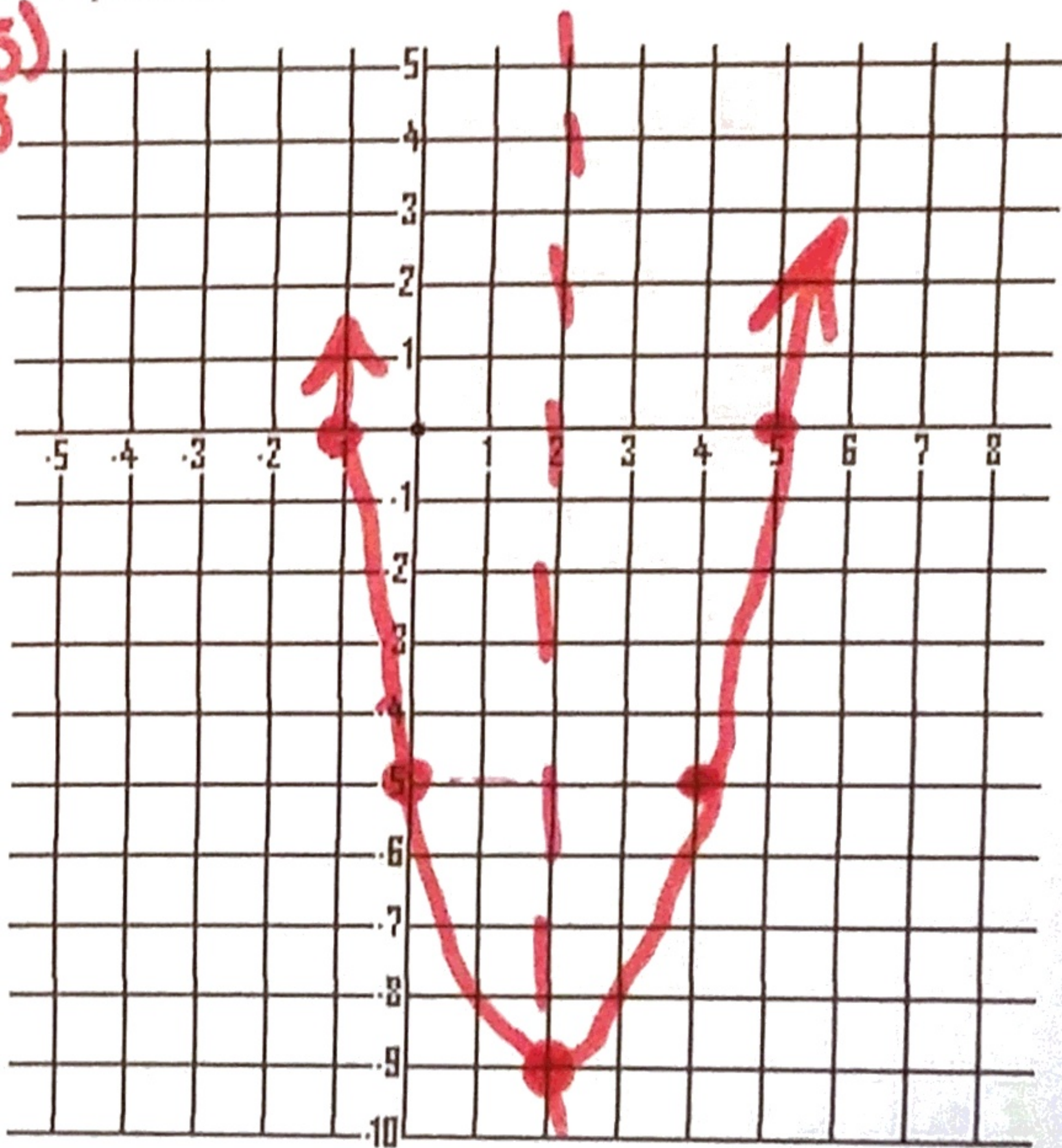
$$\begin{aligned} f(2) &= (2+1)(2-5) \\ &= 3(-3) \\ &= -9 \end{aligned}$$
 $(2, -9)$

5. Where is the y-intercept?

*Handwritten calculation:*  

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= (0+1)(0-5) \\ &= 1(-5) \\ &= -5 \end{aligned}$$
 $(0, -5)$

