

TOPIC: SOLVING QUADRATIC EQUATIONS

Intro to Quadratic Equations

- If you take a **linear equation** and add an _____ term, you get a **quadratic equation**!
 - Also called a polynomial of *degree 2*.

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} 2x - 6 = 0$$

- You will often need to write quadratic equations in *standard form*.

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

- All terms are on the **same** side in *descending* order of _____.

EXAMPLE: Write each given quadratic equation in standard form. Identify a , b , and c .

(A)

$$5x^2 = x - 3$$

$$a = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$b = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$c = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

(B)

$$-2x^2 + \frac{5}{3} = 0$$

$$a = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$b = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$c = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

PRACTICE: Write the given quadratic equation in standard form. Identify a , b , and c .

$$-4x^2 + x = 8$$

$$a = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$b = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$c = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

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Factoring

- To **solve** a quadratic equation, we want to find every value of ____ that makes the equation _____.
 - There are often ____ correct values of x , which we call the **solutions**, **roots**, or **zeros**.

Solving Linear Equations

$$2x - 6 = 0$$

$$2x = 6$$

$$x = 3$$

Solving Quadratic Equations

$$x^2 - 5x + 4 = 0$$

- We will need to use something else to solve quadratic equations:

- One way to solve a quadratic equation is to **factor** from standard form, then set each factor equal to ____.

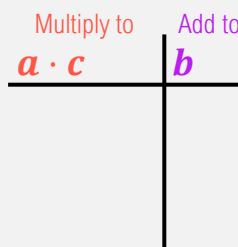
$$x^2 + x - 6 = 0$$

$$\underbrace{(x + 3)}_0 \underbrace{(x - 2)}_0 = 0$$

- If the factors **multiplied** = 0, one of the **factors** must = 0 to make this true.

EXAMPLE: Solve the given quadratic equation by factoring.

$$x^2 - 9x = -20$$



FACTORIZING QUAD. EQNS

- 1) Write eqn in _____ form
- 2) _____ completely
- 3) Set factors = __, solve for x
- 4) Check solutions in original eqn

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PRACTICE: Solve the given quadratic equation by factoring.

$$3x^2 + 12x = 0$$

FACTORING QUAD. EQNS

- 1) Write eqn in standard form
- 2) Factor completely
- 3) Set factors = 0, solve for x
- 4) Check solutions

PRACTICE: Solve the given quadratic equation by factoring.

$$2x^2 + 7x + 6 = 0$$

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The Square Root Property

- You won't always be able to **factor** to solve quadratics.
 - There are **3 other methods** that you can use:

$x^2 + x - 6 = 0$	$x^2 - 5 = 0$
$(x \quad)(x \quad) = 0$	$(x \quad)(x \quad) = 0$
Factorable? [YES NO]	Factorable? [YES NO]

SOLVING QUADRATIC EQUATIONS			
$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ (Standard form)			
	FACTORIZING	SQUARE ROOT PROPERTY	METHOD #3
USE IF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has _____ factors OR No _____ term ($c = ___$) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> $(x + \#)^2 = [\text{constant}]$ OR No _____ term ($b = ___$) 	
STEPS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Write eqn in standard form Factor completely Set factors = 0, solve for x Check solutions 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> _____ squared expression Take _____ & _____ square root Solve for x (Optional) Check solutions 	

EXAMPLE: Solve the given quadratic equations using the square root property.

(A)

$$(x + 1)^2 = 4$$

(B)

$$4x^2 - 5 = 0$$

- Solutions aren't always whole numbers! They could have _____ and/or _____.

PRACTICE: Solve the given quadratic equation using the square root property.

$$\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 5 = 0$$

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PRACTICE: Solve the given quadratic equation using the square root property.

$$2x^2 - 16 = 0$$

Imaginary Roots

- You may get imaginary (or complex) roots when using the square root property.
 - Simplify them as you would any complex number!

EXAMPLE: Solve the given quadratic equation using the square root property.

$$4x^2 + 25 = 0$$

SQ. ROOT PROPERTY

- 1) Isolate squared expression
- 2) Take + & – square root
- 3) Solve for x
- 4) (Optional) Check solutions

Note: When a and c have the same sign in standard form, you will *a/ways* end up with a complex answer.

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The Quadratic Formula

- The solutions to *ANY* quadratic equation in standard form can be found using the **quadratic formula**.

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

(Quadratic Formula)

SOLVING QUADRATIC EQUATIONS				
$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ (Standard form)				
FACTORING		SQ. ROOT PROPERTY	COMPLETE THE SQUARE	QUADRATIC FORMULA
USE IF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Has obvious factors OR$c = 0$	<ul style="list-style-type: none">$(x + \#)^2 = [\text{constant}]$ OR$b = 0$	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Leading coeff. is 1 ANDb is even	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can't easily _____Unsure what method to use
STEPS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Write eqn in standard formFactor completelySet factors = 0, solve for xCheck solutions	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Isolate squared expressionTake + & - square rootSolve for xCheck solutions	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Simplify eqn to $x^2 + bx = c$$+\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$ to <u>both</u> sidesFactor to $\left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2$Solve using sqrt prop.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Write eqn in standard formPlug a, b, c in quad. form. $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$Compute & _____ sol'ns

EXAMPLE: Solve each equation using the quadratic formula.

(A)

$$x^2 + 2x - 3 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-(\quad) \pm \sqrt{(\quad)^2 - 4(\quad)(\quad)}}{2(\quad)}$$

$$x = \quad \& x = \quad$$

(B)

$$x^2 - 5x = -1$$

$$x = \frac{-(\quad) \pm \sqrt{(\quad)^2 - 4(\quad)(\quad)}}{2(\quad)}$$

$$x = \quad \& x = \quad$$

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PRACTICE: Solve the given quadratic equation using the quadratic formula.

$$3x^2 + 4x + 1 = 0$$

QUADRATIC FORMULA

1) Write eqn in standard form

2) Plug a, b, c in quad. form.

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

3) Compute & simplify sol'ns

PRACTICE: Solve the given quadratic equation using the quadratic formula.

$$2x^2 - 3x = -3$$