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| **Integer Quadratic Zeros** |  |
| In this lesson, you will learn how to find the x-intercepts for equations in the form y = (x – x 1)(x – x 2).  You will explore how factored equations in the form  y = (x – x 1)(x – x 2) can be rewritten in a standard form  y = x2 + bx + c. .  You will create a game that will let you practice finding integer x-intercepts for equations of the form  y = x2 + bx + c. | **Objectives:** |
| **Programming Objectives:**   * Use the input function and a variable to collect and store data from a user * Use the randint() function to generate random integers. * Use a while loop to repeat code * Use if..elif..else statements to make decisions.   **Math Objectives:**   * Explore how x-intercepts are related to factored quadratic equations * Explore how to factor equation in standard form * Factor quadratic equations with integer solutions |

The standard form of a quadratic equation is y = ax2 + bx + c where a, b, and c are real numbers. Quadratic equations can cross the x-axis twice, once or not at all. The value of a, b and c determine the number of x-intercepts.

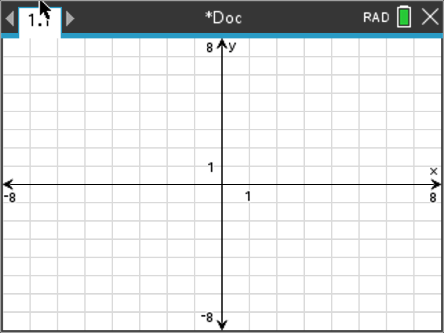
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| Two x-intercepts | One x-intercept | Zero x-intercepts |

If the graph of the quadratic equation crosses the x-axis, the x values for the x-intercepts can be any integer such as 3, -5 and 0 or any other real number such as 1.3, , or . This activity will focus on quadratic equations with integer x-intercepts.

***Explorations:***

1. Graph the equation y = ( x + 4 )( x – 2) on your calculator.   
     
   Copy the graph on the grid to the right.

Where are the x-intercepts? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Graph the equation y = ( x – 1 )( x – 3) on your calculator.

Copy the graph on the grid to the right.

Where are the x-intercepts? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Look at your x-intercepts and the equations for the previous two problems. Do you notice similarities between the x-intercepts and the equations?
2. Let y = ( x + 5 )( x – 1). Use your results from above to predict where the x-intercepts will be on the graph.

Why does this relationship exist between the factored form of an equation and the x-intercepts? The answer lies with the number 0.

1. List two numbers that multiply to zero. \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_

List another pair of numbers that multiply to zero. \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_

List another pair of numbers that multiply to zero. \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_

Look at your answers above.

*Did you list zero in each pair?*

1. If two numbers multiply to zero, at least one of those two numbers must be a zero.   
   You will use this fact to find the x-intercepts for quadratics.

The x-intercepts have a y-value of 0.

Therefore, the x-intercepts occur at 0 = ( x + 5 )(x – 1).  
The value of (x + 5) times (x – 1) must equal 0.

Using this fact, either x + 5 = 0 or x – 1 = 0.

Solve each equation for x. x = \_\_\_\_ x = \_\_\_\_

Compare these values with your predictions from #4.

1. If the x-intercepts are at x = -2 and x = 7, what is the factored form for the quadratic equation?  
     
   y = ( )( )

Graph your equation and verify it crosses the x-axis at x = -2 and x = 7.

How do you find the x-intercept for a quadratic if it is not in factored form?

1. You know that if a graph has x-intercepts at x = 6 and x = -3, you can write it as

y = (x – 6)(x + 3)

Use distribution to write the equation in standard form.

standard form y = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Graph your standard form equation on your calculator.   
Does it have x-intercepts at x = 6 and x = -3?

Compare the standard form with the factored form.   
 How does the coefficient for x in the standard form relate to the x-intercepts?

How does the constant in the standard form compare to the x-intercepts?

