

Chapter 5 Notes

Quadratic Equations

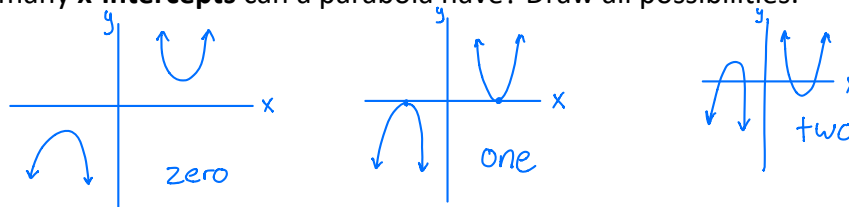
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1.1 – Introduction to Quadratic Equations and Factoring Review

A function of *degree 2* (meaning the highest exponent on the variable is 2) is called a **Quadratic Function**.

When a quadratic function is graphed, a **parabola** results.

How many **x-intercepts** can a parabola have? Draw all possibilities:



What is the **y** value at an **x-intercept**? the height is zero, so $y=0$

Therefore, to find the **x-intercepts** of a parabola, we can set **$y = 0$ (or $f(x) = 0$)** and solve the resulting **quadratic equation**.

When **y** is set to 0, we call the question a **quadratic equation** instead of a quadratic function.

Quadratic function: $f(x) = x^2 - x - 6$ vs Quadratic equation: $x^2 - x - 6 = 0$
 ↑ $f(x)$ or y in it ↘ x 's only, incl x^2

Terminology

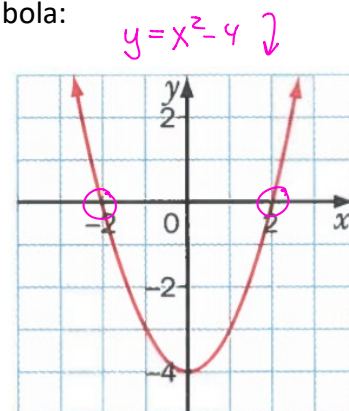
The **x-intercepts** of the parabola are the **zeros** of the quadratic *function*. They are also called the **solutions** or **roots** of the quadratic *equation*.

Finding x-intercepts by graphing

One method to find the **zeros** of a **quadratic function** is to graph it and visually determine the **x-intercepts** of the parabola.

Example 1 – Solve the **quadratic equation** $x^2 - 4 = 0$ by graphing the **quadratic function** $f(x) = x^2 - 4$ and determining the **x-intercepts** of the parabola:

x -intercepts at $(-2, 0)$ and $(2, 0)$
 so solutions to equation $x^2 - 4 = 0$
 are $x = -2$, $x = 2$



What are the limitations of graphing?

Hard to answer when x -intercepts are at decimals / large values or if vertex is hard to plot, etc.

You can often find the **roots** of a **quadratic equation** by factoring when in general form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$. Remember, the **roots** or **solutions** of the quadratic **equation** correspond to the **zeros** of the quadratic **function**, and the **x-intercepts** of the **parabola**. We will review factoring before we try solving equations using factoring.

Factoring Review

Multiplying two binomials

Example 1 – Expand and Simplify: $(x-1)(x-7)$ use FOIL

$$x^2 - \underline{7x} - \underline{x} + 7 = x^2 - 8x + 7$$

Remember: expanding and factoring are opposite operations....they UNDO each other!

Steps for Factoring a Trinomial in the form $ax^2 + bx + c$, where $a = 1$

Step 1: If needed, re-order the terms in descending powers of the variable (biggest to smallest)

Step 2: With any factoring question, first check to see if you can factor out a GCF from ALL terms!

