

A.SSE.B.3a: Transform Quadratics by Factoring

POLYNOMIALS AND QUADRATICS

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B. Write expressions in equivalent forms to solve problems.

3. Choose and produce an equivalent form of an expression to reveal and explain properties of the quantity represented by the expression.

a. Factor a quadratic expression to reveal the zeros of the function it defines. Includes trinomials with leading coefficients other than 1.

Overview of Lesson

- activate prior knowledge and review learning objectives (see above)
- explain vocabulary and/or big ideas associated with the lesson
- connect assessment practices with curriculum
- model an assessment problem and solution strategy
- facilitate guided discussion of student activity
- facilitate guided practice of student activity
- [Selected problem set\(s\)](#)
- facilitate a summary and share out of student work
- Homework – Write the Math Assignment**

BIG IDEA #1

Formulas can be modified by substituting equivalent terms and expressions. The primary benefit is to simplify a complex formula so that it can be solved more easily.

Example:

<p>The quadratic equation $25x^2 + 30x - 7 = 0$ can be transformed and solved as a simpler equation. Note that the first two terms have a common factor of $5x$. Let $x = 5a$.</p>	$25a^2 + 30a - 7 = 0$ $\text{let } x = 5a$ $x^2 + 6x - 7 = 0$ $(x + 7)(x - 1) = 0$ $x = -7 \text{ and } x = 1$
<p>Since $x = 5a$, we can reverse the substitution for x and write.</p>	$5a = -7 \text{ and } 5a = 1$ $a = \frac{-7}{5} \quad a = \frac{1}{5}$

These solutions can be checked by substituting them into the original quadratic equation.

BIG IDEA #2: Factoring by Grouping

<p>1. Start with a factorable trinomial: $12x^2 + 23x + 10$</p> <p>$b^2 - 4ac$</p> <p>$(23)^2 - 4(12)(10) = 49$</p> <p>49 is a perfect square</p>	<p>7. Replace the middle term of the trinomial with two new terms. $12x^2 + 8x + 15x + 10$</p>										
<p>2. Identify the values of a, b, and c $a=12$ $b=23$ $c=10$</p>	<p>8. Group the new polynomial into two binomials using parentheses.. $(12x^2 + 8x) + (15x + 10)$</p>										
<p>3. Multiply a times c. $ac=120$ $ac =120$</p>	<p>9. Factor each binomial. (Note that the factors in parenthesis will always be identical.) $4x(3x + 2) + (15x + 10)$ $4x(3x + 2) + ??(3x + 2)$ $4x(3x + 2) + 5(3x + 2)$</p>										
<p>4. Find the factors of ac</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">1 120</td> <td style="width: 50%;">6 20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 60</td> <td>8 15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 40</td> <td>10 12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 30</td> <td>12 10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 24</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	1 120	6 20	2 60	8 15	3 40	10 12	4 30	12 10	5 24		<p>10. Extract the common factor and add the remaining terms as a second factor.</p> <p>$(3x + 2)$ $(3x + 2)(4x + 5)$</p>
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<p>5. Box the set of factors in step 4 whose sum or difference equals b</p>											
<p>6. Assign a positive or negative value to each factor. Write the signed factors below.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+ 8 + 15 = 23 b</p>	<p>11. Check. Use the distributive property of multiplication to make sure that your binomials in Step 10 return you to the trinomial that you started with in Step 1. If so, put a check mark here.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">$(3x + 2)(4x + 5)$ </p> <p style="text-align: center;">$12x^2 + 15x + 8x + 10$</p> <p style="text-align: center;">$12x^2 + 23x + 10$</p>										

REGENTS PROBLEMS TYPICAL OF THIS STANDARD

1. Janice is asked to solve $0 = 64x^2 + 16x - 3$. She begins the problem by writing the following steps:

Line 1 $0 = 64x^2 + 16x - 3$

Line 2 $0 = B^2 + 2B - 3$

Line 3 $0 = (B + 3)(B - 1)$

Use Janice's procedure to solve the equation for x .

Explain the method Janice used to solve the quadratic equation.

