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Quadratic Functions

A **quadratic function** can be described by $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$. The graph of a quadratic function is a **parabola** when the domain is the set of real numbers.

The **x-coordinate of the vertex** (maximum or minimum point) is $-\frac{b}{2a}$.

The **axis of symmetry** is the line $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$.

We can use this information to help graph a quadratic function.

Example Graph $y = 2x^2 + 4x + 1$. $a = 2, b = 4, c = 1$

The x-coordinate of the vertex is $-\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{4}{2 \cdot 2} = -\frac{4}{4} = -1$.

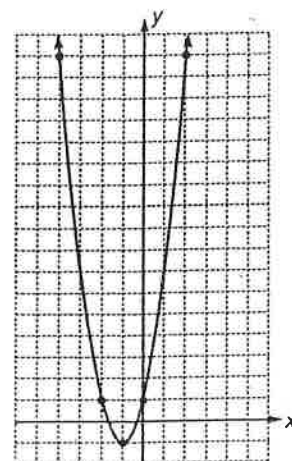
$$\begin{aligned} y &= 2x^2 + 4x + 1 \\ &= 2(-1)^2 + 4(-1) + 1 \\ &= 2 - 4 + 1 \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

Substitute the x-coordinate in the original equation.

The axis of symmetry is the line $x = -1$.

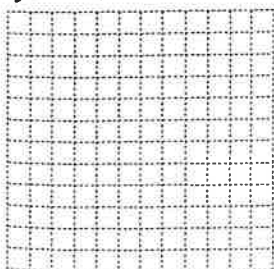
x	y
-2	1
0	1
2	17
-4	17

Choose points on each side of the axis of symmetry.

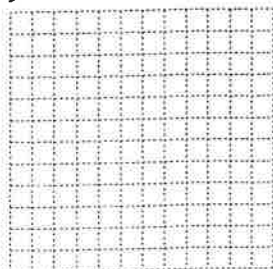


Graph each function.