1. Given y = (x + 2)(x + 8)

Where are the x-intercepts?

Use distribution to write the equation in standard form.

Examine your previous problems. The standard form for a quadratic is y = ax2 + bx + c.   
 In all the examples above, a = 1. Therefore, they are the form y = x2 + bx + c.

How does b relate to the x-intercepts in the two previous examples?  
  
  
 How does c relate to the x-intercepts in the previous examples?

Conjectures:  
 For a quadratic equation in standard form with a coefficient a= 1 and real x-intercepts,

b = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

c = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Verify your pattern above works for the following problems.
2. Factored form: y = (x – 5)(x + 3) Standard form: y =

Graph the two equations on the same graph. Verify the two equations graph the same function.

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1. Factored form: y = (x + 3)(x + 5) Standard form: y =

Graph the two equations on the same graph. Verify the two equations graph the same function.

1. Factored form: y = (x + 9)(x - 5) Standard form: y =

Graph the two equations on the same graph. Verify the two equations graph the same function.

After completing the activity above, you know:

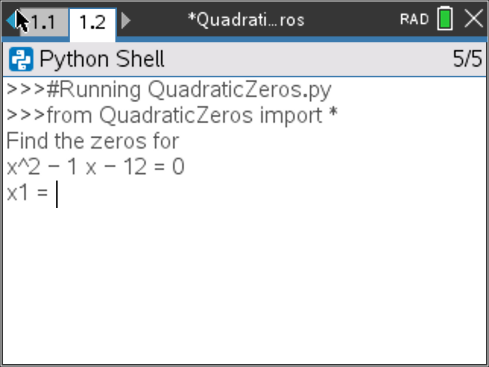
Given two real x-intercepts, x1 and x2, you can write the factored form of a quadratic as

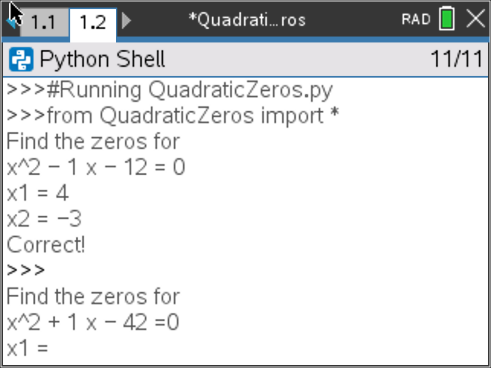
y = (x – x1)(x – x2)

You can distribute the values in this equation to get the standard form y = x2 + bx + c.

How do the x-intercepts relate to the constant b?

How do the x-intercepts relate to the constant c?

**You will use this to create a quadratic factoring game.**  
  
 *The game will generate a quadratic equation with integer x-   
 intercepts. It will display the quadratic equation and ask for   
 the x-intercepts.*

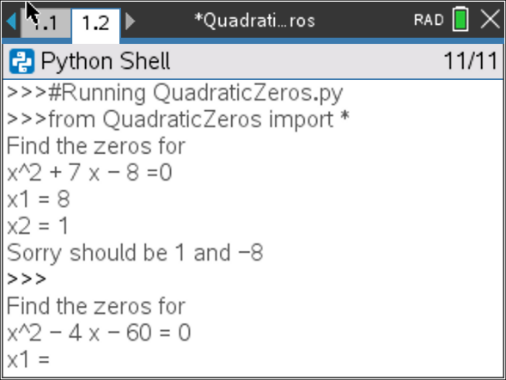
 The user will

\*factor the given equation  
  
 y = ( x – 4 )( x + 3 )

\*Find and enter the x-intercepts.

x = 4 and x = -3

If the user is correct, say correct.

 If the user is incorrect, tell the user the correct values for   
 the zeros.

y = (x + 8)(x – 1)  
  
 x = -8 and x = 1  
 The user forgot the negative on the 8.