Step 3: Find two numbers that multiply to equal the c term and add to equal the b term (multiply to the outside, add to the middle)

Step 4: Factor into two binomials using the numbers from step 3, with the variable from the question placed first in each bracket

Factoring a trinomial in the form $x^2 + bx + c$

Example 2 – Factor the trinomial: $x^2 - 8x + 7$...we should end up with $(x-1)(x-7)$!

$$(x \quad)(x \quad)$$

$$(x-7)(x-1)$$

need #s that (1,7)

$$\underline{-7} \times \underline{-1} = 7$$

$$\underline{-7} + \underline{-1} = -8$$

Note: order doesn't matter

Example 3 – Factor: $z^2 - 2z - 8$

$$(z \quad)(z \quad)$$

$$\underline{-4} \times \underline{2} = -8$$

$$\underline{-4} + \underline{2} = -2$$

$$(z-4)(z+2)$$

$$(1,8)(2,4)$$

Example 4 – Factor: $-30 + 7m + m^2$

Reorder

$$m^2 + 7m - 30$$

$$(m \quad)(m \quad)$$

$$(m+10)(m-3)$$

$$\underline{10} \times \underline{-3} = -30$$

$$\underline{10} + \underline{-3} = 7$$

$$(1,30)(2,15)(3,10)(5,6)$$

Example 5 – Factor: $-5h^2 - 20h + 60$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -5(h^2 + 4h - 12) \\
 & -5(h \quad)(h \quad) \\
 & -5(h+6)(h-2)
 \end{aligned}$$

(1,12)(2,6)(3,4)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{6}{-5} \times \frac{-2}{-5} &= -12 \\
 \frac{6}{-5} + \frac{-2}{-5} &= 4
 \end{aligned}$$

Always check to see if there is a GCF you can factor out first! IF there is a negative number in front of the x^2 , factor out the negative as well.

Difference of Squares $a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$

Example 6 – Factor: $x^2 - 9$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sqrt{x^2} &= x \\
 \sqrt{9} &= 3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(x+3)(x-3)$$

Example 7 – Factor: $x^4 - 16$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sqrt{x^4} &= x^2 \\
 \sqrt{16} &= 4 \\
 (x^2+4)(x^2-4) & \rightarrow \\
 \downarrow & \\
 \sqrt{x^2} &= x \\
 \sqrt{4} &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Another difference of squares, keep factoring if you can

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

Example 8 – Factor: $50x^2 - 2y^2$

← difference but 50 + 2 are not perfect squares check for GCF!

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2(25x^2 - y^2) \\
 & \sqrt{25x^2} = 5x \\
 & \sqrt{y^2} = y
 \end{aligned}$$

$$2(5x+y)(5x-y)$$

Perfect square trinomials

$$\begin{aligned}
 a^2 + 2ab + b^2 &= (a+b)^2 \\
 a^2 - 2ab + b^2 &= (a-b)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

eg: $36x^2 + 12x + 1$
 $(6x+1)^2$

Note: can only factor if negative in between not positive

1.2 – Factoring Review, continued

When $a \neq 1$ in a trinomial of the form $ax^2 + bx + c$, and it can't be factored out, then another process is needed.

One process you can use is called **Decomposition**, and uses factoring by grouping.

Steps for factoring $ax^2 + bx + c$, $a \neq 1$ by Decomposition

- Step 1:** If needed, re-order the terms in **descending** powers of the variable
- Step 2:** As with any factoring question, check to see if you can factor out a GCF
- Step 3:** Find two numbers that multiply to equal ac and add to equal b
(*multiply to the product (\times) of the "outsides" first \times last, and add to the middle!*)
- Step 4:** Rewrite the expression but split or *decompose* the middle (b) term, using the two numbers from step 3
- Step 5:** Now the expression has FOUR terms, so we can **factor by grouping** the first two terms and the last two terms
- Step 6:** When factoring by grouping, the two resulting binomials need to be identical!
These matching binomials are now the **COMMON FACTOR**, and can be factored out...and what is left become the components of the second bracket.

Another process you can use is called the "**ac**" method

Steps for factoring $ax^2 + bx + c$, $a \neq 1$ by "ac" method

- Step 1:** If needed, re-order the terms in **descending** powers of the variable
- Step 2:** Check to see if you can factor out a GCF. This step is **MANDATORY**.
- Step 3:** Find two numbers that multiply to equal ac and add to equal b
(*multiply to the product (\times) of the "outsides" first \times last, and add to the middle!*)
- Step 4:** Write the expression as two factors using the numbers you found in step 3 and each with a denominator of " a "
- Step 5:** Now simplify each fraction in the brackets
- Step 6:** If a fraction remains, the denominator becomes the coefficient of the x term in that binomial.