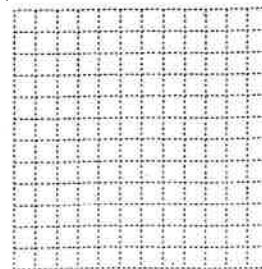
1. $y = -2x^2 + 3$



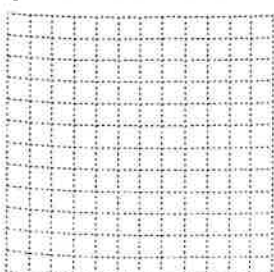
2. $y = 3x^2 + 1$



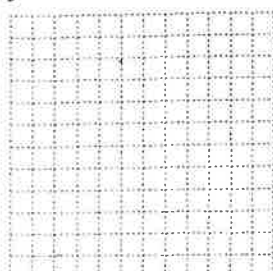
3. $y = -x^2 - 2$



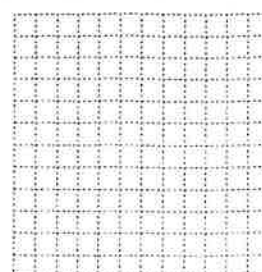
4. $y = x^2 + 2x + 3$

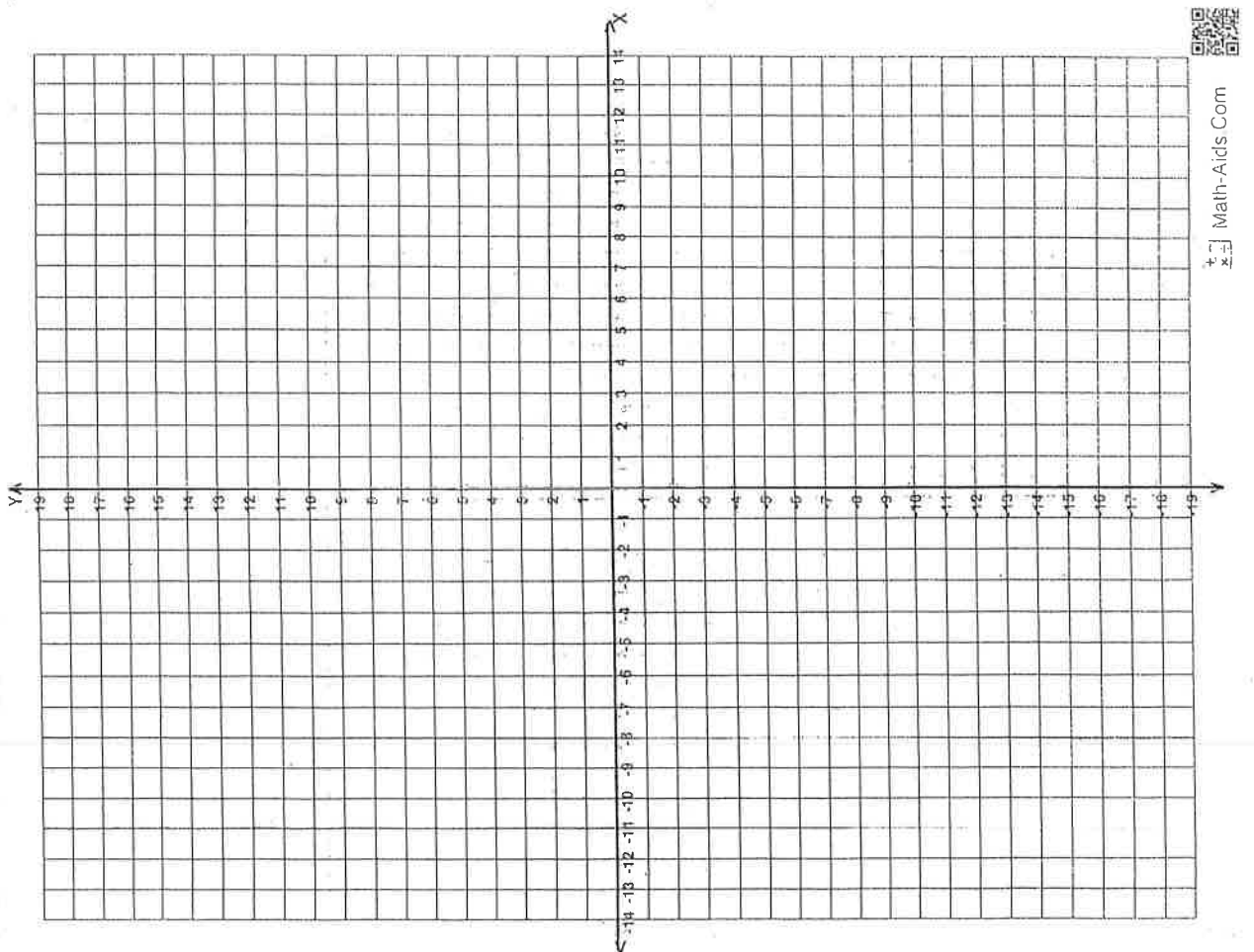
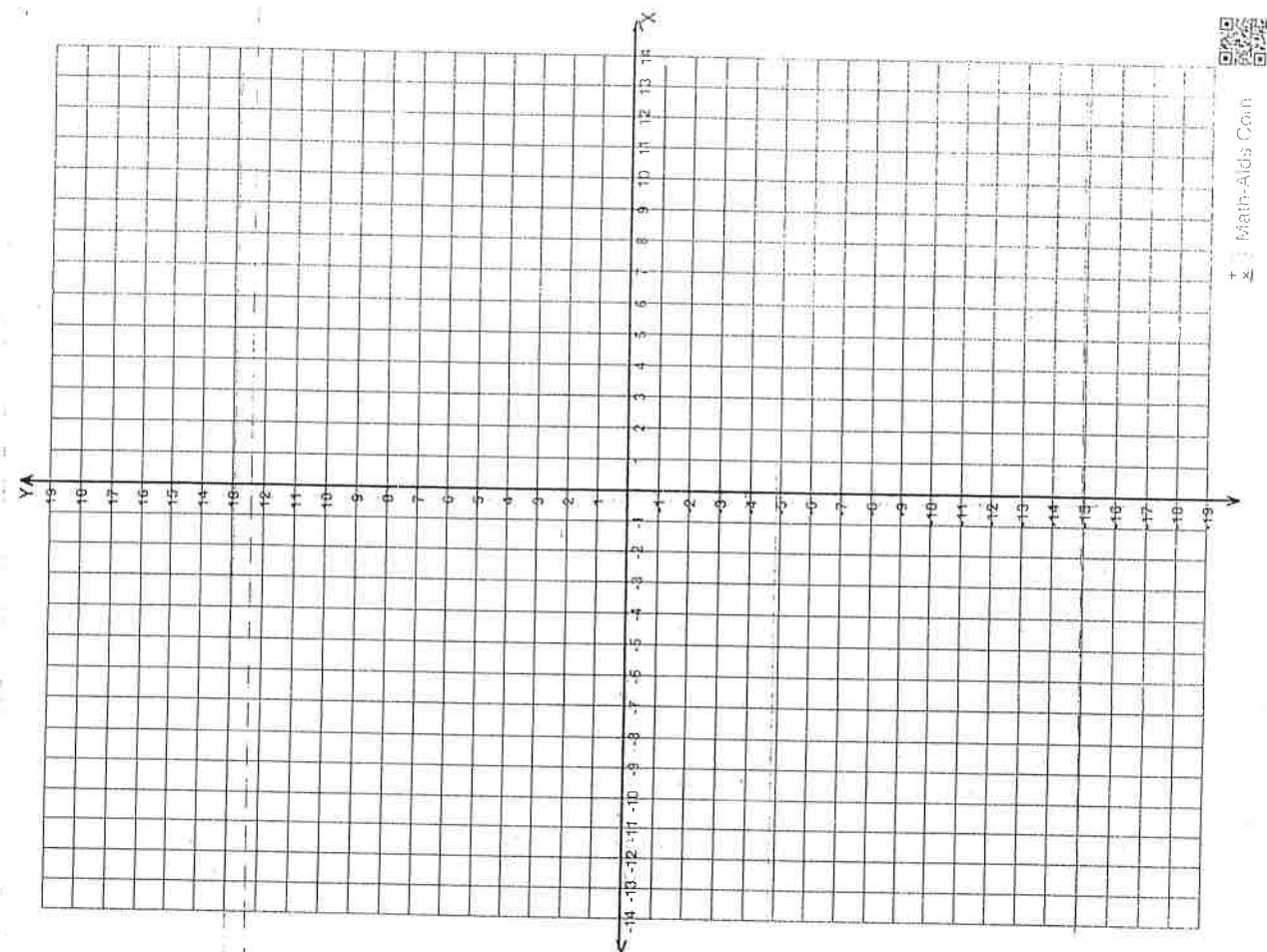