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| 1. Create a new Python project.          Name the project “**QuadraticZeros**”. If you like, you can use all lowercase letters.   Do **not** put a space between the words quadratic and zeros. The name of a python project cannot have a space.  You will need to generate random values for the x-intercepts. Therefore, choose the type “Random Simulations”. This will include the libraries needed for the project. |  |
| 1. You should have the image to the right. If you didn’t select “Random Simulation” from the menu, you’ll have a blank screen.   The lines with the hashtag, #, are comments.   (Did you know another name for the # symbol is octothorpe?)  Comments allow the programmer to label sections of the code, making it easier to read. Comments are optional, they do not change the way the program executes.  The two lines that start with the words “from” import two different libraries. Without these libraries, you won’t be able to generate random integers for the random problems.  If you didn’t select Random Simulations, you can import these libraries in two steps.  **Menu> Math> from math import \*  Menu> Random> from random import \*** |  |
| 1. In order to play the game, you will need to generate two random numbers for x-intercepts. The line  x1 = randint(-10,10)   will generate one random integer from -10 to 10 and store it in the variable x1.  You don’t need to type all of the code using the keyboard.  The randint() function can be found using  Menu → Random → randint(min,max)  *Can you add a line of code to generate another integer value and store that value in x2?* |  |
| 1. Frequently checking your code to see if it works properly is a good programming practice. Add a print statement to print the values of x1 and x2 to the screen.   **Menu > Built-ins> I/O> print()**    After adding the line print(x1,x2) execute your code in the Python shell.  Press ctrl → r or **Menu> Run> Run**    Does your code generate two random integers between the   values of -10 and 10?    In the example on the right, the numbers -5 and 3 were randomly   generated. Press ctrl → r a few more times to generate   more random number pairs. |  |
| 1. Now that you have varified the code runs, remove the print(x1,x2) line from your code. |  |
| 1. Recall the quadratic equation can be written in factored form and standard form.   Factored Form Standard Form  y = (x – x1)(x – x2) y = ax2 + bx + c  How is the coefficient “**b**” related to the factored form?  How is the coefficient “**c**” related to the factored form? |  |
| 1. Recall, using distribution you get   y = (x – x1)(x – x2)  y = x2 – x1\*x – x2\*x + x1\*x2  y = x2 + ( –x1 + –x2 )\*x + x1\*x2  Therefore, b = –x1 + – x2 and c = x1\*x2  Code the two lines:  b = -x1 + -x2  c = x1 \* x2 |  |
| 1. Use the print statement to print the equation.   Recall in step 4, you found print by using the following steps.  Menu → Built-ins → I/O → print()  You will separate string such “x^2” and variables such as b with a comma.  \*Hint: The ^ key will add \*\* to the screen. In Python, \*\* is the syntax for expontents. To get the ^ symbol, press  Add the following lines:  print(“Find the x-intercept”)  print("y=x^2 +",b,"x +",c)  \*Notice string inside quotes such as “Find the zeros for” and “y=x^2” appear in greenn. Math operations such as =, \*, -, + appear in red. |  |
| 1. Run your program a few times. **ctrl → r**   Notice if the b or c coefficient is negative, it displays a plus (+) folowed by a negative (-).  The example on the right shows:  x^2 + 2x + -15 = 0  How could you alter the code so it would display only the minus sign if the operation was add a negative?  x^2 + 2x – 15 = 0 |  |
| 1. There are 4 different cases to consider when cleaning up the display code:   If b and c are both positive:  display doesn’t need to change If b and c are both negative:  change to + - displays to a - If only c is negative:  change the second + - display to a –  If only b is negative:  change the first + - display to a –  Try fixing the + - print display by writing an if statement in the form:  if  elif  elif  else    \***if Menu -> Built-Ins -> Control** |  |
