

Solve the following equation and check for extraneous solutions

$$\sqrt{3x + 7} = x - 1$$

Simplify the following expressions

$$(3 + 4i)(-2 - 2i)$$

$$(1 + 2i) - (2 + 7i)$$

**Objectives** Define a parabola in conic terms using the focus and directrix.

Use focus and directrix to define a parabola in algebraic terms.

**Homework** Finish Worksheet

# Quiz Time

Let's get the quiz out of the way....

Find an equation in standard form of the parabola passing through the points.

1. (2, -20), (-2, -4), (0, -8)

$$-x^2 + 4x - 8$$

3. (2, -8), (3, -8), (6, 4)

$$x^2 - 5x - 2$$

2. (1, -3), (2, 0), (3, 9)

$$3x^2 - 6x + 0$$

4. (-1, -12), (2, -6), (4, -12)

$$-x^2 + 3x - 8$$

5. A player hits a tennis ball across the court and records the height of the ball at different times, as shown in the table.

a. Find a quadratic model for the data.

$$-0.5x^2 + x + 5.5$$

b. Use the model to estimate the height of the ball at 4 seconds.

$$1.5$$

c. What is the ball's maximum height?

$$6$$

Time(s)	Height (ft)
0	5.5
1	6.0
2	5.5
3	4.0

4      1.5

6. **Reasoning** Explain why the quadratic model only works up to 4.5 seconds — that height measurements made after 4.5 seconds are not valid. (Remember this is a discrete, real situation.)

these measurements are negative.  
reasonable domain is  $[0, 4.621]$

7. The table at the right shows the height of the tides measured at the Santa Monica Municipal Pier in California. Hours are measured from 0.00 at midnight.

a. Find a quadratic model for this data using quadratic regression.

$$-0.06x^2 - 0.62x + 4.1$$

b. Use the model to predict the lowest tide height.

$$2.49$$

c. When does the lowest tide occur?

$$5.17 \text{ am}$$

Time	Tide Height (ft)
0.33	3.9
3.30	2.7
11.11	4.6

# Homework Questions?

8. The table at the right shows in thousands how many people in the U.S. subscribe to a cellular telephone.  $547.3x^2 - 1724.8x + 10982$

a. Find a quadratic model for the data.

Let  $x$  = the number of years since 1985.

b. Use the model to estimate the number of subscribers in 1995.  $x = 10$   
 ~~$x = 10$~~   
 $42,000$

c. Describe a reasonable domain and range for this situation.

$$D [0, 100]$$

$$R [0, 30,000,000)$$

Year	U.S Cellular Telephone Subscribership (in thousands)
1985	340
1990	5283
2000	109,478
2004	182,140

SOURCE: CTIA Semi-Annual Wireless Industry

1. Jason jumped off of a cliff into the ocean in Acapulco while vacationing with some friends. His height as a function of time could be modeled by the  $h(t) = -16t^2 + 16t + 480$  where  $t$  is the time in seconds and  $h$  is the height in feet.

a. How long did it take for Jason to reach his maximum height?  $0.5$  seconds

b. What was the highest point that Jason reached?  $484$  ft.

c. Jason hit the water after how many seconds?  $6$

2. If a toy rocket is launched vertically upward from ground level with an initial velocity of 128 feet per second, then its height  $h$  after  $t$  seconds is given by the  $h(t) = -16t^2 + 128t$  (if air resistance is neglected).

a. How long will it take for the rocket to return to the ground?  $8$  seconds

b. After how many seconds will the rocket be 112 feet above the ground?  $1 + 7$  seconds

c. How long will it take the rocket to hit its maximum height?  $4$

d. What is the maximum height?  $256$

# Homework Questions?

3.) You and a friend are hiking in the mountains. You want to climb to a ledge that is 20 ft. above you. The height of the grappling hook you throw is given by the function  $h(t) = -16t^2 - 32t + 5$ .

- What is the maximum height of the grappling hook?  $5 \text{ ft}$
- Can you throw it high enough to reach the ledge?  $\text{no}$

4. You are trying to dunk a basketball. You need to jump 2.5 ft. in the air to dunk the ball. The height that your feet are above the ground is given by the function  $h(t) = -16t^2 + 12t$ .

