

Plan 1. Second degree polynomial functions  
with problem 5a-e, 7a and 8b.

2. Revenue, cost and profit with problem 9.

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1. Second degree polynomial functions

5a) Because we have two easy-to-read zeros,  
we use the form  $f(x) = a(x-r_1)(x-r_2) = a(x-2)(x-5)$   
roots

To find  $a$ , note that

$$f(0) = 5 \quad \text{so} \quad a \cdot (0-2) \cdot (0-5) = 5$$

$$a \cdot 10 = 5$$

$$a = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

and so  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x-2)(x-5)$

5b)  $x=2$  is the larger root,

$f(-1) = 6 = f(0)$ , so  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$  is the  
symmetry axis (in middle between  $-1$  and  $0$ )

So the smaller root has to be

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} - 2,5 = -3$$

Hence  $f(x) = a(x-2)(x+3)$

To find  $a$ , note  $f(0) = 6$ , so

$$a \cdot (0-2)(0+3) = 6$$

$$a \cdot (-6) = 6$$

$$a = \frac{6}{-6} = -1$$

and  $f(x) = -(x-2)(x+3)$

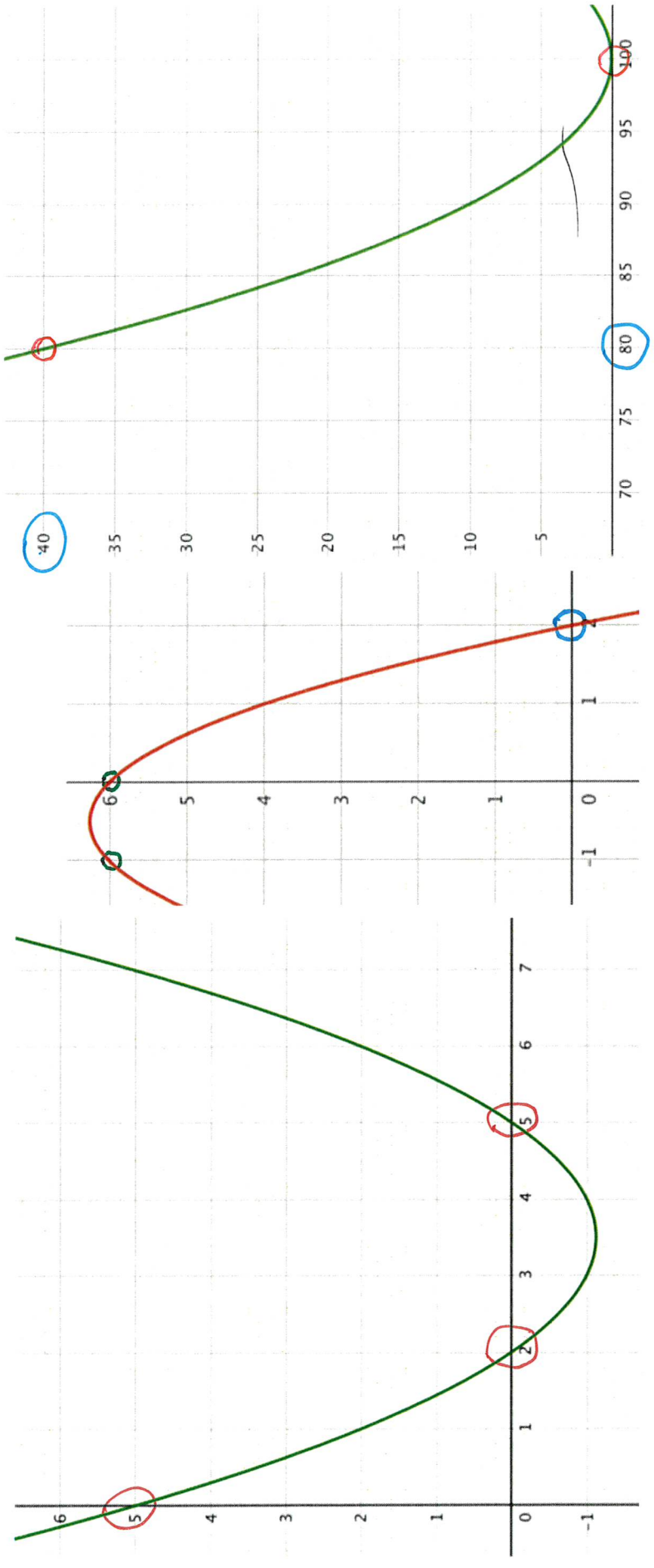


Figure 2: Parabolas (a-c)

