## Section 3.2 - Finding Max and Min Values

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- (i) a factored form approach
- (ii) a vertex form approach (completing the square)

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# Factored Form Approach

Solve the following linear equations:

(a) 
$$5x + 15 = 0$$

(b) 
$$7x - 4 = -3x + 26$$

(c) 
$$5(a+1)=0$$

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For the following, what can you say for certain about each equation.

(i) 
$$(5)(a) = 0$$

(ii) 
$$(-9)(b) = 0$$

(iii) 
$$(4)(a)(b) = 0$$

(iv) 
$$(a)(b)(c) = 0$$

(vi) 
$$(4)(a+1) = 0$$

(vii) 
$$(9)(x - 8) = 0$$

### **BIG IDEA**

When two or more variables are multiplied together for a product of ZERO, at least one of the unknowns must be a zero.

$$a \cdot b = 0$$

Case 1

Case 2

a = 0 and "b" is a number b = 0 and "a" is a number

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Solve the following:

$$(x+1)(x-5)=0$$

This is asking, when does the graph f(x) have y values equal to zero.

$$f(x) = (x+1)(x-5)$$

Solving for a Product of ZERO, in Factored form Solve for the given unknowns:

(a) 
$$(x)(x+1) = 0$$

(b) 
$$(x-3)(x+7)=0$$

(c) 
$$(2x-1)(3x+5)=0$$

(d) 
$$(x + 5)(x - 7)(x - 12) = 0$$

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Solving for a Product of ZERO, NOT in factored form Solve for the given unknowns:

(a) 
$$x^2 - 8x = 0$$

(b) 
$$x^2 + 7x + 12 = 0$$

(c) 
$$2x^2 - 13x + 15 = 0$$

(d) 
$$x^2 - 9 = 0$$

Solving for a Quadratic - Mixed Types Solve for the given unknowns:

- (a)  $x^2 = 12x$
- (b)  $x^2 + 8x = -12$
- (c)  $x^2 + 2 = -3x$
- (d)  $3x^2 = 27$

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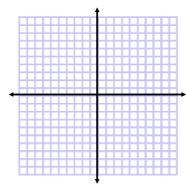
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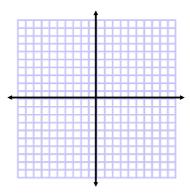
- collect all terms to one side, leave a Zero on the other side
- put in factored form to take advantage of the following concept
- $\bullet$  (a)(b) = 0 , "a" or "b" must be zero, find the value that will make each bracket equal Zero

# Factored Form Approach

Find the Zeros:

$$y = 2(x-1)(x+4)$$
  $y = -2(x+7)(x-3)$ 





Recall: The <u>axis of symmetry</u> is the average of any two x-values that have the same y-values, so the average of the zeros is the axis of symmetry, and the x-value of the vertex.

Now that we have the *x*-value of the vertex how can we find the *y*-value?

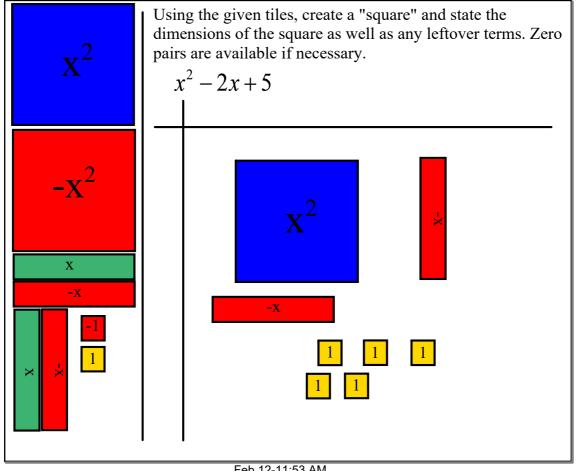
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# Factored Form Approach

- 1. Find the x intercepts
- 2. Find the axis of symmetry
- 3. Find the vertex
- 4. Use the "a" value to determine max or min

# Completing the Square

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To complete the square we only need to work with the  $ax^2 + bx$ 

Guidelines

- 1. a = 1 before you start, this can be accomplished by factoring
- 2. find half of the b term and then square it
- 3. add and subtract that value to the expression, writing the positive term first
- 4. the first three terms should make up a perfect square trinomial, and can be rewritten with brackets squared

Example 
$$x^2 - 2x + 5$$

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- 5. The term left inside the brackets is affected by the multiplying number out front
- 6. Apply the multiplier with Distributive property and collect like terms. Done!

Example 
$$2x^2 + 16x$$

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Example 
$$2x^2 + 12x + 7$$

Where might this technique be useful?

### Example

Write the following in vertex form.

$$y = x^2 + 6x + 3$$

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**Consolidation Questions:** 

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