AC method

Example 1 – Factor:

- (1, 24)
- (2, 12)
- (3, 8)
- (4, 6)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &4x^2 + 11x + 6 \\
 &x^2 + 11x + 24 \\
 &\quad \frac{8}{4} \times \frac{3}{4} = 24 \\
 &\quad \frac{8}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = 11 \\
 &\left(x + \frac{8}{4}\right)\left(x + \frac{3}{4}\right) \\
 &\boxed{(x+2)(4x+3)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Decomp method

$$\begin{aligned}
 &4x^2 + 11x + 6 \\
 &\underline{4x^2 + 8x} + \underline{3x + 6} \\
 &4x(x+2) + 3(x+2) \\
 &(x+2)(4x+3)
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 2 – Factor:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -7m - 10 + 6m^2 \\
 \text{Reorder } & \textcircled{6}m^2 - 7m - 10 \\
 & m^2 - 7m - 60 \\
 & \underline{-12} \times \underline{5} = -60 \\
 & \underline{-12} + \underline{5} = -7 \\
 & (m - \frac{12}{6})(m + \frac{5}{6}) \\
 & (m - 2)(6m + 5)
 \end{aligned}$$

Decomp

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 6m^2 - 7m - 10 \\
 & \quad \swarrow \quad \searrow \\
 & 6m^2 - 12m + 5m - 10 \\
 & 6m(m-2) + 5(m-2) \\
 & (m-2)(6m+5)
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 3 – Factor:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \textcircled{8}p^2 - 18p - 5 \\
 & p^2 - 18p - 40 \\
 & \underline{-20} \times \underline{2} = -40 \\
 & \underline{-20} + \underline{2} = -18 \\
 & (p - \frac{20}{8})(p - \frac{2}{8}) \\
 & (p - \frac{5}{2})(p - \frac{1}{4}) \\
 & (2p - 5)(4p - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Decomp

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 8p^2 - 18p - 5 \\
 & \quad \swarrow \quad \searrow \\
 & 8p^2 + 2p - 20p - 5 \\
 & 2p(4p+1) - 5(4p+1) \\
 & (4p+1)(2p-5)
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 4 – Factor:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 24x^2 - 10xy - 4y^2 \quad \rightarrow \text{put } y\text{'s at end of brackets} \\
 \text{GCF } & 2(\textcircled{12}x^2 - 5xy - 2y^2) \\
 & 2(x^2 - 5xy - 24y^2) \\
 & \underline{-8} \times \underline{3} = -24 \\
 & \underline{-8} + \underline{3} = -5 \\
 & 2(x - \frac{8}{12}y)(x + \frac{3}{12}y) \\
 & 2(x - \frac{2}{3}y)(x + \frac{1}{4}y) \\
 & 2(3x - 2y)(4x + y)
 \end{aligned}$$

Decomp

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2(12x^2 - 5xy - 2y^2) \\
 & 2(12x^2 - 8xy + 3xy - 2y^2) \\
 & 2[4x(3x-2y) + y(3x-2y)] \\
 & 2(3x-2y)(4x+y)
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 5 – Factor:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -16x^3 + 20x^2 + 24x \\
 \text{GCF } & -4x(\textcircled{4}x^2 - 5x - 6) \\
 & \rightarrow -4x(x^2 - 5x - 24) \\
 & \underline{-8} \times \underline{3} = -24 \\
 & \underline{-8} + \underline{3} = -5 \\
 & -4x(x - \frac{8}{4})(x + \frac{3}{4}) \\
 & -4x(x - 2)(4x + 3)
 \end{aligned}$$

remember first # must be pos so take out neg from highest power

Decomp

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -4x(4x^2 - 5x - 6) \\
 & -4x(4x^2 + 3x - 8x - 6) \\
 & -4x[x(4x+3) - 2(4x+3)] \\
 & -4x(4x+3)(x-2)
 \end{aligned}$$

5.1 – Solving Quadratic Equations by Factoring

Recall that you can often find the **roots** of a **quadratic equation** by factoring when in general form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$. Remember, the **roots** or **solutions** of the quadratic **equation** correspond to the **zeros** of the quadratic **function**, and the **x-intercepts** of the **parabola**. There may be 0, 1, or 2 solutions to a quadratic equation.