2. Which equation has the same solutions as $2x^2 + x - 3 = 0$

a. $(2x - 1)(x + 3) = 0$

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

b. $(2x + 1)(x - 3) = 0$

d. $(2x + 3)(x - 1) = 0$

3. The zeros of the function $f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x - 6$ are

a. 3 and -1

c. -3 and 1

b. 3 and 1

d. -3 and -1

4. If Lylah completes the square for $f(x) = x^2 - 12x + 7$ in order to find the minimum, she must write $f(x)$ in the general form $f(x) = (x - a)^2 + b$. What is the value of a for $f(x)$?

a. 6

c. 12

b. -6

d. -12

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5. In the function $f(x) = (x - 2)^2 + 4$, the minimum value occurs when x is
- a. -2
 - b. 2
 - c. -4
 - d. 4
6. The function $f(x) = 3x^2 + 12x + 11$ can be written in vertex form as
- a. $f(x) = (3x + 6)^2 - 25$
 - b. $f(x) = 3(x + 6)^2 - 25$
 - c. $f(x) = 3(x + 2)^2 - 1$
 - d. $f(x) = 3(x + 2)^2 - 25$
7. Keith determines the zeros of the function $f(x)$ to be -6 and 5 . What could be Keith's function?
- a. $f(x) = (x + 5)(x + 6)$
 - b. $f(x) = (x + 5)(x - 6)$
 - c. $f(x) = (x - 5)(x + 6)$
 - d. $f(x) = (x - 5)(x - 6)$
8. A sunflower is 3 inches tall at week 0 and grows 2 inches each week. Which function(s) shown below can be used to determine the height, $f(n)$, of the sunflower in n weeks?
- I. $f(n) = 2n + 3$
 - II. $f(n) = 2n + 3(n - 1)$
 - III. $f(n) = f(n - 1) + 2$ where $f(0) = 3$
- a. I and II
 - b. II, only
 - c. III, only
 - d. I and III

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Answer Section**

1. ANS:

Use Janice’s procedure to solve for X.

Line 4 $B = -3$ and $B = 1$

Line 5 Therefore:

$$8x = -3 \text{ and } 8x = 1$$

$$x = -\frac{3}{8} \quad x = \frac{1}{8}$$

Explain the method Janice used to solve the quadratic formula.

Janice made the problem easier by substituting B for $8x$, then solving for B. After solving for B, she reversed her substitution and solved for x .

Check:

$x = -\frac{3}{8}$ $0 = 64x^2 + 16x - 3$ <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">NORMAL FLOAT AUTO REAL DEGREE MP 🗑️</p> <p style="font-size: large; margin: 0;">$64(-3/8)^2 + 16(-3/8) - 3$</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dotted black;"/> <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">0</p> </div>	$x = \frac{1}{8}$ $0 = 64x^2 + 16x - 3$ <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">NORMAL FLOAT AUTO REAL DEGREE MP 🗑️</p> <p style="font-size: large; margin: 0;">$64(1/8)^2 + 16(1/8) - 3$</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dotted black;"/> <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">0</p> </div>
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2. ANS: D

Strategy 1: Factor by grouping.

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$$2x^2 + x - 3 = 0$$

$$|ac| = 6$$

Factors of 6 are

1 and 6

2 and 3 (use these)

$$2x^2 + 3x - 2x - 3 = 0$$

$$(2x^2 + 3x) - (2x + 3) = 0$$

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

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

Answer choice *d* is correct

Strategy 2: Work backwards by using the distributive property to expand all answer choices and match the expanded trinomials to the function $2x^2 + x - 3 = 0$.

<p>a.</p> $(2x - 1)(x + 3) = 0$ $2x^2 + 6x - x - 3$ $2x^2 + 5x - 3$ <p>(Wrong Choice)</p>	<p>c.</p> $(2x - 3)(x + 1) = 0$ $2x^2 + 2x - 3x - 3$ $2x^2 - x - 3$ <p>(Wrong Choice)</p>
<p>b.</p> $(2x + 1)(x - 3) = 0$ $2x^2 - 6x + x - 3 = 0$ $2x^2 - 5x - 3 = 0$ <p>(Wrong Choice)</p>	<p>d.</p> $(2x + 3)(x - 1) = 0$ $2x^2 - 2x + 3x - 3 = 0$ $2x^2 + x - 3 = 0$ <p>(Correct Choice)</p>

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3. ANS: A

Strategy #1: Solve by factoring:

$$f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x - 6$$

$$0 = 2x^2 - 4x - 6$$

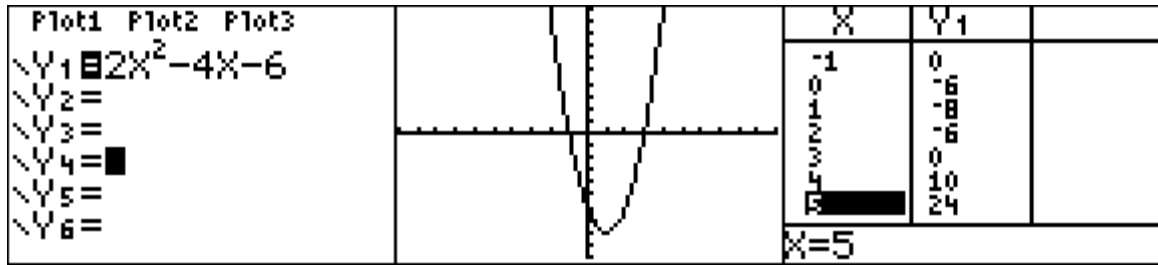
$$0 = 2(x^2 - 2x - 3)$$

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

$$x = 3 \text{ and } x = -1$$

Strategy #2: Solve by inputting equation into graphing calculator, then use the graph and table views to identify the zeros of the function.