5. $y = 4x^2 + 2x + 2$



6. $y = 2x^2 + 4x + 1$





9-2 "Another Look" Wksht "Answers

① $y = -2x^2 + 3$

* downward

$$\frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-0}{2(-2)} = \textcircled{0}$$

* $x=0$, y-axis

* Vertex $(0, 3)$ & y-intercept

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x	y
-2	-5 ✓
-1	1 ✓
0	3 * vertex
1	1 ✓
2	-5 ✓

③ $y = -x^2 - 2$

* downward

$$\frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-0}{2(-1)} = \textcircled{0}$$

$x=0$, y-axis

x	y
-2	-6 ✓
-1	-3 ✓
0	-2 * vertex
1	-3 ✓
2	-6 ✓

② $y = 3x^2 + 1$

* upward

$$\frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-0}{2(3)} = \textcircled{0}$$

* $x=0$, y-axis

*

x	y
-2	13 ✓
-1	4 ✓
0	1 * vertex
1	4 ✓
2	13 ✓

* upward

$$\frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-2}{2(1)} = \frac{-2}{2} = -1 \quad \textcircled{x=-1}$$

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

x	y
-3	6 ✓
-2	3 ✓
-1	2 * vertex
0	3 * y-intercept
1	6 ✓

upwards

$$\textcircled{5} \quad y = 4x^2 + 2x + 2$$

$$\frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-2}{2(4)} = \frac{-2}{8} = \boxed{\frac{-1}{4}}$$

$$y = 4\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + 2\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) + 2$$

$$y = 4\left(\frac{1}{16}\right) + 2\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) + 2$$

$$y = \frac{1}{4} + -\frac{1}{2} + 2$$

$$y = \frac{1}{4} + -\frac{2}{4} + 2$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{1}$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{8}{4}$$

$$y = +\frac{7}{4}$$

$$\text{vertex} = \left(-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{7}{4}\right)$$

$$\left(-\frac{1}{4}, 1\frac{3}{4}\right)$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} x & y \\ \hline -2 & 14 \\ -1 & 4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{7}{4} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 8 \end{array}$$

