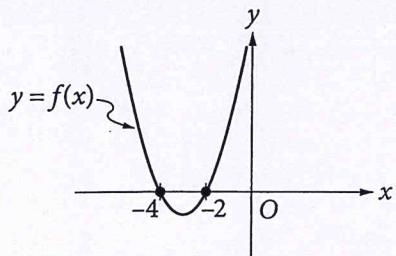


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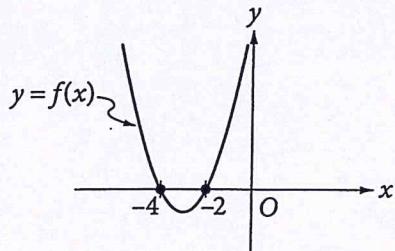
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- zeros of  $-4 \neq -2$  lead to these factors:

$$(x+4)(x+2)$$

- expand these factors

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$$\begin{array}{r|rr} x & x^2 & +4x \\ +2 & \hline & +2x & +8 \end{array}$$

$$= x^2 + \underline{6x} + 8$$

$$K = 6$$