Solving quadratic equations by factoring

Steps:

- 1) Get everything to one side of the equation so that only zero is on the other.
- 2) Identify a , b , and c values, and **factor** accordingly.
- 3) The roots are the x -values that will make the product of the binomials zero. If either of the binomials equal zero, then the product of the binomials will equal zero (this is called the **Zero Factor Property**). Therefore, identify the x values that make each binomial equal to zero.

if $a = 1$

Example 1 – Solve and check $x^2 + 3x = -2$

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

$$\frac{1}{-2} + \frac{2}{2} = 3$$

→ highest to lowest power

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

$a=1$ $b=3$ $c=2$ *→ opposite # will zero*

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

$$x + 1 = 0 \quad x + 2 = 0$$

$$x = -1 \quad x = -2$$

Check:

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

$$(-1)^2 + 3(-1) = -2$$

$$1 - 3 = -2$$

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

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

$$4 - 6 = -2$$

Sketch the Graph:



Example 2 – a) Solve $x^2 - 8x - 40 = 8$

$$\frac{-12}{-8} \times \frac{4}{-8} = -48$$

$$\frac{-12}{-8} + \frac{4}{-8} = -8$$

$$x^2 - 8x - 48 = 0$$

$$(x - 12)(x + 4) = 0$$

$$x = 12 \quad x = -4$$

b) Solve $\frac{2x^2}{2} + \frac{6x}{2} - \frac{108}{2} = 0$

since an equation do same action to left & right of =

simplified

$$x^2 + 3x - 54 = 0$$

$$(x + 9)(x - 6) = 0$$

$$x = -9 \quad x = 6$$

c) Solve $\frac{1}{2}x^2 - x - 4 = 0$ *clear fractions*

$$x^2 - 2x - 8 = 0$$

$$(x - 4)(x + 2) = 0$$

$$x = 4 \quad x = -2$$

if $a \neq 1$

When $a \neq 1$, factor by "decomposition" or "ac" method.

Example 3 – Solve $3x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0$

$$x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$$

$$(x - \frac{3}{3})(x - \frac{2}{3}) = 0$$

$$(x - 1)(3x - 2) = 0$$

$x - 1 = 0$
 $x = 1$

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

-3 $x - 2 = 6$
 -3 $+ -2 = -5$

Trick for finding roots:

$$(3x - 2) = 0$$

$$(x - \frac{2}{3}) = 0$$

$$x = +\frac{2}{3}$$

bring the coefficient back and change the sign

If $c = 0$

Example 4 – Solve $3x^2 = -5x$

organized ✓
gcf ✗

$$3x^2 + 5x = 0$$

$$(x)(3x + 5) = 0$$

$x = 0$

$x = -\frac{5}{3}$

difference of squares

Example 5 – Solve $b = 0$?

a) $x^2 - 25 = 0$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = x$$

$$\sqrt{25} = 5$$

$$(x + 5)(x - 5)$$

$x = -5$ $x = +5$
 or
 $x = \pm 5$

b) $8p^2 - 18 = 0$ GCF = 2

$$4p^2 - 9 = 0$$

$$\sqrt{4p^2} = 2p$$

$$\sqrt{9} = 3$$

$$(2p + 3)(2p - 3) = 0$$

$p = -\frac{3}{2}$ $p = \frac{3}{2}$
 $p = \pm \frac{3}{2}$

c) $49 - 4x^2 = 0$ reorder
GCF = -1

$$-4x^2 + 49 = 0$$

$$4x^2 - 49 = 0$$

$$\sqrt{4x^2} = 2x$$

$$\sqrt{49} = 7$$

$$(2x + 7)(2x - 7)$$

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

5.2A – Solving Quadratic Equations by Square Root Principle and Completing the Square

square
root
principle

When there is **no bx** term in a quadratic equation, first look to see if it is a *difference of squares* (is each term a perfect square, and is there a subtraction sign in between?). If it is not a difference of squares, it can be solved by the *square root principle*.

