

7.4 Notes

Tuesday, May 12, 20

9:15 AM

Section 7.4 – Factored Form of a Quadratic

o Factored Form

- $y = a(x - r)(x - s)$
 - $x = r$ and $x = s$ are the zeros.
 - Linear equation for the axis of symmetry: $x = \frac{r+s}{2}$
 - Y-intercept, c , is $c = a \cdot r \cdot s$
 - o Remember it because you can “see” it’s “butt”
- This is good because you can graph it because you can see the zero
- You can draw the parabola using the x-intercepts and another point on the parabola.
- If there are no zeros for the function, you can’t write it in factored form
- If it only has one x-intercept, you can write the equation as $y = a(x - r)^2 + k$

Examples for 7.4

1. Write an equation in factored form for the graph. (Hint: $a=1$)

$(1, 0)$ & $(-2, 0)$ $y = a(x - r)(x - s)$

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

2. Use the following equation for the next questions:

$f(x) = x^2 - 4x - 5$

- a. Write it in factored form.

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

$ac = -5$

$b = -4$

$(-1)(5)$

$(-5)(1) =$

- b. Determine the x-intercepts.

$x = \frac{r+s}{2} = \frac{5 + (-1)}{2} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$

* Change signs!
Watch for negatives!

- c. Determine the axis of symmetry.

$x = 2$

- d. Determine the y-intercept

$c = ars$

$c = (1)(5)(-1)$

