## Worksheet 2.1A, Quadratic functions MATH 1410, (SOLUTIONS)

- 1. Find the quadratic function with the given vertex and point. Put your answer in vertex form, except for g).
  - (a) Vertex (0, 0) passing through (-2, 8). (b) Vertex (2, 0) passing through (1, 3).
  - (c) Vertex (-3, 0) passing through (-5, -4). (d) Vertex (0, 1) passing through (-1, 0).
  - (e) Vertex (2, 5) passing through (3, 7). (f) Vertex (-3, 4) with y-intercept of 0.

(g) has x-intercepts of -8 and -2 that goes through the point (3,-9).

## Solutions.

- (a) A parabola with vertex (0,0) passing through (-2,8) has equation  $y = 2x^2$ .
- (b) A parabola with vertex (2,0) passing through (1,3) has equation  $y = 3(x-2)^2$ .
- (c) A parabola with vertex (-3,0) passing through (-5,-4) has equation  $y = -(x+3)^2$ .
- (d) A parabola with vertex (0, 1) passing through (-1, 0) has equation  $y = -x^2 + 1$ .
- (e) A parabola with vertex (2,5) passing through (3,7) has equation  $y = 2(x-2)^2 + 5$ .
- (f) A parabola with vertex (-3,4) passing through (0,0) has equation  $y = -\frac{4}{9}(x+3)^2 + 4$ .
- 4 Find the equation for the parabolas below. Put your answers in standard





Solutions.

- (a) Since the parabola has x-intercept at x = -1, with multiplicity 2, then it must be of the form  $y = a(x+1)^2$ . Since it goes through (0, -3) the equation is  $y = -3(x+1)^2$ .
- (b) The zeroes seem to be about 2.7 and -0.7 with vertex at (1, -3). The standard form for this parabola must be something like  $f(x) = a(x-1)^2 3$ . In this case, a = 1 works perfectly well so the equation is  $y = (x-1)^2 3$ .
- (c) The vertex is at (-1,2) so the quadratic has form  $f(x) = a(x+1)^2 + 2$ . Since the parabola goes through (0,-1), a must be -3. So the equation is  $y = -3(x+1)^2 + 2$ .
- (d) The vertex is at (0,0) so the quadratic has form  $f(x) = ax^2$ . It appears that a is about -3 since the parabola probably goes through (1,-3). So the equation is  $y = -3x^2$ .