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The graph and table views show the zeros to be at -1 and 3.

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KEY: zeros of polynomials

4. ANS: A

Strategy: Transform $f(x) = x^2 - 12x + 7$ into the form of $f(x) = (x - a)^2 + b$ and find the value of a .

$$x^2 - 12x + 7 = f(x)$$

$$x^2 - 12x + 7 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 12x = -7$$

$$x^2 - 12x + \left(\frac{-12}{2}\right)^2 = -7 + \left(\frac{-12}{2}\right)^2$$

$$x^2 - 12x + (-6)^2 = -7 + (-6)^2$$

$$(x - 6)^2 = -7 + 36$$

$$(x - 6)^2 = +29$$

$$(x - 6)^2 - 29 = 0$$

$$f(x) = (x - 6)^2 - 29$$

If $-a = -6$, then $a = 6$.

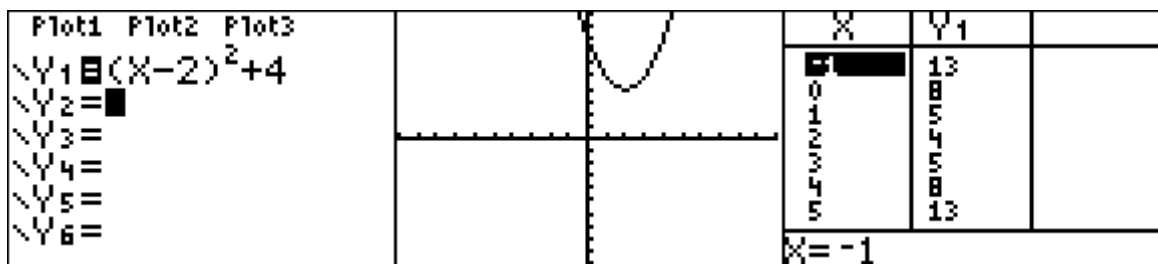
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KEY: completing the square

5. ANS: B

Strategy #1. Recognize that the function $f(x) = (x - 2)^2 + 4$ is expressed in vertex form, and that the vertex is located at $(2, 4)$. Accordingly, the minimum value of $f(x)$ occurs when $x = 2$.

Strategy #2: Input the function rule in a graphing calculator, then examine the graph and tabler views to determine the vertex. The problem wants to know the x value of the when $f(x)$ is at its minimum.



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The minimum value of $f(x) = 4$ when x is equal to 2.

Strategy #3: Substitute each value of x into the equation and determine the minimum value of $f(x)$.

$$f(x) = (x - 2)^2 + 4$$

$$f(-2) = (-2 - 2)^2 + 4$$

$$f(-2) = (-4)^2 + 4$$

$$f(-2) = 16 + 4$$

$$f(-2) = 20$$

$$f(2) = (2 - 2)^2 + 4$$

$$f(2) = (0)^2 + 4$$

$$f(2) = 4$$

$$f(-4) = (-4 - 2)^2 + 4$$

$$f(-4) = (-6)^2 + 4$$

$$f(-4) = 36 + 4$$

$$f(-4) = 40$$

$$f(4) = (4 - 2)^2 + 4$$

$$f(4) = (2)^2 + 4$$

$$f(4) = 4 + 4$$

$$f(4) = 8$$

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6. ANS: C

Strategy: Complete the square to transform $f(x) = 3x^2 + 12x + 11$ from standard form to vertex form, as follows:

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$$f(x) = 3x^2 + 12x + 11$$

$$3x^2 + 12x + 11 = f(x)$$

$$3x^2 + 12x + 11 = 0$$

$$3x^2 + 12x = -11$$

$$\frac{3x^2}{3} + \frac{12x}{3} = \frac{-11}{3}$$

$$x^2 + 4x = \frac{-11}{3}$$

$$x^2 + 4x + (2)^2 = \frac{-11}{3} + (2)^2$$

$$(x + 2)^2 = \frac{-11}{3} + 4$$

$$(x + 2)^2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$3(x + 2)^2 = 3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$3(x + 2)^2 = 1$$

$$3(x + 2)^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$3(x + 2)^2 - 1 = f(x)$$

$$f(x) = 3(x + 2)^2 - 1$$

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7. ANS: C

Strategy: Convert the zeros to factors.

If the zeros of $f(x)$ are -6 and 5 , then the factors of $f(x)$ are $(x + 6)$ and $(x - 5)$.

