

6.5

**Solving Quadratic Equations  
by Factoring**

Ex:  $f(x) = \underline{2}(x+5)(2x-1)$   $f(x) = y$   
functions  
height

$a = 2 \rightarrow$  opens up.

x-int: ( $y=0$ )  $0 = 2(x+5)(2x-1)$

$x+5=0$	$2x-1=0$
$x=-5$	$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$
$(-5, 0)$	$x = 0.5$
	$(0.5, 0)$

$$y = -1(x+1)(x-4)$$

① a)  $f(x) = -1(x+1)(x-4)$

①  $a = -1 \rightarrow$  opens down

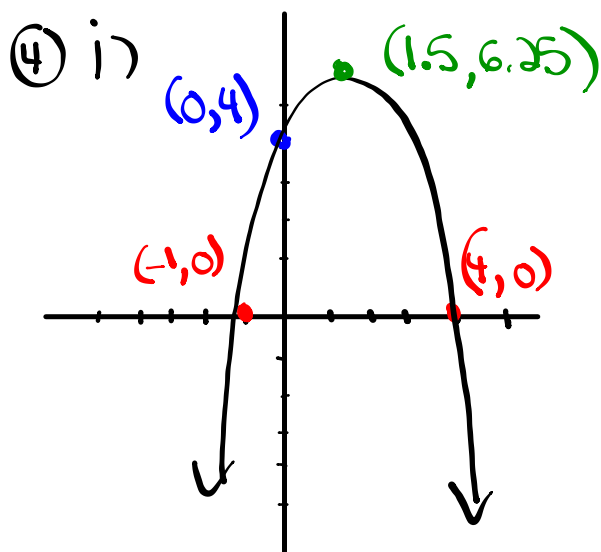
② x-int:

$x+1=0$	$x-4=0$
$x=-1$	$x=4$
$(-1, 0)$	$(4, 0)$

③ y-int:  $C = (a)(r)(s)$   
 $C = (-1)(1)(-4) = 4 \quad (0, 4)$

④ axis of symmetry: use  $(-1, 0)$  and  $(4, 0)$   
 $x = 1.5$  (x coordinate of vertex)       $\frac{-1+4}{2} = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5$

⑤ vertex:  $y = -1(1.5+1)(1.5-4)$   
 $y = -1(2.5)(-2.5) = 6.25$



## Solving Quadratic Equations ( $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ )

### Simple Trinomial

Example 1:  $x^2 + \underline{6}x + \underline{8} = 0$

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

$$x+2=0 \quad | \quad x+4=0$$

$$\boxed{x=-2} \quad | \quad \boxed{x=-4}$$

Add      Multiply

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

$$\underline{2} + \underline{4} = \underline{6}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 8 \\ 1 \times 8 \\ \textcircled{2 \times 4} \end{array}$$

**\* Decomposition**

Example 2:  $2x^2 + 1x - 15 = 0$

$-5 \times 6 = -30$   
 $-5 + 6 = 1$

- 30
- 1x30
- 2x15
- 3x10
- 5x6

$(x-5)(x+6) = 0$

$(2x-5)(x+3) = 0$

$2x-5=0 \quad | \quad x+3=0$   
 $\frac{2x-5}{2 \quad 2} \quad | \quad \boxed{x=-3}$   
 $\boxed{x=2.5}$

Let's try a few more...

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

\_\_\_ x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ + \_\_\_ = \_\_\_

$6x^2 + 14x + 8 = 0$

**EXTRA STEP**

\_\_\_ x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ + \_\_\_ = \_\_\_

## Common factor

Example 3:  $7x^2 + 4x = 0$

$$x(7x + 4) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \boxed{x = 0} \quad | \quad 7x + 4 = 0 \\ \quad \quad \quad | \quad \frac{7x}{7} = \frac{-4}{7} \\ \quad \quad \quad | \quad \boxed{x = \frac{-4}{7}} = -0,57 \end{array}$$

\*\*\*Sometimes you may remove a common factor first and then end up with a simple trinomial, a hard trinomial, or a difference of squares.

