

**LESSON 3.1 Skills Practice**

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**Planting the Seeds**  
**Exploring Cubic Functions**
**Vocabulary**

Provide an example of each key term. Sketch a graph, if necessary.

1. relative minimum:

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2. relative maximum:

3. cubic function:

4. multiplicity:

**Problem Set**

Complete the table. Include an expression for the volume. Circle the relative maximum or minimum, if there is one.

1.

| Height of Box (in.) | Width of Box (in.) | Length of Box (in.) | Volume of Box (cu. in.) |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 0                   | 8                  | 10                  | 0                       |
| 1                   | 6                  | 8                   | 48                      |
| 1.5                 | 5                  | 7                   | 52.5                    |
| 2                   | 4                  | 6                   | 48                      |
| 3                   | 2                  | 4                   | 24                      |
| 4                   | 0                  | 2                   | 0                       |
| $h$                 | $8 - 2h$           | $10 - 2h$           | $h(8 - 2h)(10 - 2h)$    |

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2.

| Radius of Cylinder (in.) | Height of Cylinder (in.) | Base Area of Cylinder (sq. in.) | Volume of Cylinder (cu. in.) |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 0                        | 0                        | 0                               | 0                            |
| -1                       |                          |                                 |                              |
| 1                        |                          |                                 |                              |
| 2                        |                          |                                 |                              |
| 3                        |                          |                                 |                              |
| 4                        |                          |                                 |                              |
| $r$                      | $3r$                     | $3.14r^2$                       |                              |

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3.

| Height of Cube (cm) | Width of Cube (cm) | Length of Cube (cm) | Volume of Cube (cu. in.) |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| -2                  |                    |                     |                          |
| 0                   |                    |                     |                          |
| 1                   |                    |                     |                          |
| 3                   |                    |                     |                          |
| 5                   |                    |                     |                          |
|                     |                    |                     | 1000                     |
| $s$                 |                    |                     |                          |

4.

| Width of Tank (m) | Height of Tank (m) | Length of Tank (m) | Volume of Tank (cu. m) |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 10                |                    |                    |                        |
| 20                |                    |                    |                        |
| 30                |                    |                    |                        |
|                   |                    |                    | 58,682                 |
| 40                |                    |                    |                        |
| 50                |                    |                    |                        |
| $w$               | $100 - 2w$         | $3w - 50$          |                        |

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5.

| Height of Square Pyramid (ft) | Side of Base Length (ft) | Area of Base (sq. ft) | Volume of Square Pyramid (cu. ft) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| -4                            |                          |                       |                                   |
| 0                             |                          |                       |                                   |
| 3                             |                          |                       |                                   |
| 6                             |                          |                       |                                   |
| 9                             |                          |                       |                                   |
| 12                            |                          |                       |                                   |
| $p$                           | $\frac{1}{2}p$           | $\frac{1}{4}p^2$      |                                   |



6.

| Length of Base (dm) | Height of Base (dm) | Length of Triangular Prism (sq. dm) | Volume of Triangular Prism (cu. dm) |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| -0.5                |                     |                                     |                                     |
| 0                   |                     |                                     |                                     |
| 0.3                 |                     |                                     |                                     |
| 0.5                 |                     |                                     |                                     |
|                     |                     |                                     | 5                                   |
| 2                   | 4                   |                                     |                                     |
| $b$                 |                     | $10b - 5$                           |                                     |

Determine the product of three linear factors. Verify graphically that the expressions are equivalent.

7.  $3x(x + 3)(x - 2)$   
 $3x(x + 3)(x - 2) = 3x(x^2 - 2x + 3x - 6)$   
 $= 3x(x^2 + x - 6)$   
 $= 3x^3 + 3x^2 - 18x$

The graph of the original expression and the graph of the final expression are the same. So the expressions are equivalent.

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8.  $(2x - 1)(2x + 1)(x + 4)$

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9.  $(4x - 7)^3$

10.  $(10 - 3x)(7 + x)(8 + 6x)$

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11.  $\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)\left(\frac{2}{3}x\right)\left(\frac{1}{4}x - 1\right)$

12.  $0.25x(12x - 1)(8 - 3x)$

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Determine the product of linear and quadratic factors. Verify graphically that the expressions are equivalent.

13.  $x(x^2 + 3x - 4)$

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

The graph of the original expression and the graph of the final expression are the same. So the expressions are equivalent.

14.  $(2x - 9)(4x^2 - 5x - 12)$

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15.  $7x(x + 5)^2$

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16.  $(x^2 + 1)(8 - x)$

17.  $(-2.3 + 1.1x + 0.9x^2)(4.5x - 3.8)$

18.  $\left(-\frac{3}{4}x^2 + \frac{1}{8}\right)\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{7}{8}x\right)$