

Course: MFM2P Gr. 10 AppliedLesson: 7 - 3Unit: Representing Quadratic Relations Topic: Factoring Quadratic Relations with  $a > 1$ 

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✚ *homework check:* Lesson 7 - 2✚ *note:* Factoring Quadratic Relations with  $a > 1$ 

Sometimes quadratics may have an  $a$  value greater than one. In this case, we must common factor the value of  $a$  first before factoring the rest of the trinomial. For example,

a)  $2x^2 + 4x - 48 =$  The value of  $a > 1$ .

Divide each term of the trinomial by 2.

$$= 2(x^2 + 2x - 24)$$

Now we can factor the trinomial.

$$c = -24$$

$$b = 2$$

$$= 2(x + 6)(x - 4)$$

b)  $-3x^2 + 9x + 84 =$  The value of  $a > 1$ .

Divide each term by -3.

$$= -3(x^2 - 3x - 28)$$

Now we can factor the trinomial.

$$c = -28$$

$$b = -3$$

$$= -3(x - 7)(x + 4)$$

c) Jake fires a gun from his tree stand at a deer standing several metres away. The path of the bullet can be modeled by the equation  $h = -0.35t^2 + 2.8t + 3.15$  where  $t$  is the time in seconds and  $h$  is the height of the bullet in metres.

- i) How long is the bullet in the air?
- ii) How high is the tree stand that Jake is sitting on?
- iii) What is the maximum height of the bullet?

i) To find how long the bullet is in the air,  
we need the x intercepts. Therefore we must factor.

$$h = -0.35t^2 + 2.8t + 3.15$$

$$h = -0.35(t^2 - 8t - 9)$$

$$h = -0.35(t+1)(t-9)$$

$$t = -1, t = 9$$

Since time cannot be negative, the bullet is in the air for 9 seconds.

ii) To find the height of the tree stand,  
we need to find the y intercept. Therefore, set  $t = 0$ .

$$h = -0.35t^2 + 2.8t + 2.15$$

$$h = -0.35(0)^2 + 2.8(0) + 3.15$$

$$h = 3.15$$

The tree stand is 3.15 m in the air.

iii) To find the max height of the bullet,  
we need to find the vertex time and height.

Since we know the intercepts,  $t = -1$  and  $t = 9$ ,  
we find the middle.

$$\frac{-1+9}{2} =$$

$$= \frac{8}{2}$$

$$= 4$$

$$h = -0.35(4)^2 + 2.8(4) + 3.15$$

$$h = 8.75$$

The maximum height of the bullet is 8.75m.

**✎ homework assignment: Lesson 7 - 3**

**Lesson 7 – 3: Factoring Quadratic Relations with  $A > 1$** 

**1. The minimum cost of maintaining an overhead crane depends on the number of hours the crane is in operation. The cost is given by the relation  $C = 6t^2 - 36t + 154$ , where C represents the cost in hundreds of dollars and t represents the time in hours that the crane has been operated.**

**a) Write the equation in factored form.**

**b) What are the zeroes of the relation?**

**c) All measures are in metres. What is the horizontal distance between the ends of the cable?**

**2. A circuit board company earns a profit that can be represented by the relation  $P = -3x^2 + 42x - 135$ , where P represents the profit in tens of thousands of dollars and x represents the number of circuit boards in thousands manufactured per day.**

**a) Find the maximum profit the company makes each day.**

**b) How many circuit boards should the company manufacture each day to earn this maximum profit?**

**3. The curve formed by a cable on a suspension bridge can be modelled by the equation  $y = x^2 - 10x + 16$ .**

**a) Write the equation in factored form.**

**b) What are the zeroes of this relation?**

**c) What is the horizontal distance between the cables?**

**4. The shape of a skateboard ramp can be modelled by the relation  $d = 0.08t^2 - 0.8t$ , where  $d$  represents the depth in metres and  $t$  represents the horizontal distance in metres.**

**a) Find the maximum depth of the ramp.**

**b) From the start of the ramp, what is the horizontal distance to the point with maximum depth?**

**c) What is the total horizontal distance across the ramp?**

**5. The path of a soccer ball can be represented by the relation  $h = -0.05x^2 + 1.5x$ , where  $h$  is the height of the soccer ball in yards, and  $x$  is the horizontal distance the ball travels in yards.**

**a) What is the maximum height of the ball?**

**b) What is the horizontal distance the ball is from the kicker when the maximum occurs?**

**c) What is the horizontal distance the ball travels before hitting the ground?**

**6. Determine the zeroes and the maximum or minimum value of the relation**

$$y = -2x^2 + 12x - 10.$$