

Write the quadratic function with the given complex root(s) and a point on the parabola.

1. roots:  $\pm 4i$  passes through  $(2, -5)$

$$r_1 = 4i \quad r_2 = -4i$$

Root Form:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= a(x-4i)(x+4i) \\ &= a(x^2 + 4ix - 4ix - 16i^2) \\ &= a(x^2 - 16i^2) \quad \text{but } i^2 = -1 \\ &= a(x^2 - 16(-1)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Eq. 1 } y = a(x^2 + 16)$$

To solve for "a":

$$\text{@ Pt } (2, -5)$$

$$-5 = a(2^2 + 16)$$

$$-5 = a(4 + 16)$$

$$\frac{-5}{20} = \frac{a(20)}{20}$$

$$\frac{-1}{4} = a$$

Substitute  $a = -\frac{1}{4}$  in Eq. 1

$$y = -\frac{1}{4}(x^2 + 16)$$

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

2. one root:  $5-3i$  passes through  $(8, -30)$

$$r_1 = 5-3i$$

$$r_2 = 5+3i \quad (r_2 \text{ is conjugate of } r_1)$$

Root Form

$$\begin{aligned} y &= a(x-r_1)(x-r_2) \\ &= a(x-5+3i)(x-5-3i) \\ &= a[(x-5)^2 - 9i^2] \\ &= a[(x^2 - 10x + 25) - 9i^2] \end{aligned}$$

$$= a[x^2 - 10x + 25 - 9(-1)]$$

$$= a(x^2 - 10x + 25 + 9)$$

$$\text{Eq. 1 } y = a(x^2 - 10x + 34)$$

To solve for "a", use  
Pt  $(8, -30)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} -30 &= a(8^2 - 10(8) + 34) \\ &= a(64 - 80 + 34) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{-30}{18} = \frac{a(18)}{18}$$

$$-\frac{5}{3} = a$$

Substitute  $a = -\frac{5}{3}$  to Eq. 1

$$y = -\frac{5}{3}(x^2 - 10x + 34)$$

$$y = -\frac{5}{3}x^2 + \frac{50}{3}x - \frac{170}{3}$$

3. roots:  $1 \pm i\sqrt{2}$  passes through  $(2, -3)$

$$r_1 = 1 + i\sqrt{2}$$

$$r_2 = 1 - i\sqrt{2}$$

Root Form

$$y = a(x - 1 - i\sqrt{2})(x - 1 + i\sqrt{2})$$

$$= a[(x-1)^2 - i^2(2)]$$

$$= a[(x^2 - 2x + 1) - (-1)(2)]$$

$$= a[x^2 - 2x + 1 + 2]$$

Eq. 1  $y = a(x^2 - 2x + 3)$

To solve for  $a$ , use Pt  $(2, -3)$

$$-3 = a(2^2 - 2(2) + 3)$$
$$\frac{-3}{3} = a \frac{(3)}{3}$$
$$-1 = a \checkmark$$

Substitute  $a = -1$  in Eq. 1

$$y = -1(x^2 - 2x + 3)$$
$$y = -x^2 + 2x + 3$$

4. one root:  $-i$  passes through  $(-3, 20)$

$$r_1 = -i$$

$$r_2 = i \text{ (conjugate)}$$

Root Form

$$y = a(x+i)(x-i)$$

$$y = a(x^2 - i^2) \text{ note: } i^2 = -1$$

Eq. 1  $y = a(x^2 + 1)$

To solve for "a", use Pt  $(-3, 20)$

$$20 = a((-3)^2 + 1)$$

$$20 = a(9 + 1)$$

$$\frac{20}{10} = \frac{a(10)}{10}$$

$$2 = a$$

Substitute  $a = 2$  in Eq. 1

$$y = 2(x^2 + 1)$$
$$y = 2x^2 + 2$$