- What is the maximum height your feet will be above the ground?  $2.25$
- Will you be able to dunk the basketball?  $\text{no}$

5. A diver is standing on a platform 24 ft. above the pool. He jumps from the platform with an initial upward velocity of 8 ft/s. Use the formula  $h(t) = -16t^2 + vt + s$ , where  $h$  is his height above the water,  $t$  is the time,  $v$  is his starting upward velocity, and  $s$  is his starting height. How long will it take for him to hit the water?

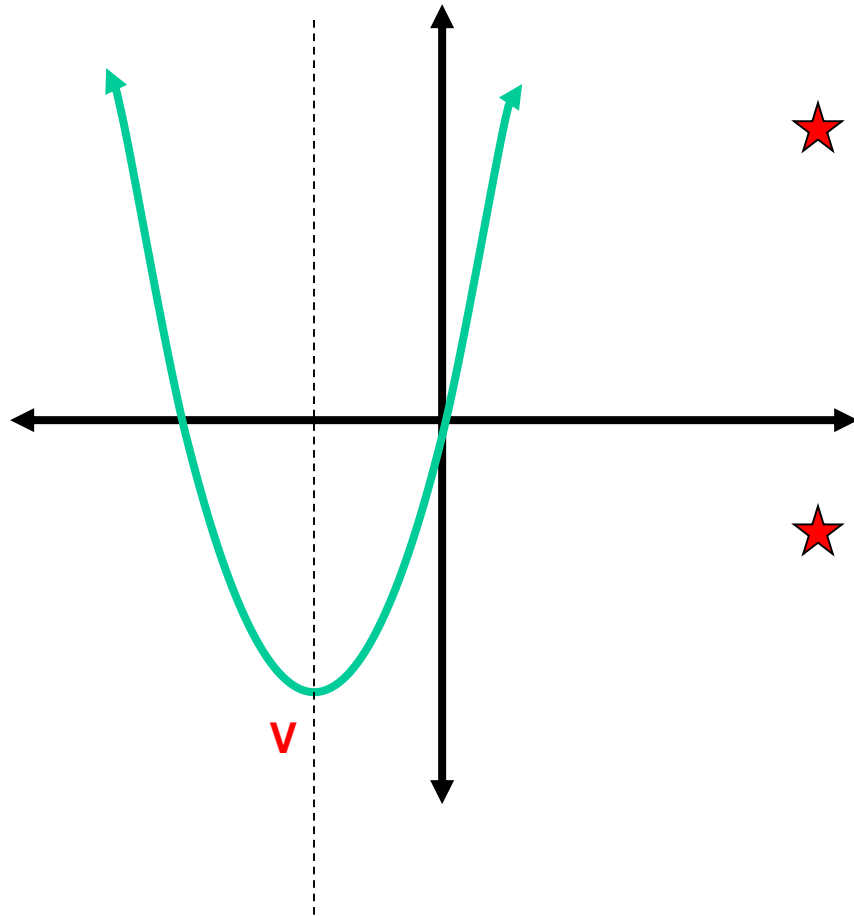
$$h(t) = -16t^2 + 8t + 24 \quad 1.5 \text{ seconds}$$

6. A trebuchet launches a projectile on a parabolic arc at a velocity of 35 ft/s. Using the function  $h(t) = -16t^2 + vt + h_0$  determine when the projectile will first reach a height of 80 ft., and how many seconds later will it again be 80 feet.

$$h(t) = -16t^2 + 35t \quad \text{won't happen, max height is 15 ft.}$$

7. During World War I, mortars were fired from trenches 3 feet down. The mortars had a velocity of 150 ft/s. Using the function  $h(t) = -16t^2 + vt + h_0$  determine how long it will take for the mortar shell to strike its target.