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* vertex

* y-intercept

⑥ $y = 2x^2 + 4x + 1$

upwards

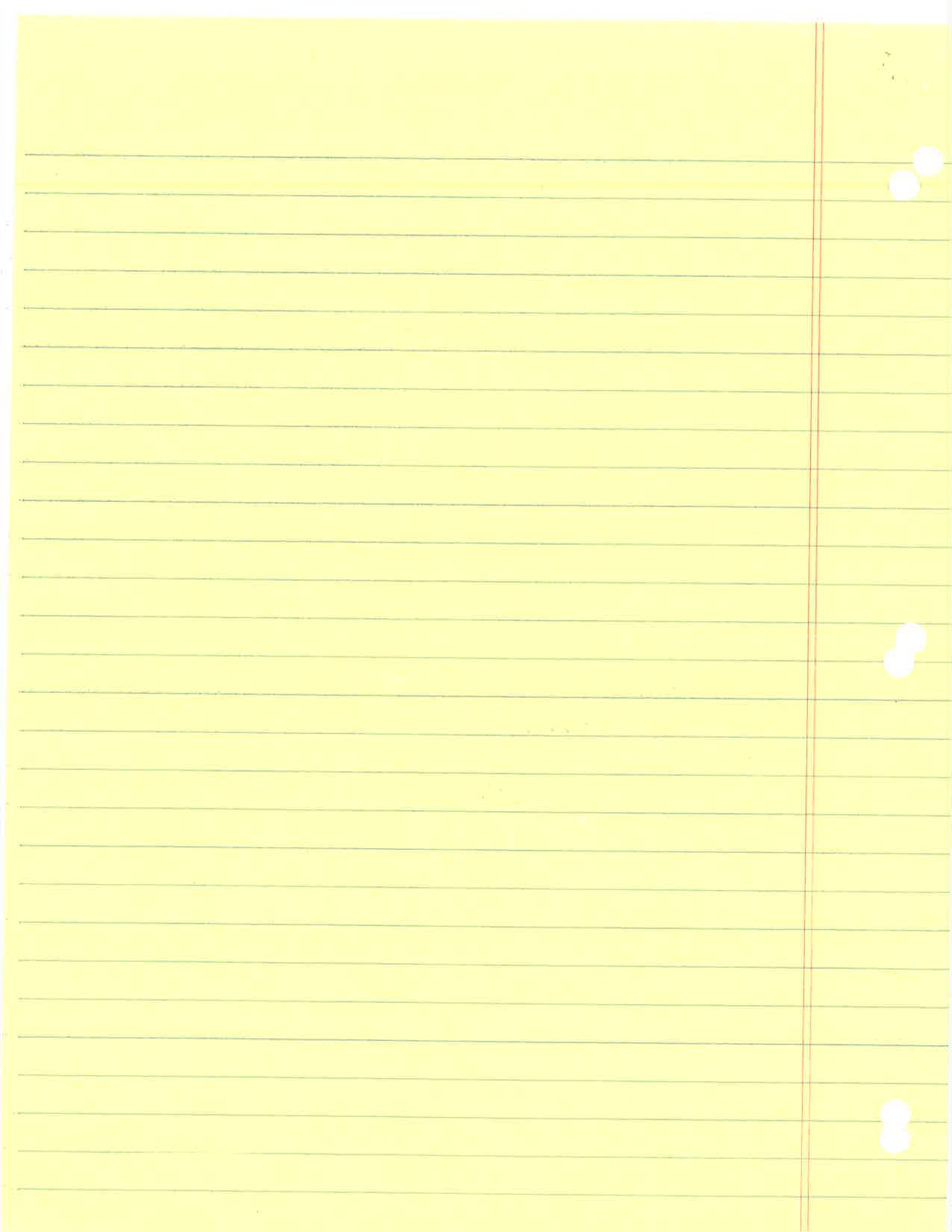
$$\frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-4}{2(2)} = \frac{-4}{4} = -1$$