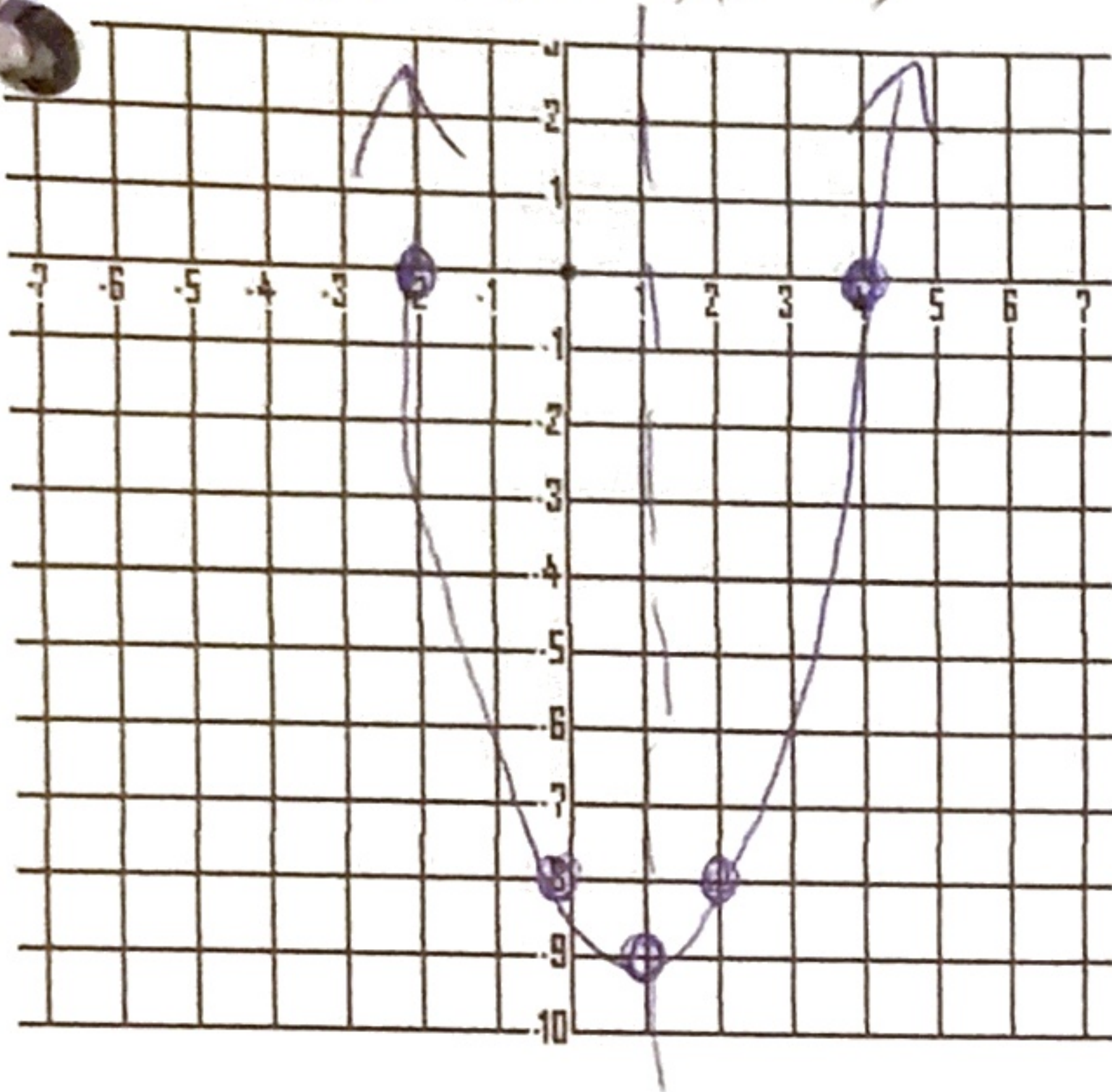
6. Graph the function.





