

Thread 2, Quiz 2 – Quadratic Equations

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1. Re-write the equation below in the form $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$ by completing the square.

Then, state the maximum or minimum value of the relation.

$$y = x^2 - 8x + 13$$

$$y = x^2 - 8x + 16 - 16 + 13$$

$$y = (x - 4)^2 - 16 + 13$$

$$y = (x - 4)^2 - 3$$

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- opens up
- minimum value of -3

2. The cost, in dollars, of operating an appliance is given by the formula $C = 2t^2 - 24t + 150$ where t is the time, in months, the appliance is running.

What is the minimum cost of running the appliance?

$$C = 2t^2 - 24t + 150$$

$$C = 2(t - 12t) + 150$$

$$C = 2(t - 12t + 36 - 36) + 150$$

$$C = 2((t - 6)^2 - 36) + 150$$

$$C = 2(t - 6)^2 - 72 + 150$$

$$C = 2(t - 6)^2 + 78$$

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- opens up
- minimum value of 78

∴ the minimum cost of running the appliance is \$78.

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3. What are the
- x
- intercepts of this quadratic relation?

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

$$0 = (2x + 1)(2x - 7)$$

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$$2x + 1 = 0$$

$$2x = -1$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\searrow$$

$$2x - 7 = 0$$

$$2x = 7$$

$$x = \frac{7}{2}$$

\therefore the x -intercepts are $-\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{7}{2}$.

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4. What are the
- x
- intercepts of this quadratic relation?

$$y = x^2 + 8x + 12$$

$$y = (x + 6)(x + 2)$$

$$0 = (x + 6)(x + 2)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$x + 6 = 0$$

$$x = -6$$

$$\searrow$$

$$x + 2 = 0$$

$$x = -2$$

\therefore , the x -intercepts are -6 and -2 .

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5. The path of a toy rocket is defined by the relation
- $y = -3x^2 + 11x + 4$
- where
- x
- is the horizontal distance, in metres, travelled and
- y
- is the height, in metres, above the ground.

How far has the rocket travelled, horizontally, when it hits the ground?

$$y = -3x^2 + 11x + 4$$

$$y = -(3x^2 - 11x - 4)$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rr} 3 & 1 & -4 \\ 1 & & \end{array}$$

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

$$0 = -(3x + 1)(x - 4)$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{3} \quad x = 4$$

we discard the negative root since the rocket would not travel backwards
 \therefore the rocket travels 4 m horizontally

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