

In this problem, we will explore quadratic functions and their roots.

1. Consider the function  $f(x) = x^2 + 4x + c$ . For what values of  $c$  does this function have no roots? A double root? Two distinct roots?
2. Why do your answers to the first part make sense? Consider the graph of the function  $g(x) = x^2 + 4x$ . What are we doing to the graph of this function by changing  $c$ ?
3. Now, consider the function  $f(x) = x^2 + bx + 4$ . For what values of  $b$  do we have no roots? A double root? Two distinct roots?
4. What about the function  $f(x) = x^2 + bx - 4$ ? Answer the same questions here.