E. Graph each function given in intercept form.

1)  $f(x) = (x + 2)(x - 4)$



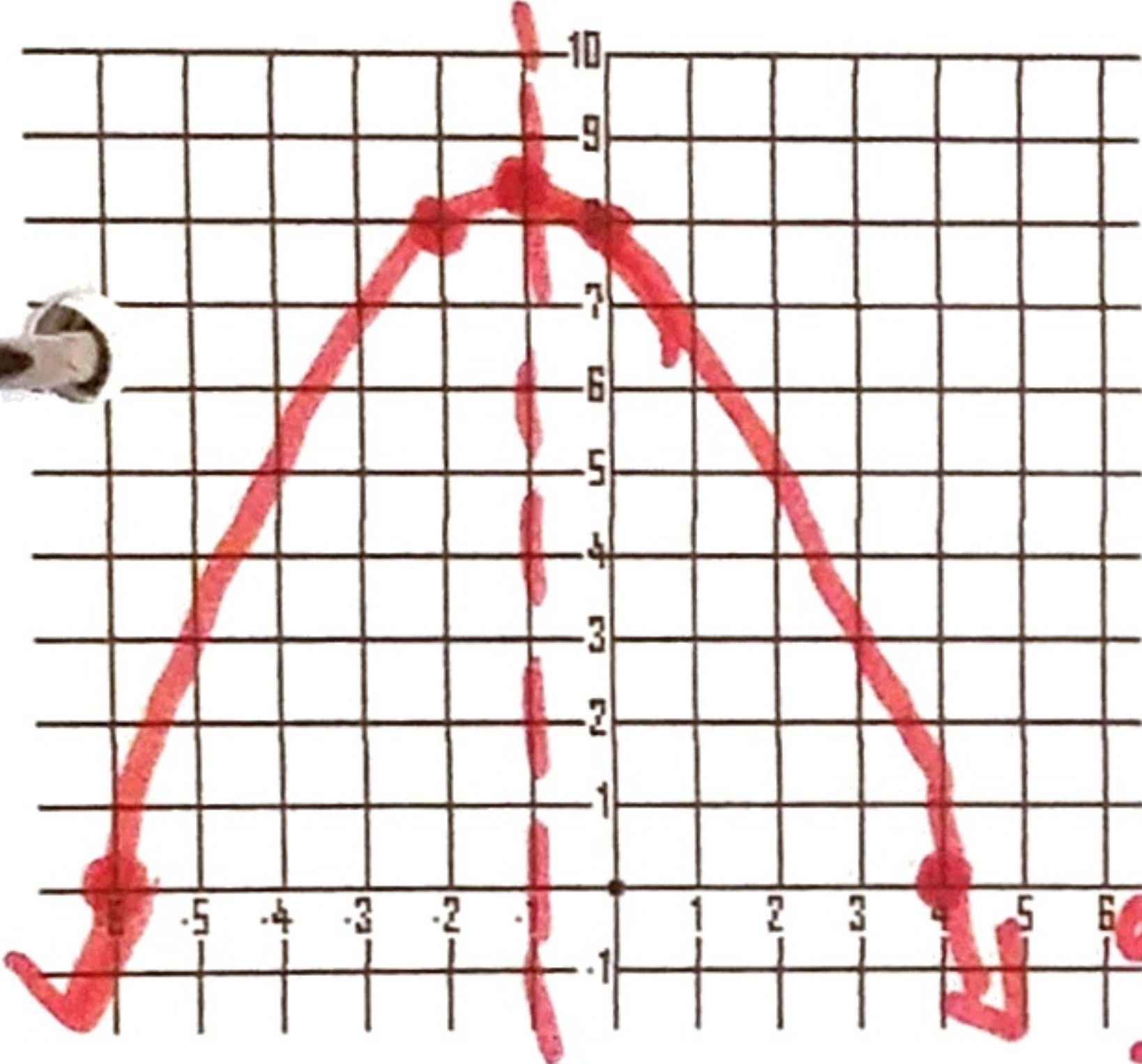
x int  $(-2, 0)$   $(4, 0)$

a.o.s.  $x = \frac{-2+4}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{2} \Rightarrow 1$   $x = 1$

