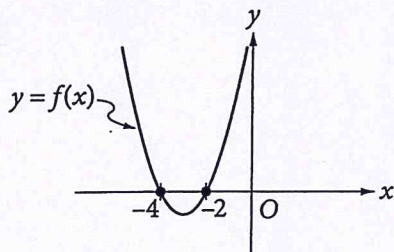




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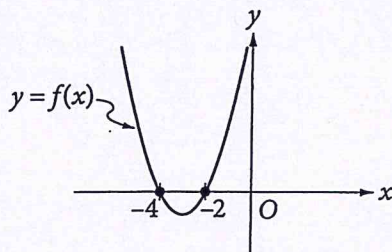
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• zeros of -4 & -2 lead to these factors:
 $(x+4)(x+2)$

• expand these factors

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

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

	$x + 4$	
x	x^2	$+4x$
$+2$	$+2x$	$+8$

$$k = 6$$