$$h(t) = -16t^2 + 150t - 3 \quad 9.35 \text{ seconds.}$$

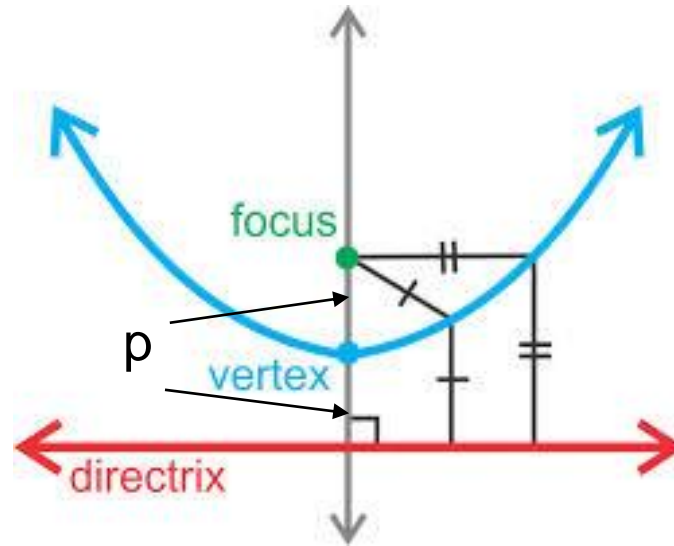


## You already know...

### Forms of equations

- ★  $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$ 
  - opens up if  $a$  is positive
  - opens down if  $a$  is negative
  - vertex is  $(h, k)$
- ★  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ 
  - opens up if  $a$  is positive
  - opens down if  $a$  is negative
  - vertex is  $\left( \frac{-b}{2a}, f\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right) \right)$

Definition: A **parabola** is the collection of all points  $(x,y)$  that have the same distance to the **focus** and **directrix**.



Vertex:	$(h, k)$
Directrix:	$y = k - p$
Focus:	$(h, k + p)$

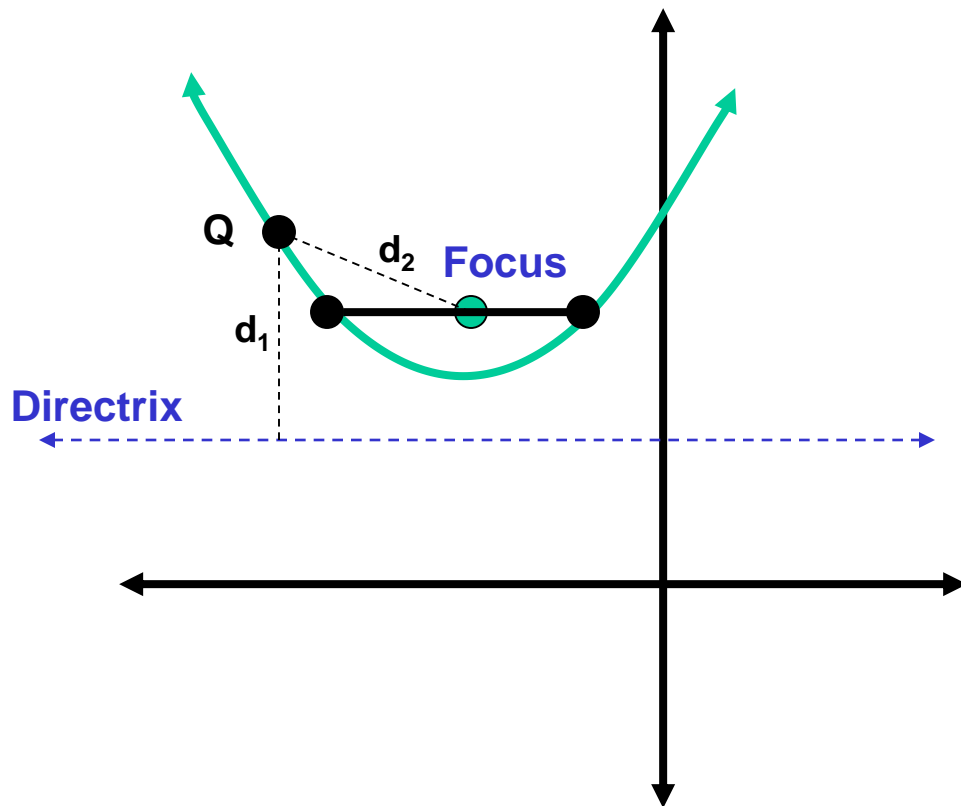
When we think about vertex form,  $a = \frac{1}{4p}$



## A little potty math...

The **latus rectum** of a parabola is a line segment that passes through the focus, is parallel to the directrix and has its endpoints on the parabola.