vertex  $f(1) = (1+2)(1-4)$   
 $= (3)(-3)$   $(1, -9)$   
 $= -9$

addpt.  $x = 0$   $f(0) = (0+2)(0-4)$   
 $= 2(-4)$   $(0, -8)$   
 $= -8$

3)  $h(x) = -\frac{1}{3}(x+6)(x-4)$



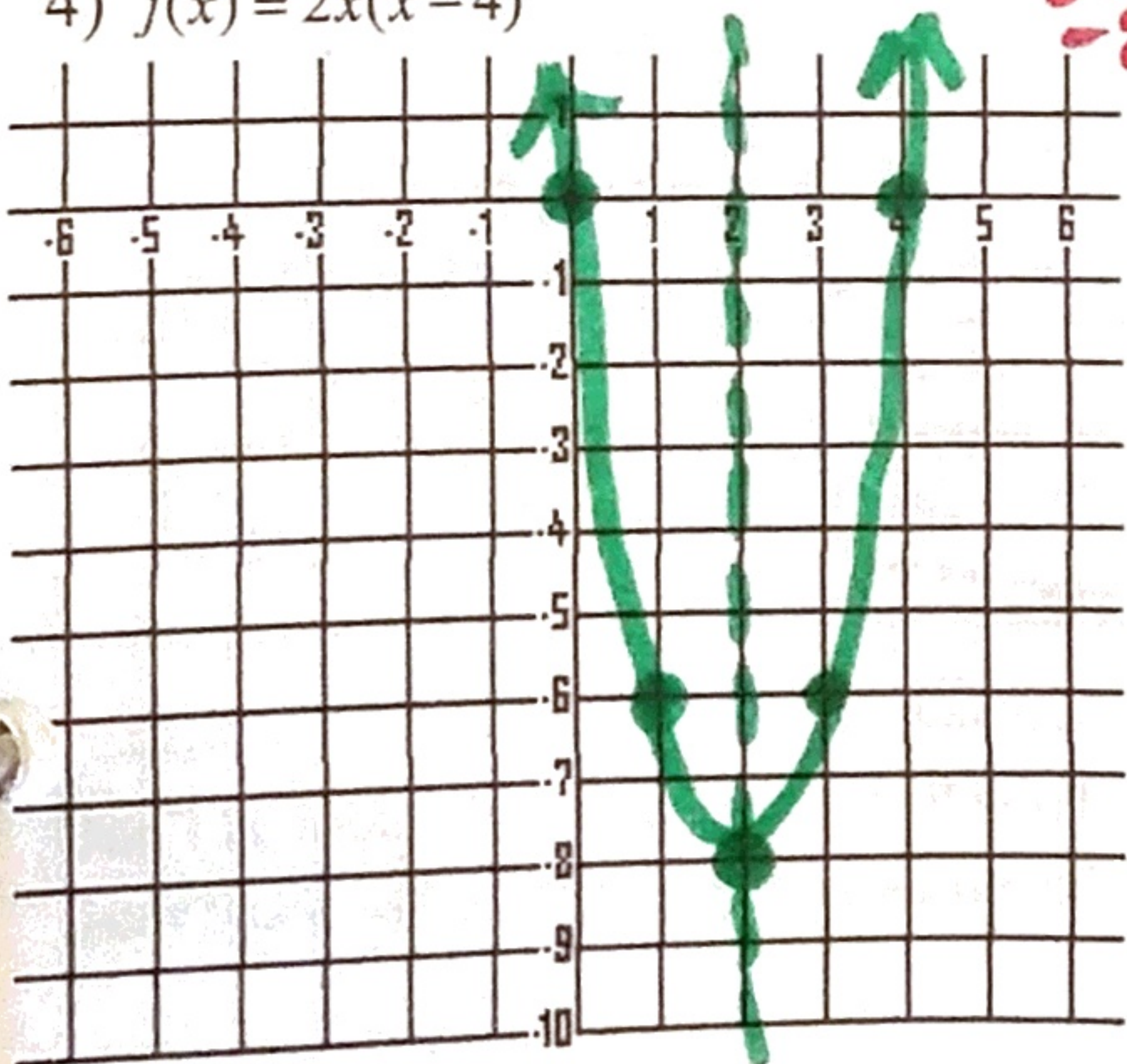
x int  $(-6, 0)$   $(4, 0)$

$x = \frac{-6+4}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{-2}{2} \Rightarrow -1$   $x = -1$

vertex  $h(-1) = -\frac{1}{3}(-1+6)(-1-4)$   
 $= -\frac{1}{3}(5)(-5)$   
 $= -\frac{1}{3}(-25) \Rightarrow \frac{25}{3}$

addpt.  $h(0) =$   
 $-\frac{1}{3}(0+6)(0-4)$   $(-1, \frac{25}{3})$   
 $-\frac{1}{3}(6)(-4)$   $(0, 8)$   
 $= -2(-4)$   $8$

4)  $j(x) = 2x(x - 4)$



x int  $(0, 0)$   $(4, 0)$

$x = \frac{0+4}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{4}{2} \Rightarrow 2$   $x = 2$

vertex  $j(2) = 2(2)(2-4)$   
 $= 4(-2)$   $(2, -8)$

addpt:  $x = 1$   $= -8$   
 $j(1) = 2(1)(1-4)$   $(1, -6)$   
 $= 2(-3)$