The general form of a quadratic equation that you could solve using the square root principle is $ax^2 + c = 0$. or $a(x-h)^2 + k = 0$

Example 1 – Solve $9y^2 - 22 = 0$
 $ax^2 + c = 0$

- 1) Get everything that **isn't** squared to one side.
- 2) Square root both sides.
- 3) Consider both the **positive and negative** square roots.
- 4) Simplify any radical solutions as much as possible in exact form.

$$\begin{aligned}
 9y^2 - 22 &= 0 \\
 +22 & \quad +22 \\
 \frac{9y^2}{9} &= \frac{22}{9} \\
 y^2 &= \frac{22}{9} \\
 \pm\sqrt{y^2} &= \pm\sqrt{\frac{22}{9}} \\
 y &= \pm\sqrt{\frac{22}{9}} = \frac{\sqrt{22}}{\sqrt{9}} \\
 y &= \pm\frac{\sqrt{22}}{3} \quad \leftarrow \text{remove any perfect squares}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 2 – Solve: a) $2x^2 - 11 = 87$ no bx term ✓

$$\begin{aligned}
 2x^2 &= 98 \\
 \pm\sqrt{x^2} &= \pm\sqrt{49} \\
 x &= \pm 7
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 50y^2 &= 72 \\
 \pm\sqrt{y^2} &= \pm\sqrt{\frac{36}{25}} \\
 y &= \pm\frac{\sqrt{36}}{\sqrt{25}} \\
 y &= \pm\frac{6}{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x+3)^2 &= 16 \\
 x+3 &= \pm 4 \\
 -3 & \quad -3 \\
 x &= -3 \pm 4 \\
 \swarrow & \quad \searrow \\
 x = 3+4 & \quad x = -3-4 \\
 x = 7 & \quad x = -7
 \end{aligned}$$

d) $3x^2 - 8 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3x^2 &= 8 \\
 \pm\sqrt{x^2} &= \pm\sqrt{\frac{8}{3}} \\
 x &= \pm\sqrt{\frac{8}{3}} \\
 \text{or } x &= \pm\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

← workbook answers look different since they further reduce radicals

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x-1)^2 &= 12 \\
 x-1 &= \pm\sqrt{12} \\
 x &= 1 \pm\sqrt{12} \\
 \text{or} \\
 x &= 1 \pm 2\sqrt{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

completing the square when $a = 1$

Sometimes factoring quadratic equations is not possible, as you cannot find the two numbers that multiply to c (or ac) and add to b . When this is the case, you can still solve the quadratic equation by a method called *completing the square*.

Example 3 – Solve $x^2 - 24 = -10x$ by completing the square. This example can be easily solved by factoring, but we will use it to introduce how to complete the square.

- 1) Get c to one side of the equation.
- 2) If the a value is 1, find the b value, half it, and square it.
- 3) Add the number from step 2 to BOTH sides of the equation.
- 4) Factor the trinomial on the left (we created a perfect square trinomial, so it will lead to 2 brackets that are exactly the same).
- 5) Solve using the square root property.

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad & x^2 - 24 = -10x \\ & \quad \quad \quad +10x \quad \quad \quad +10x \\ & x^2 + 10x - 24 = 0 \\ & \quad \quad \quad +24 \quad \quad \quad +24 \\ \textcircled{2} \quad & x^2 + 10x = 24 \quad \quad b = 10 \quad 10 \div 2 = 5 \quad 5^2 = 25 \\ \textcircled{3} \quad & x^2 + 10x + 25 = 24 + 25 \\ \textcircled{4} \quad & (x + 5)^2 = 49 \\ \textcircled{5} \quad & \sqrt{(x + 5)^2} = \sqrt{49} \\ & x + 5 = \pm 7 \\ & \quad \quad \quad -5 \quad \quad \quad -5 \\ & x = -5 + 7 \quad \text{or} \quad -5 - 7 \\ & x = 2, -12 \end{aligned}$$

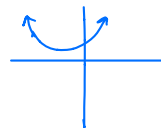
Example 4 – Solve by completing the square. Express the solutions in exact form.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } w^2 - 4w - 11 &= 0 \\ & \quad \quad \quad +11 \quad \quad \quad +11 \quad b = \frac{-4}{2} = -2 \\ w^2 - 4w + 4 &= 11 + 4 \quad (-2)^2 = 4 \\ \sqrt{(w - 2)^2} &= \sqrt{15} \\ w - 2 &= \pm \sqrt{15} \\ & \quad \quad \quad +2 \quad \quad \quad +2 \\ w &= 2 \pm \sqrt{15} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } x^2 + 5x + 7 &= 0 \\ & \quad \quad \quad -7 \quad \quad \quad -7 \\ x^2 + 5x &= -7 \\ & \quad \quad \quad \hookrightarrow \frac{5}{2} \rightarrow \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{25}{4} \\ x^2 + 5x + \frac{25}{4} &= -7 + \frac{25}{4} \\ \left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 &= \frac{-28}{4} + \frac{25}{4} \\ \left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 &= \frac{-3}{4} \\ \text{try to } \sqrt{\quad} & \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \text{ can't } \sqrt{\quad} \\ \text{both sides} & \quad \quad \quad \text{a negative} \end{aligned}$$