The length of the latus rectum is  $|4p|$  where  $p$  is the distance from the vertex to the focus.



Find the equation of the parabola given:  
the vertex is  $(2, -3)$  and focus is  $(2, -5)$

Because of the location of the vertex and focus this must be a vertical parabola that opens down.

$$\text{Equation: } \frac{1}{4p}(x - h)^2 + k = y$$

$$|p| = 2$$

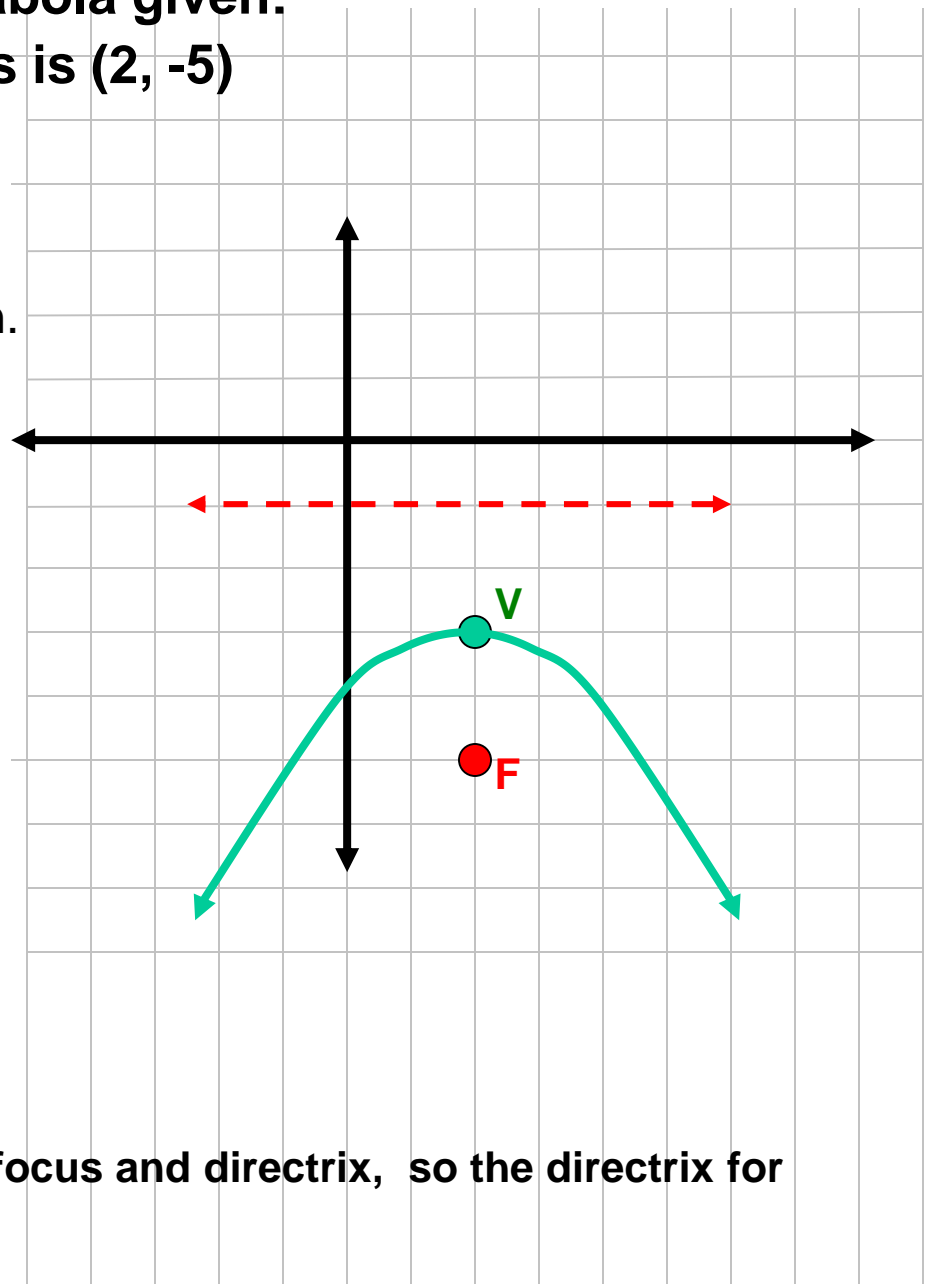
Equation:

$$-\frac{1}{4(2)}(x - 2)^2 - 3 = y$$

$$-\frac{1}{8}(x - 2)^2 - 3 = y$$

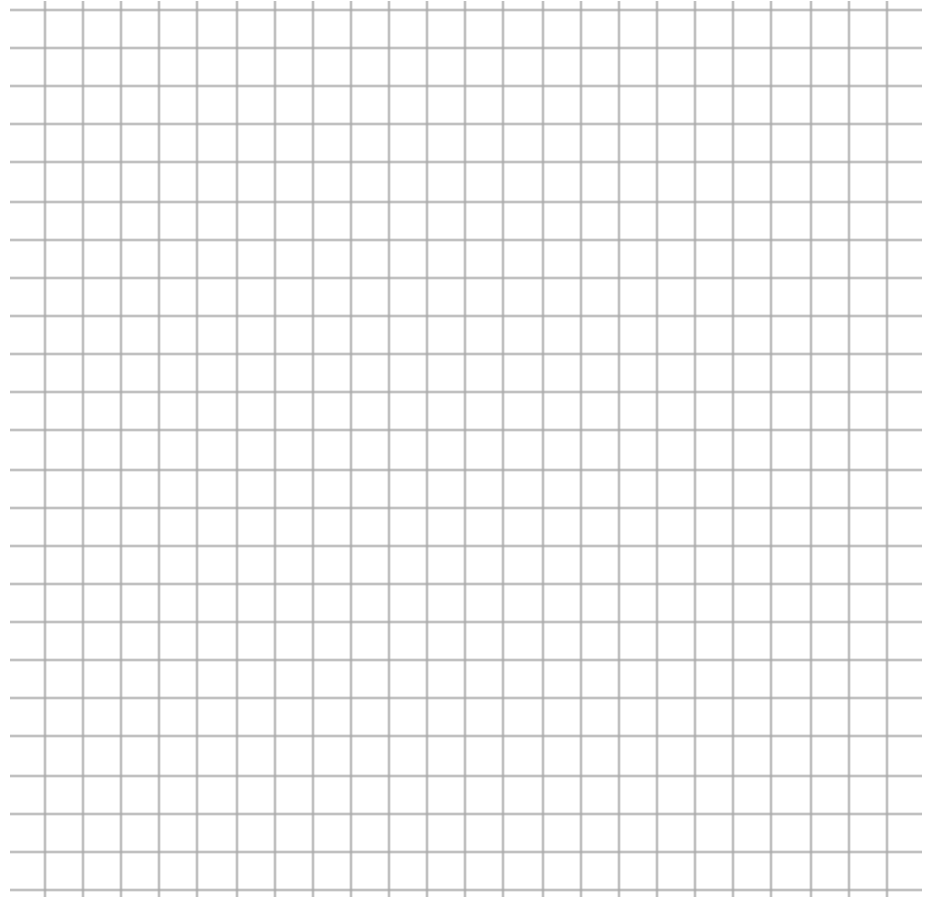
**Note:**  $a$  is negative because the parabola opens down.

The vertex is midway between the focus and directrix, so the directrix for this parabola is  $y = -1$



Find the directrix of a parabola with a vertex at  $(3,4)$  and a focus at  $(3,1)$

