Warm-Up

A physics student obtains the following data involving a ball rolling down an inclined plane where t is the elapsed time in seconds and y is the distance traveled in inches.

Fit an algebraic model to the data.

Use your model to estimate:

$$\frac{100}{1.2} = 12t^{2}$$

$$1.2 = 1/2$$

$$83.\overline{3} = t^{2}$$

$$9.129. = t$$

y = 1.2 (10)2

= 120 in

Section 1-1: Day 2

Modeling & Equation Solving

Students will be able to:

- Use numerical, algebraic and graphical models to solve problems and will be able to translate from one model to another
- Use the Zero Factor Property

Zero Product Property

A product of real numbers is zero if and only if at least one of the factors in the product is zero!

• used to solve an expression that is set equal to zero

example:
$$(x + 2)(x - 5) = 0$$

$$x = -2 \quad x = 5$$

$$x = -2 \quad x = -2$$

• graphically, the x-intercepts of the graph will be the values for which the expression equals 0.

Solving an Equation: Comparing Methods

Solve the equation...

$$x^{2} = 10 - 4x$$

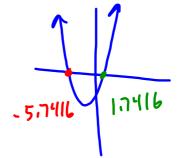
$$x^{2} = 10 - 4x$$

$$x^{2} + 4x - 10 = 0$$

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Graphically

Algebraically

$$x^{2}+4x-10$$
-5 + 152-49c
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Find all real numbers x for which $6x^3 = 11x^2 + 10x$

$$6x^{3} - 11x^{2} - 10x = 0$$

$$x(6x^{2} - 11x - 10) = 0$$

$$x(3x + 3)$$

Fundamental Connection

If a is a real number that solves the equation f(x) = 0, then these three statements are equivalent.

- 1. The number a is a root (or solution) of the equation f(x) = 0
- 2. The number a is a zero of y = f(x)
- 3. The number a is an x-intercept of the graph of y = f(x).

Problem Solving

Polya's Four Problem-Solving Steps

- 1. Understand the Problem
- 2. Devise a Plan
- 3. Carry Out the Plan
- 4. Look Back

Applying the Problem-Solving Process

The engineers at an auto manufacturer pay students \$0.80 per mile plus \$25 per day to road test their new vehicles.

a) How much did the auto manufacturer pay Sally to drive 440 miles in one day?



b) John earned \$93 test-driving a new car in one day. How far did he drive?

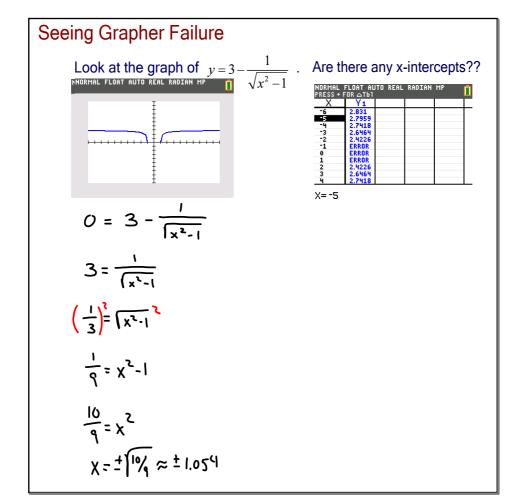
- 47. Swan Auto Rental charges \$32 per day plus \$0.18 per mile for an automobile rental.
 - a. Elaine rented a car for one day and she drove 83 miles. How much did she pay?

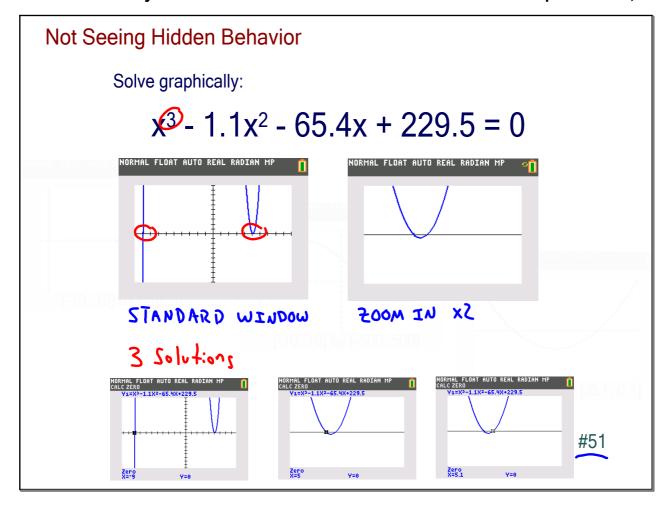
$$y = .18x + 32$$

= .18(83) + 32
= \$46.94



b. Ramon paid \$69.80 to rent a car for one day. How far did he drive?

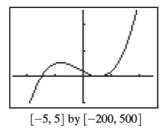




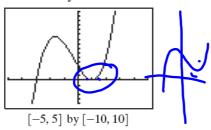
51. Solve graphically, find all real solutions to the following equations. Watch out for hidden behaviors!

a.
$$y = 10x^3 + 7.5x^2 - 54.85x + 37.95$$

51. (a) x = -3 or x = 1.1 or x = 1.15.

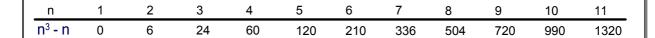


(b) x = -3 only.



Proving a Peculiar Number Fact

Prove that 6 is a factor of n^3 - n for every positive integer n.



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53. Prove that if n is a postive integer, then $n^2 + 2n$ is either odd or a multiple of 4.

Homework: Pg 77. #33 - 60 multiples of 3