No Solution

(no x -intercepts on graph)



$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } m^2 - 5m + 3 &= 0 \\ & \quad \quad \quad -3 \quad \quad \quad -3 \\ m^2 - 5m &= -3 \\ & \quad \quad \quad \hookrightarrow \frac{-5}{2} \quad \left(\frac{-5}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{25}{4} \\ m^2 - 5m + \frac{25}{4} &= \frac{-3}{1 \times 4} + \frac{25}{4} = \frac{-12}{4} + \frac{25}{4} \\ \sqrt{\left(m - \frac{5}{2}\right)^2} &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{4}} \\ m - \frac{5}{2} &= \frac{\pm \sqrt{13}}{2} + \frac{5}{2} \\ & \quad \quad \quad + \frac{5}{2} \\ m &= \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{13}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

5.2B – Solving Quadratic Equations by Completing the Square ($a \neq 1$)

completing
the square
when $a \neq 1$

If $a \neq 1$, there are a few more considerations when *completing the square*.

Example 1 – Solve $2x^2 - 5x - 1 = 0$ by completing the square

- 1) Get c to one side of the equation.
- 2) Factor the a value out of the left side. or combine these steps and just \div all terms by " a "
- 3) Divide both sides by the a value to leave $x^2 + bx$ on the left side of the equation.
THEN find the b value, half it, and square it.
- 4) Add the number from step 3 to BOTH sides of the equation.
- 5) Factor the resulting trinomial on the left.
- 6) Solve using the square root principle and answer in exact form.

$$2x^2 - 5x - 1 = 0$$

$$\textcircled{1} 2x^2 - 5x = 1$$

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

$$\textcircled{3} \frac{2}{2}\left(x^2 - \frac{5}{2}x\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$-\frac{5}{2} \div 2 = -\frac{5}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{5}{4}$
 $\left(-\frac{5}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{25}{16}$

$$\textcircled{4} x^2 - \frac{5}{2}x + \frac{25}{16} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{25}{16}$$

factor \downarrow $= \frac{8}{16} + \frac{25}{16}$

$$\textcircled{5} \left(x - \frac{5}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{33}{16}$$

$$\textcircled{6} \sqrt{\left(x - \frac{5}{4}\right)^2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{33}{16}}$$

$$x - \frac{5}{4} = \frac{\pm\sqrt{33}}{4} + \frac{5}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{33}}{4}$$

Example 2 – Solve by completing the square: $3x^2 - 2 = -4x$

Reorder $\therefore \frac{3x^2}{3} + \frac{4x}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$

$$x^2 + \frac{4}{3}x = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{4}{3} \div 2 = \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{4}{9}$$

$$x^2 + \frac{4}{3}x + \frac{4}{9} = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{9} \rightarrow \frac{6}{9} + \frac{4}{9} = \frac{10}{9}$$

$$\sqrt{\left(x + \frac{2}{3}\right)^2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{10}{9}}$$

$$x + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{\pm\sqrt{10}}{3} - \frac{2}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{10}}{3}$$

An easy way to half a fraction is to double the denominator.