Therefore, the function can be written as $f(x) = (x + 6)(x - 5)$.

The correct answer choice is c .

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8. ANS: D

Strategy: If sunflower's height is modelled using a table, then the three formulas can be tested to see which one(s) produce results that agree with the table.

Weeks (n)	Height $f(n)$	$f(n) = 2n + 3$	$f(n) = 2n + 3(n - 1)$	$f(n) = f(n - 1) + 2$ where $f(0) = 3$
0	3	$f(0) = 2(0) + 3 = 3$	$f(0) =$ $2(0) + 3(0 - 1) =$ -3	$f(0) = 3$
1	5	$f(1) = 2(1) + 3 = 5$		$f(1) = f(0) + 2 = 3 + 2 = 5$
2	7	$f(2) = 2(2) + 3 = 7$		$f(2) = f(1) + 2 = 5 + 2 = 7$
3	9	$f(3) = 2(3) + 3 = 9$		$f(3) = f(2) + 2 = 7 + 2 = 9$

Formula I, $f(n) = 2n + 3$, is an explicit formula that *agrees* with the table.

Formula II is an explicit formula that *does not agree* with the table.

Formula III, $f(n) = f(n - 1) + 2$ where $f(0) = 3$, is a recursive formula that *agrees* with the table.

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TOP: Sequences

Homework - Write the Math Assignment

START Write your name, date, topic of lesson, and class on your paper.
 NAME: Mohammed Chen
 DATE: December 18, 2015
 LESSON: Missing Number in the Average
 CLASS: Z

PART 1a. Copy **the problem** from the lesson and underline/highlight key words.

PART 1b. State your understanding of **what the problem is asking**.

PART 1c. **Answer** the problem.

PART 1d. Explanation of **strategy** with all work shown.

PART 2a. Create **a new problem** that addresses the same math idea.

PART 2b. State your understanding of **what the new problem is asking**.

PART 2c. **Answer** the new problem.

PART 2d. Explanation of **strategy** used in solving the new problem with all work shown.

Clearly label each of the eight parts.

Grading Rubric

Each homework writing assignment is graded using a four point rubric, as follows:

Part 1. The Original Problem	Up to 2 points will be awarded for: a) correctly restating the original problem; b) explicitly stating what the original problem is asking; c) answering the original problem correctly; and d) explaining the math.
Part 2. My New Problem	Up to 2 points will be awarded for: a) creating a new problem similar to the original problem; b) explicitly stating what the new problem is asking; c) answering the new problem correctly; and d) explaining the math.

This assignment/activity is designed to incorporate elements of [Polya's four step universal algorithm](#) for problem solving with the idea that writing is thinking. Polya's four steps for solving any problem are:

1. Read and understand the problem.
2. Develop a strategy for solving the problem.
3. Execute the strategy.
4. Check the answer for reasonableness.

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Part 1a. The Problem

TOP Electronics is a small business with five employees. The mean (average) weekly salary for the five employees is \$360. If the weekly salaries of four of the employees are \$340, \$340, \$345, and \$425, what is the salary of the fifth employee?

Part 1b. What is the problem asking?

Find the salary of the fifth employee.

Part 1c. Answer

The salary of the fifth employee is \$350 per week.

Part 1d. Explanation of Strategy

The arithmetic mean or average can be represented algebraically as:

$$\bar{X} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n}$$

I put information from the problem into the formula. The problem says there are 5 employees, so $n = 5$. The problem also gives the mean (average) salary and the salaries of 4 of the employees. These numbers can be substituted into the formula as follows:

$$360 = \frac{340 + 340 + 345 + 425 + x_5}{5}$$

$$1800 = 340 + 340 + 345 + 425 + x_5$$

$$1800 = 1450 + x_5$$

$$1800 - 1450 = x_5$$

$$350 = x_5$$

$$\text{Check: } 360 = \frac{340 + 340 + 345 + 425 + 350}{5} = \frac{1800}{5} = 360$$

Part 2a. A New Problem

Joseph took five math exams this grading period and his average score on all of the exams is 88. He remembers that he received test scores of 78, 87, 94, and 96 on four of the examinations, but he has lost one examination and cannot remember what he scored on it. What was Joseph's score on the missing exam?

Part 2b. What is the new problem asking?

Find Joseph's score on the missing exam.

Part 2c. Answer to New Problem

Joseph received a score of 85 on the missing examination.

Part 2d. Explanation of Strategy

I substitute information from the problem into the formula for the arithmetic mean, as follows:

$$88 = \frac{78 + 87 + 94 + 96 + x_5}{5}$$

$$440 = 355 + x_5$$

$$85 = x_5$$

$$88 = \frac{78 + 87 + 94 + 96 + 85}{5} = \frac{440}{5} = 88$$

The answer makes sense.