| 1. Did you write something similar to:   if b > 0 and c > 0:  print("y=x^2 +",b,"x +",c)  elif b > 0:  print("y=x^2 +",b,"x ",c)  elif c > 0:  print("y=x^2 ",b,"x +",c)  else:  print("y=x^2 ",b,"x ",c) |  |
| 1. Execute your program at least 5 times. **ctrl → r**   Veriy the statements printed do not contain + -.  The screen to the right shows three random examples. |  |
| 1. Notice the first equation displays  x^2 – 12x + 35 = 0   Which condition was executed i,ii, iii or iv?  i) if b > 0 and c > 0:  print("y=x^2 +",b,"x +",c)  ii) elif b > 0:  print("y=x^2 +",b,"x",c)  iii) elif c > 0:  print("x^2",b,"x +",c,"=0 ")  iv) else:  print("x^2",b,"x",c,"= 0") |  |
| 1. Notice the second equation displays  x^2 + 3x – 10 = 0   Which condition was executed i,ii, iii or iv?  i) if b > 0 and c > 0:  print("y=x^2 +",b,"x +",c)  ii) elif b > 0:  print("y=x^2 +",b,"x",c)  iii) elif c > 0:  print("x^2",b,"x +",c,"=0 ")  iv) else:  print("x^2",b,"x",c,"= 0") |  |
| 1. Your program generates two x-intercepts, then calculates and displays the standard quadratic equation. Now you need to ask the user to enter the two x-intercepts.   The command input( will let you ask a question. By default, the information from an input() statement is stored as string. That means the computer thinks the information entered is a list of characters. To store information as integers, you must use int(input()) to convert the input to an integer.  int() can be found using **Menu → Built-Ins → Type**  input() can be found using **Menu → Built-Ins → I/0**  Add the lines:  z1 = int(input(“x1 = “))  z2 = int(input(“x2 = “)) |  |
| 1. Recall x1 and x2 have the real x-intercepts. The variables z1 and z2 have the user’s entered x-intercepts. Now you need to check to see if they are equivalent. The order the user types the x-interecepts does not matter. Therefore, the user is correct:   if x1 equals z1 and x2equals z2 or x1 equals z2 and x2 equals z1  In python, the equals sign by itselfs is used to store a value. To check if two values are equaivalent, use two equal signs ==.  Add the following lines of code:  if (x1 == z1 and x2 == z2) or (x1 == z2 and x2 == z1):  print(“Correct!”)  else:  print(“Sorry should be”,x1,”and”,x2) |  |
| 1. Test your program. **ctrl → r**   Sample Test:  y = x^2 + 14x + 40   (x + 4)(x + 10) = 0   x = -4 x = -10 |  |
| 1. You’re program will now let you practice finding the x-intercepts for a quadratic equation. You could stop coding here. However, each time you want to generate a question you have to press  **ctrl → r**   You can add a loop to your program to repeat the code.  You need to repeate everything except for the two library imports at the top of the code.  Move your cursor to the line that says:  x1 = randint(-10,10) |  |
| 1. Hold down the shift key, then arrow down to the last line of code. This will select all the lines.   Press:  **Menu → Edit → Indent**  This adds one level of indention to all of your code.  Notice additional two diamonds, appear on each line. |  |
| 1. Move your cursor back to the top of your code.   If need be, add a line after the comments before the x1 = randint(-10,10) line. |  |
| 1. You will add a for loop to repeat the code. The for loop will allow you to determine the number of times the code should be repeated.   To repeat the you will add a four statement.  for can be found using   **Menu → Built-Ins → Control → for index in range(size):**  The index is a variable that will count from zero up to but not including the value for the size.   Set the index to the variable c.  Set the size to 5.  Block is a place holder for the code that goes in the for statement. You’ve already coded this information. Delete the line with block. |  |
| 1. You have completed the first coding project for factoring quadratic equations. Use your applet to practice factoring. When you have mastered factoring these types of problems, move on to coding activitiy “Rational Quadratic Zeros” to add another level of factoring to your game. |  |