$$y = 2(1)^2 + 4(1) + 1$$

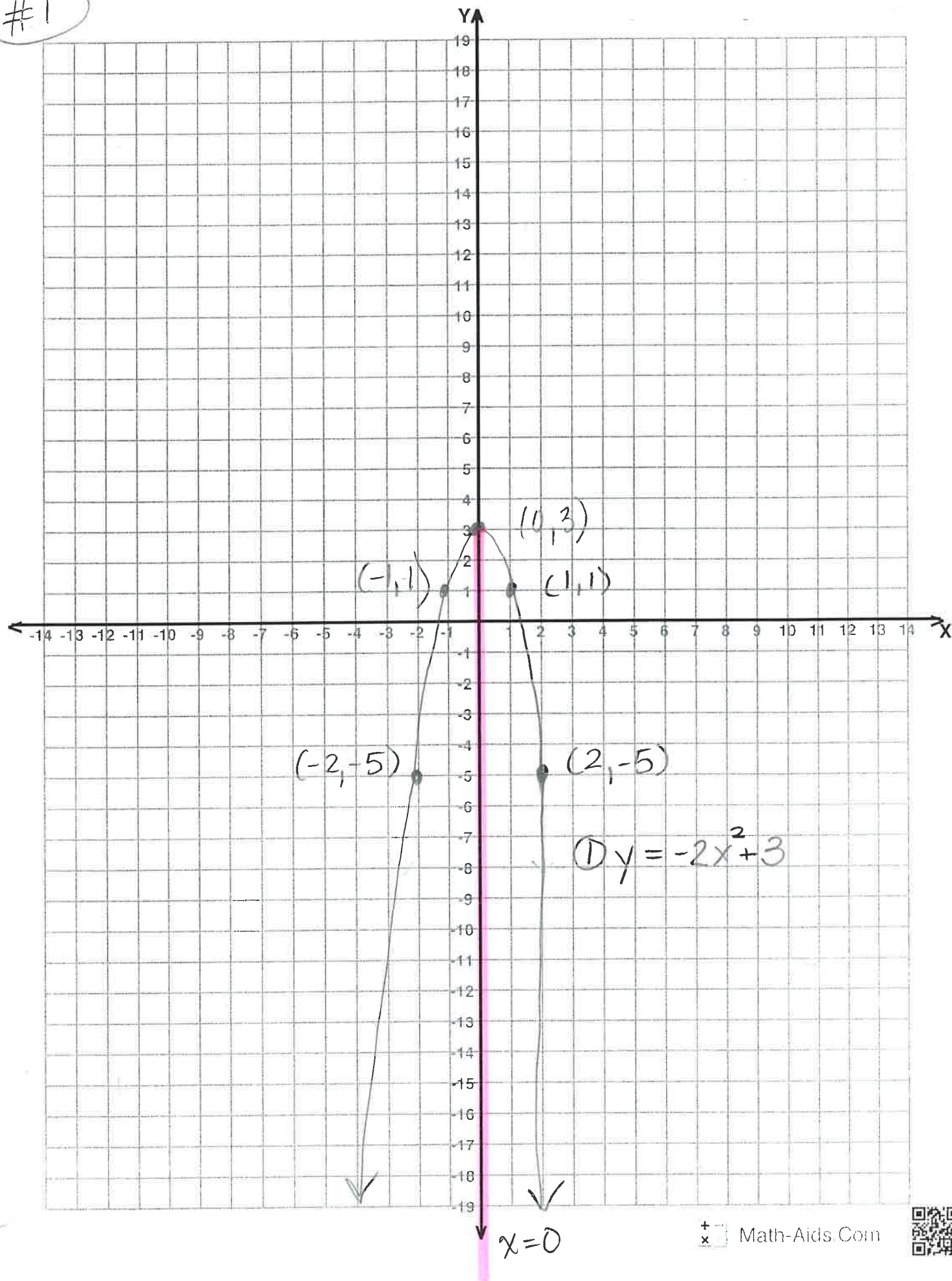
$$y = 2 + 4 + 1$$

$$y = 7$$

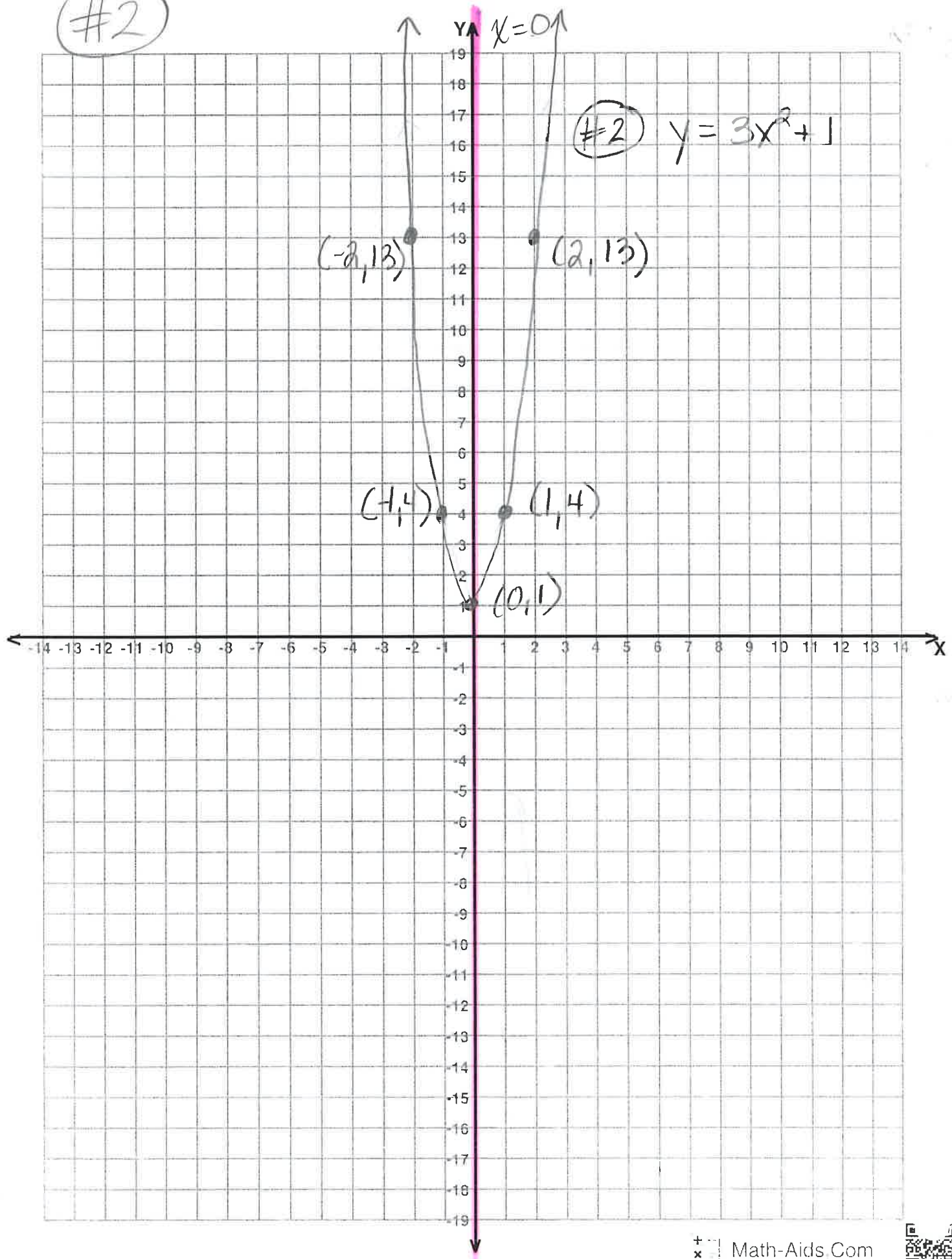