Example 3 – Solve by completing the square. Answer to the nearest hundredth.
2 decimals

$$-2x^2 - 3x + 7 = 0$$

$$\frac{-2x^2}{-2} - \frac{3x}{-2} = \frac{-7}{-2}$$

$$x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{3}{2} \div 2 = \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{4} \quad \frac{3}{4}^2 = \frac{9}{16}$$

$$x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{9}{16} = \frac{7}{2} + \frac{9}{16} \rightarrow \frac{56}{16} + \frac{9}{16}$$

$$\pm \sqrt{\left(x + \frac{3}{4}\right)^2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{65}{16}}$$

$$x + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{\pm \sqrt{65}}{4} - \frac{3}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{65}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{-3 + \sqrt{65}}{4} \approx 1.27$$

$$x = \frac{-3 - \sqrt{65}}{4} \approx -2.77$$

$$x \approx 1.27, -2.77$$

Example 4 – Solve by completing the square: $3x^2 + 6x - 1 = 0$

$$\frac{3x^2}{3} + \frac{6x}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$x^2 + 2x = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\hookrightarrow 2 \div 2 = 1 \quad 1^2 = 1$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 1 = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1x^2}{1x^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{3} + \frac{3}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\pm \sqrt{(x+1)^2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{4}{3}}$$

$$x+1 = \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$x = -1 \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

or

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm 2\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

This format is ok
we will learn how
to simplify radicals
in a future chapter

5.3 – The Quadratic Formula

Quadratic equations can be solved by graphing, factoring (5.1), the square root property (5.2) and/or completing the square (5.2). Each of these methods have advantages and limitations.

Any quadratic equation can be solved using something called the *quadratic formula*. If the quadratic equation is in general form ($ax^2 + bx + c = 0$), the quadratic formula is:

quadratic formula

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

The derivation of the quadratic formula can be found in your workbook on p.85.

Example 1 – Solve $2x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0$ using the quadratic formula

$a=2$
 $b=-5$
 $c=2$

$$x = \frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4(2)(2)}}{2(2)}$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25-16}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{9}}{4} \rightarrow \frac{5 \pm 3}{4}$$

$$\frac{5+3}{4} = \frac{8}{4} = 2$$

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

Example 2 – Solve $3x^2 - x = -1$ using the quadratic formula

$a=3$
 $b=-1$
 $c=1$

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

$$x = \frac{-(-1) \pm \sqrt{(-1)^2 - 4(3)(1)}}{2(3)}$$

$$x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1-12}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{-11}}{6}$$

can't square root a negative

$$x = \text{No Solution}$$

discriminant

There could be 0, 1, or 2 resulting roots, depending on the **discriminant**, the expression under the square root ($b^2 - 4ac$). Solutions can be written in simplest radical form, or decimal form.

How would the discriminant determine the *nature of the roots* (the number of roots)?

If $b^2 - 4ac > 0$, there will be two different roots
positive (2 x-intercepts)

If $b^2 - 4ac = 0$, there is one (repeated) root
 $\pm \sqrt{0}$
 ± 0 same thing (1 x-intercept)

If $b^2 - 4ac < 0$, no solution, no (real) roots
negative (0 x-intercepts)

* you cannot square a negative number

how many solutions?

Example 3 – Determine the nature of the roots, and then solve $3x^2 + 2x - 4 = 0$ using the quadratic formula

$a=3$ $b=2$ $c=-4$

$$b^2 - 4ac$$

$$(2)^2 - 4(3)(-4)$$

$$4 + 48$$

$$D=52$$

pos so 2 solutions

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

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{52}}{2(3)}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{52}}{6}$$

Example 4 – Determine the nature of the roots for $\frac{1}{4}x^2 - 3x + 9 = 0$

clear the fraction

$$b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (-12)^2 - 4(1)(36)$$

$$= 144 - 144$$

$$= 0$$

\therefore 1 solution

$$x^2 - 12x + 36 = 0$$

$$a=1 \quad b=-12 \quad c=36$$

Example 5 – Solve using the quadratic formula. Leave answers in exact form.

a) $x(x-2) = 1$

$$x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$$

$a=1$
 $b=-2$
 $c=-1$

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

$$x = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4+4}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{8}}{2}$$

b) $\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{5x}{6} = \frac{-3}{2}$

$$3x^2 - 5x = -9$$

$$3x^2 - 5x + 9 = 0$$

$a=3$

$b=-5$

$c=9$

$$x = \frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4(3)(9)}}{2(3)}$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 108}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{-83}}{6}$$

No solutions

5.5 – Applications of Quadratic Equations

Example 1 – The sum of a number and twice its reciprocal is $\frac{9}{2}$. Find the number.