1. Draw a picture.



2. Find  $p$ .

3. Use what you know.

# Focus and Directrix

Identify the vertex, focus and directrix of the parabola  $y = -2(x - 3)^2 + 5$

$h =$

$k =$

$a =$

$p =$



Vertex

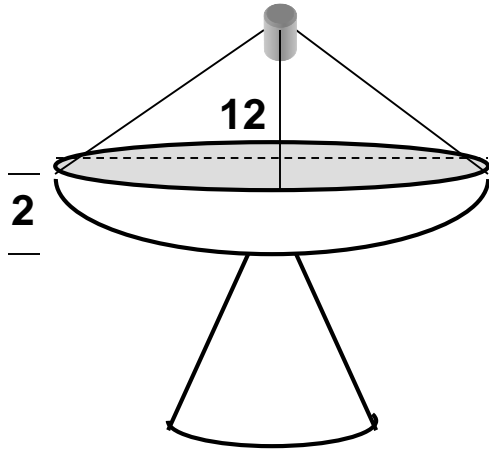
Focus

Directrix

# Quiz Time

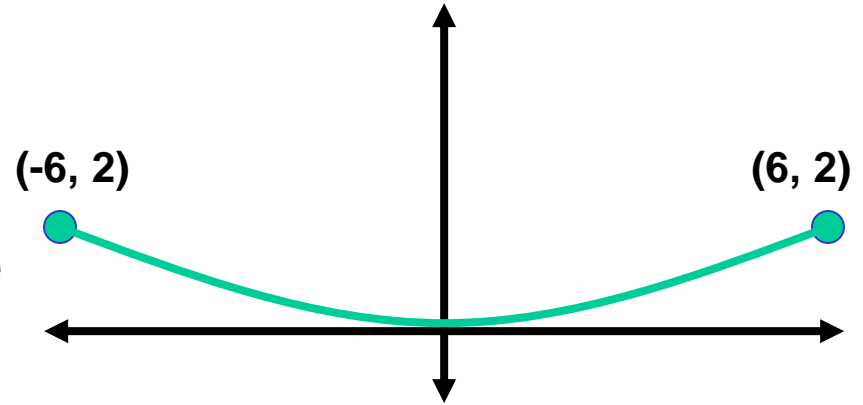
Work on the Focus and Directrix work sheet.

# Applications



A satellite dish is in the shape of a parabolic surface. The dish is 12 ft in diameter and 2 ft deep. How far from the base should the receiver be placed?

Consider a parabola cross-section of the dish and create a coordinate system where the origin is at the base of the dish.



Since the parabola is vertical and has its vertex at  $(0, 0)$  its equation must be of the form:

$$x^2 = 4py$$

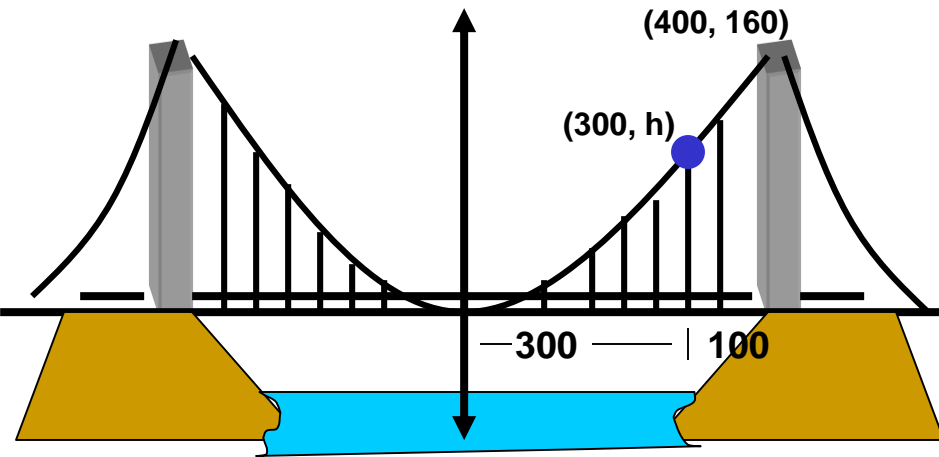
At  $(6, 2)$ ,  $36 = 4p(2)$

so  $p = 4.5$

thus the focus is at the point  $(0, 4.5)$

**The receiver should be placed 4.5 feet above the base of the dish.**

# Application



The towers of a suspension bridge are 800 ft apart and rise 160 ft above the road. The cable between them has the shape of a parabola, and the cable just touches the road midway between the towers.

What is the height of the cable 100 ft from a tower?

Since the parabola is vertical and has its vertex at  $(0, 0)$  its equation must be of the form:

$$x^2 = 4py$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{At } (400, 160), \quad 160,000 &= 4p(160) \\ 1000 &= 4p \\ p &= 250 \end{aligned}$$

thus the equation is  $x^2 = 1000y$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{At } (300, h), \quad 90,000 &= 1000h \\ h &= 90 \end{aligned}$$

**The cable would be 90 ft long at a point 100 ft from a tower.**