x	y
-3	7
-2	1
-1	-1
0	1
1	7



#1



#2



#2 $y = 3x^2 + 1$

$(-2, 13)$

$(2, 13)$

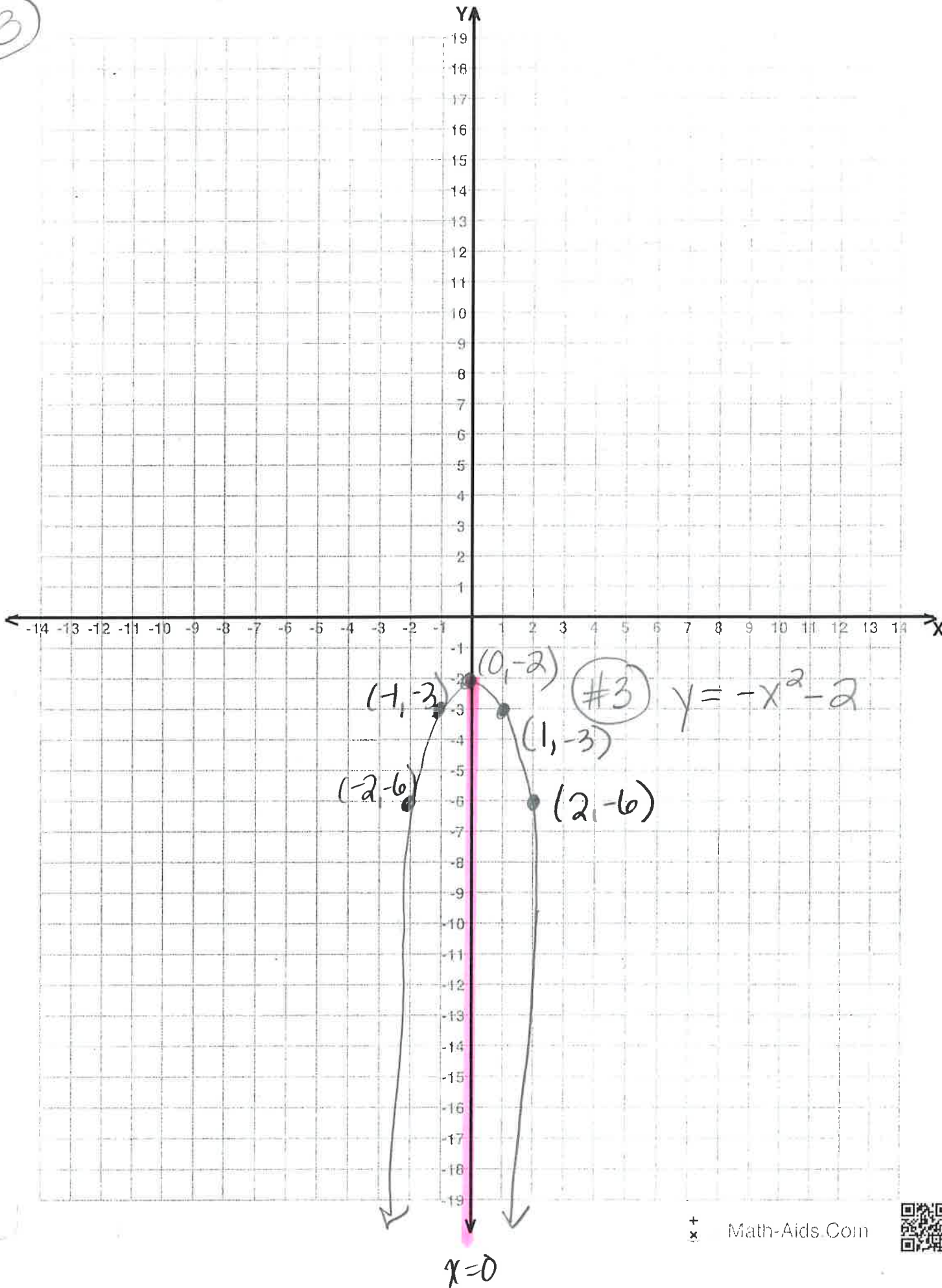
$(-1, 4)$

$(1, 4)$

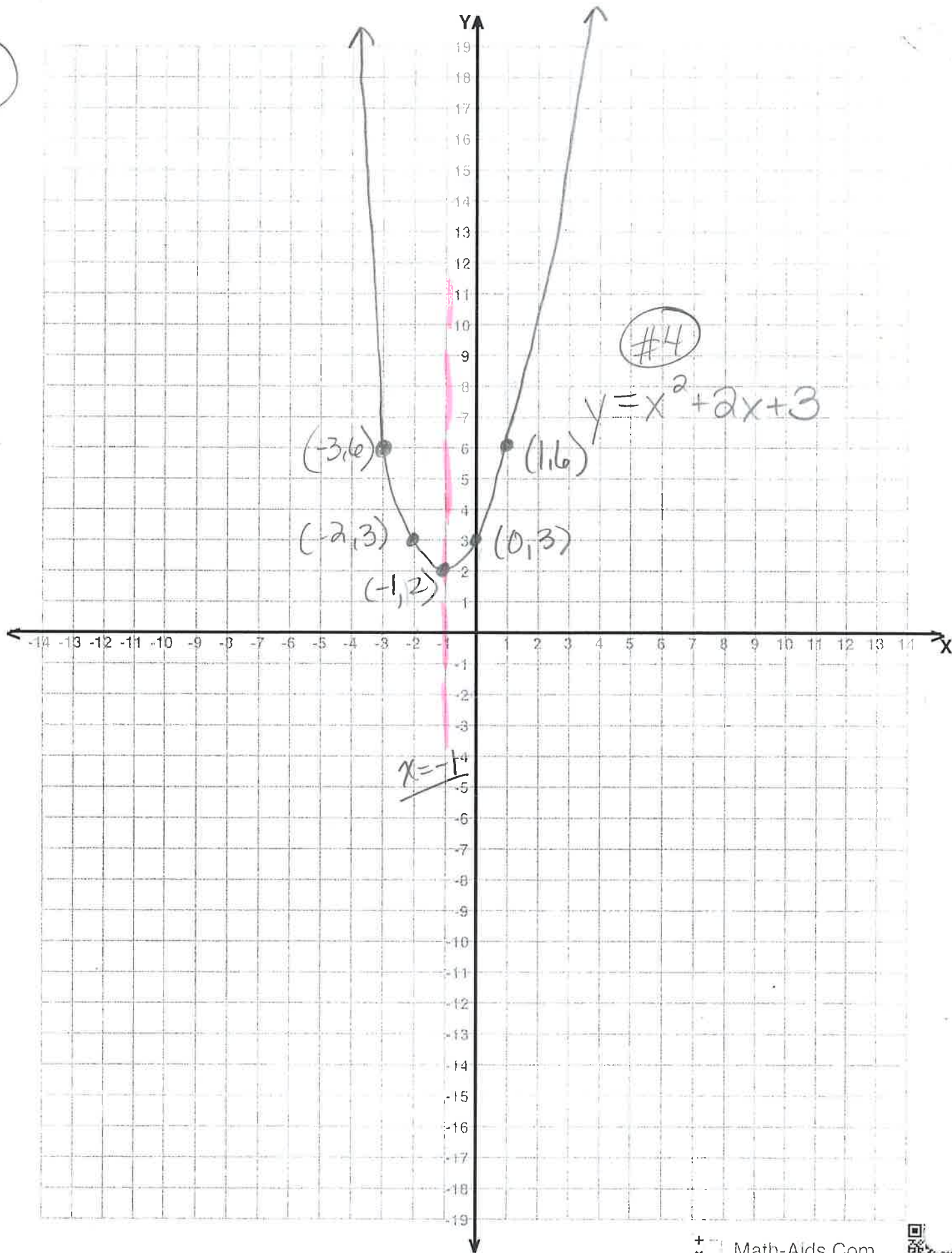
$(0, 1)$



#3