5c) We see that  $x=100$  is a double root

$$f(x) = a(x-100)^2$$

Since  $(80, 40)$  is a point on the graph,

$$f(80) = 40, \text{ so } a \cdot (80-100)^2 = 40$$

$$a \cdot (-20)^2 = 40$$

$$a \cdot 400 = 40$$

$$a = \frac{40}{400} = \frac{1}{10} = 0.1$$

$$\text{and so } \underline{\underline{f(x) = \frac{1}{10}(x-100)^2}}$$

This is the std. form  $f(x) = a(x-s)^2 + d$

with  $a = \frac{1}{10}$ ,  $s = 100$ ,  $d = 0$ .

5d) We observe the symmetry axis  $x = 1$   
and the maximum value  $y = -1$

$$\text{then } f(x) = a(x-s)^2 + d$$

$$= a(x-1)^2 - 1$$

To find, note  $f(0) = -2$ , we get

$$a \cdot (0-1)^2 - 1 = -2$$

$$a - 1 = -2$$

$$a = -2 + 1 = -1$$

$$\text{and } \underline{\underline{f(x) = -(x-1)^2 - 1}}$$

3e) The symmetry axis is  $x = -3$   
 The minimum value is  $y = 4.25$   
 (in the middle between 4 and 4.5)

so  $f(x) = a(x+3)^2 + 4.25$

From  $f(-2) = 4.5$  we get

$$a \cdot (-2+3)^2 + 4.25 = 4.50$$

$$a + 4.25 = 4.50$$

$$a = 0.25$$

and  $f(x) = 0.25(x+3)^2 + 4.25$

7a) Three points on the graph:  $P = (0, 7)$

No extra ('good') info,

so use the form

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$Q = (1, 4)$

$R = (2, 3)$



P:  $f(0) = 7$  gives  $c = 7$ .

Q:  $f(1) = a \cdot 1^2 + b \cdot 1 + 7 = 4$

$$a + b = -3 \quad (1)$$

R:  $f(2) = a \cdot 2^2 + b \cdot 2 + 7 = 3$

$$4a + 2b = -4 \quad (2)$$

solve this system of equations

Multiply (1) on both sides by 4 and get

$$4a + 4b = -12$$

subtract (2): 
$$\begin{array}{r} 4a + 4b = -12 \\ 4a + 2b = -4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$0a + 2b = -8$$

$$\text{so } b = \frac{-8}{2} = \underline{-4}$$

From (1) we get  $a = -3 - (-4) = \underline{1}$

so 
$$\underline{\underline{f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 7}}$$

8b)  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 36x + 110$   
How to complete the square?

Note that  $3x^2 + 36x = 3(x^2 + 12x)$

Complete the sq of  $x^2 + 12x$ :

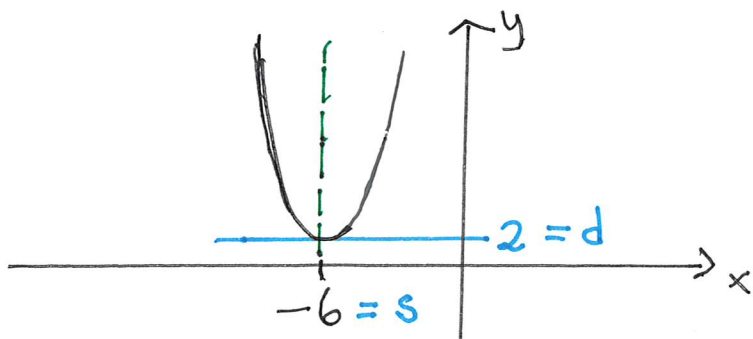
$$x^2 + 12x = (x + 6)^2 - 36$$

so 
$$f(x) = 3[(x + 6)^2 - 36] + 110$$

$$= 3(x + 6)^2 - 108 + 110$$

$$= \underline{\underline{3(x + 6)^2 + 2}}$$

so 
$$\underline{\underline{a = 3}}, \quad \underline{\underline{s = -6}}, \quad \underline{\underline{d = 2}}$$



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## Summary (second degree functions)

3 standard forms:

A) If we know the roots:  $f(x) = a(x-r_1)(x-r_2)$

B) If we know the symmetry axis:  $x = s$   
and the max/min value:  $y = d$

then  $f(x) = a(x-s)^2 + d$

C) Other cases:  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$

(but we can always use B).