$$x + 2\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{9}{2}$$

(2x) (2x) clear fractions

$$2x^2 + 4 = 9x$$

$$2x^2 - 9x + 4 = 0$$

→ check to see if it factors?

$$x^2 - 9x + 8 = 0$$

$$(x - 8)(x - 1) = 0$$

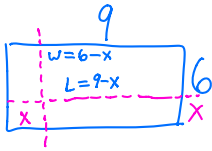
$$(x - 4)(2x - 1) = 0$$

$$x = 4, \frac{1}{2}$$

$\frac{-8}{-8} \times \frac{-1}{-1} = 8$
 $\frac{-8}{-8} + \frac{-1}{-1} = -9$

The numbers could be 4 or $\frac{1}{2}$

Example 2 – The length and width of a rectangular sheet of plywood is 6ft by 9ft. How much must be removed equally from the length and width to reduce the area to half its original size?



$$\text{old area} = 6 \times 9 = 54$$

$$\text{new area} = \frac{1}{2}(54) = 27$$

$$\text{new area} \Rightarrow (9-x)(6-x) = 27$$

$$54 - 9x - 6x + x^2 = 27$$

$$x^2 - 15x + 27 = 0$$

$$a=1 \quad b=-15 \quad c=27$$

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

$$x = \frac{15 \pm \sqrt{(-15)^2 - 4(1)(27)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{15 \pm \sqrt{117}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{15 + \sqrt{117}}{2}$$

$$x = 12.908$$

Can't cut over 12 ft since board is only 9 ft x 6 ft

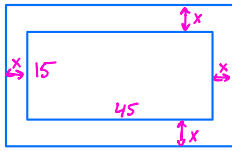
$$x = \frac{15 - \sqrt{117}}{2}$$

$$x = 2.092$$

2.092 ft must be removed from the length and width.

New dimensions: 6.91 x 3.91

Example 3 – A 15cm by 45cm painting has a frame surrounding it. If the frame is the same width all around, and the total area of the frame is 325cm², how wide is the frame?



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Small } A &= 15 \times 45 = 675 \\ \text{frame } A &= 325 \\ \text{Total } A &= 675 + 325 = 1000 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= L \times W \\ (45 + 2x)(15 + 2x) &= 1000 \\ 675 + 90x + 30x + 4x^2 &= 1000 \\ &\quad -1000 \quad -1000 \end{aligned}$$

$$4x^2 + 120x - 325 = 0$$

$a=4 \quad b=120 \quad c=-325$

$$x = \frac{-120 \pm \sqrt{120^2 - 4(4)(-325)}}{2(4)}$$

$$x = \frac{-120 \pm \sqrt{19600}}{8}$$

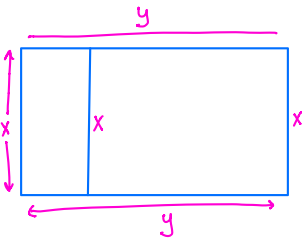
$$x = \frac{-120 \pm 140}{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{-120 + 140}{8} \\ x &= 2.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{-120 - 140}{8} \\ x &= -32.5 \\ &\text{reject since neg} \end{aligned}$$

The width of the frame is 2.5 cm

Example 4 – A farmer uses 90m of fencing to enclose two adjacent rectangular pens. Find the dimensions that enclose a total area of 300m².



$$\text{Fencing} = 3x + 2y$$

$$3x + 2y = 90m$$

$$2y = \frac{-3x + 90}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{-3}{2}x + 45$$

$$\text{Area} = L \times W$$

$$xy = 300m^2$$

$$x\left(\frac{-3}{2}x + 45\right) = 300$$

$$\frac{-3}{2}x^2 + 45x = 300 \rightarrow \text{clear fractions}$$

$$-3x^2 + 90x = 600$$

$$\frac{-3x^2}{-3} + \frac{90x}{-3} - \frac{600}{-3} = 0$$

$$x^2 - 30x + 200 = 0$$

$$(x - 10)(x - 20)$$

$$x = 10, 20$$

also find y

$$y = \frac{-3}{2}x + 45$$

$$y = \frac{-3}{2}(10) + 45 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{-3}{2}(20) + 45$$

$$y = 30 \quad \quad \quad y = 15$$

The dimensions are either 10m x 30m or 20m x 15m.