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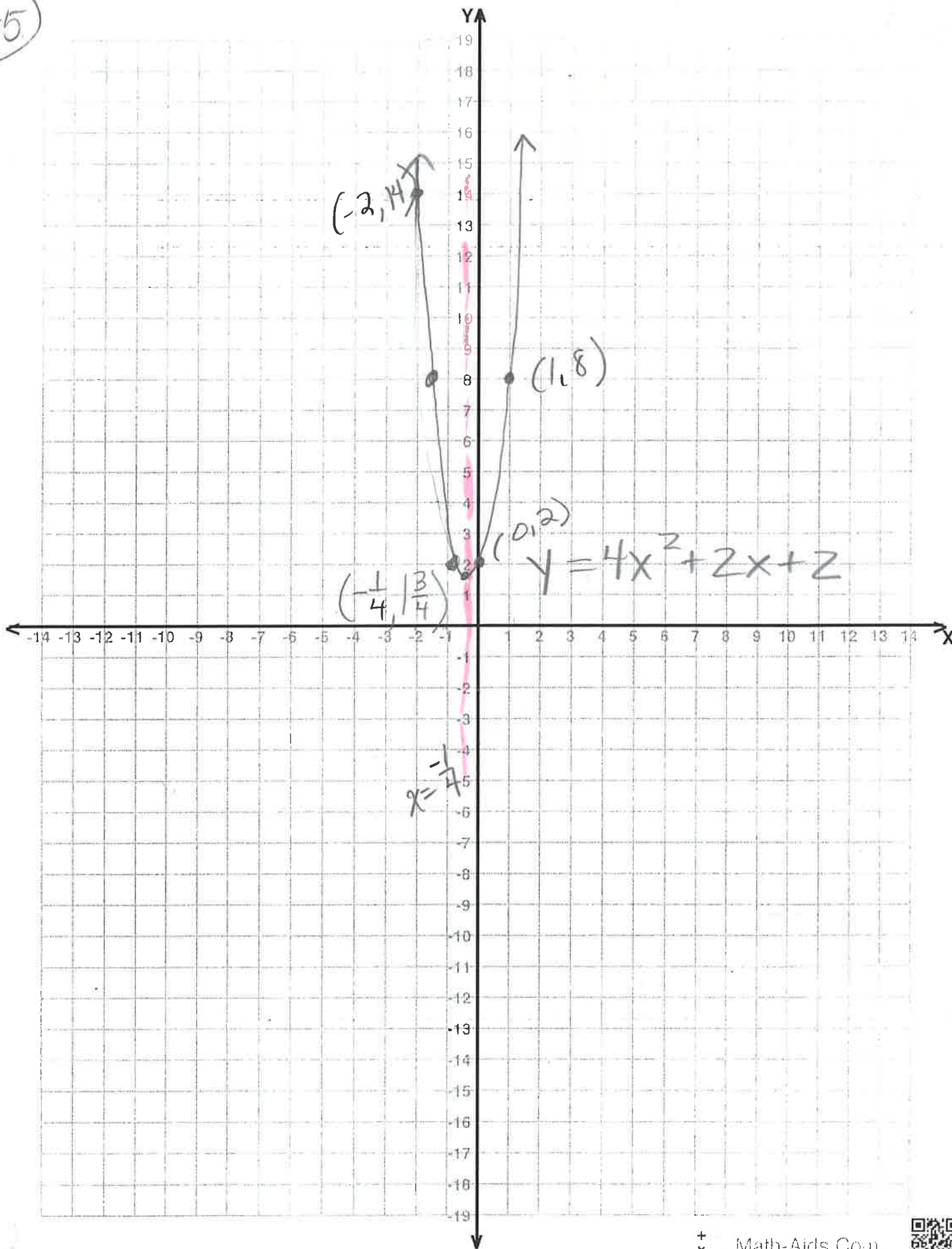
#4

$$y = x^2 + 2x + 3$$

$$x = -1$$



#5



#6