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## 2. Revenue, cost and profit

$x$  = number of units produced and sold

$p$  = unit price, so revenue  $R(x) = p \cdot x$

Determine  $p$  such that the profit is positive when  $x > 300$ .

a) The cost function is  $C(x) = 2100 + 5x$ .

The profit function is  $P(x) = R(x) - C(x)$

$$= px - (2100 + 5x) = (p-5)x - 2100$$

By assumption the inequality  $P(x) > 0$   
should have solution set  $x > 300$ .

We solve the inequality

$$P(x) > 0, \text{ that is}$$

$$(p-5)x - 2100 > 0 \quad | + 2100$$

$$(p-5)x > 2100 \quad | : (p-5)$$

Two cases :

$$\underline{p-5 < 0} : \quad x < \frac{2100}{p-5} \quad \text{which is a negative number}$$

But the number of units produced and sold cannot be a neg. number  
- so no solutions in this case

$$\underline{p-5 > 0} : \quad x > \frac{2100}{p-5}$$

and this solution set is supposed to equal  $x > 300$  so

$$\frac{2100}{p-5} = 300. \quad \text{we solve this eq. for } p.$$

$$\text{that is } p-5 = \frac{2100}{300} = 7$$

$$\text{so } p = 7+5 = \underline{\underline{12}}$$

b) The cost function is  $C(x) = 4500 - 5x + 0.01x^2$   
with  $x \in [0, 1000]$ .

Then  $P(x) = px - (4500 - 5x + 0.01x^2)$

resolve and collect terms

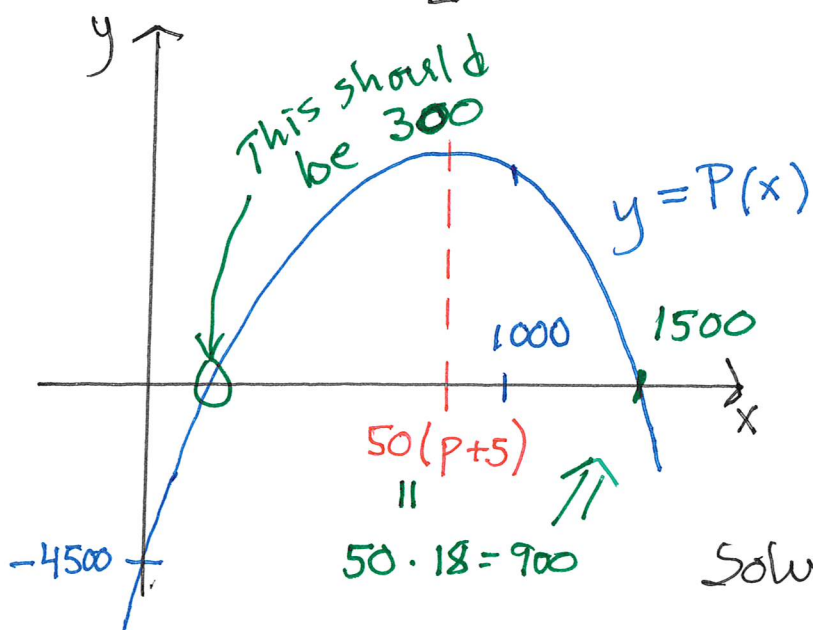
$$= -0.01x^2 + (p+5)x - 4500$$

$$= -0.01(x^2 - 100(p+5)x) - 4500$$

$$= -0.01 \left( \left[ x - 50(p+5) \right]^2 - 50^2(p+5)^2 \right) - 4500$$

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square

$$= -0.01 \left[ x - 50(p+5) \right]^2 + 25(p+5)^2 - 4500$$



Need to find the value of  $p$  which makes the smaller root of  $P(x)$  equal to 300

Solve eq.  $P(300) = 0$   
for  $p$ .

that is  $-0.01 \cdot 300^2 + (p+5) \cdot 300 - 4500 = 0$

$$(p+5) \cdot 300 = 4500 + 900 = 5400$$

so  $p+5 = 5400/300 = 18$ .

so  $p = 18 - 5 = \underline{\underline{13}}$