## Difference of Squares

Example 4:

$$\underline{4x^2} - \underline{9} = 0$$

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Perfect Square    Perfect Square

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

(use opposite signs)

$$2x+3=0 \quad | \quad 2x-3=0$$

$$2x = -3 \quad | \quad 2x = 3$$

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

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

**Using reasoning to write an equation from its roots**

Tori says she solved a quadratic equation by graphing. She says the roots were  $-5$  and  $7$ . How can you determine an equation that she might have solved?

**Philip's Solution**

$$x = -5 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 7$$

$$x + 5 = 0 \quad x - 7 = 0$$

One factor is  $x + 5$ .

The other factor is  $x - 7$ .

$$(x + 5)(x - 7) = 0$$

$$x^2 + 5x - 7x - 35 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 35 = 0$$

The  $x$ -intercepts of the quadratic function are the roots of the equation.

I decided to use the roots to help me write the factors of the equation.

I wrote the factors as a product. Since each root is equal to  $0$ , their product is also equal to  $0$ .

I simplified to write the equation in standard form.



**In Summary****Key Idea**

- Some quadratic equations can be solved by factoring.

**Need to Know**

- To factor an equation, start by writing the equation in standard form.
- You can set each factor equal to zero and solve the resulting linear equations. Each solution is a solution to the original equation.
- If the two roots of a quadratic equation are equal, then the quadratic equation is said to have one solution.

**Assignment: pages 323 - 324**

**Questions 1, 2(a-d), 6, 7, 10, 11**

## SOLUTIONS => 6.5 Solving Quadratic Equations by Factoring

1.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{a) } x^2 - 11x + 28 = 0 \quad \overset{A}{-4} x \overset{M}{-7} = 28 \\
 (x-4)(x-7) = 0 \quad \underline{-4} + \underline{-7} = -11 \\
 x-4=0 \text{ or } x-7=0 \\
 x=4 \quad \quad x=7
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{b) } x^2 - 7x - 30 = 0 \quad \overset{A}{3} x \overset{M}{-10} = -30 \\
 (x+3)(x-10) = 0 \quad \underline{3} + \underline{-10} = -7 \\
 x+3=0 \text{ or } x-10=0 \\
 x=-3 \quad \quad x=10
 \end{array}$$

$$c) 2y^2 + 11y + 5 = 0$$

$$(y + \frac{1}{2})(y + \frac{10}{2})$$

$$\underline{1} \times \underline{10} = 10$$

$$\underline{1} + \underline{10} = 11$$

$$(2y+1)(y+5) = 0$$

$$2y+1=0 \text{ or } y+5=0$$

$$\frac{2y}{2} = \frac{-1}{2} \quad y = -5$$

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

$$d) 4t^2 + 7t - 15 = 0$$

$$(t - \frac{5}{4})(t + \frac{12}{4})$$

$$\underline{-5} \times \underline{12} = -60$$

$$\underline{-5} + \underline{12} = 7$$

$$(4t-5)(t+3) = 0$$

$$4t-5=0 \text{ or } t+3=0$$

$$\frac{4t}{4} = \frac{5}{4} \quad t = -3$$

$$t = \frac{5}{4}$$

2.  
{a-d} a)  $x^2 - 121 = 0$  (Difference of Squares)  
 $(x-11)(x+11) = 0$   
 $x-11=0$  or  $x+11=0$   
 $x=11$                        $x=-11$

b)  $9r^2 - 100 = 0$  (Difference of Squares)  
 $(3r-10)(3r+10) = 0$   
 $3r-10=0$  or  $3r+10=0$   
 $\frac{3r}{3} = \frac{10}{3}$                        $\frac{3r}{3} = \frac{-10}{3}$   
 $r = \frac{10}{3}$                                        $r = \frac{-10}{3}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } x^2 - 15x &= 0 \quad (\text{Common Factor}) \\ x(x - 15) &= 0 \\ x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x - 15 &= 0 \\ & \quad \quad \quad x = 15 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } 3y^2 + 48y &= 0 \quad (\text{Common Factor}) \\ 3y(y + 16) &= 0 \\ \frac{3y}{3} = \frac{0}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad y + 16 &= 0 \\ y = 0 \quad \quad \quad y &= -16 \end{aligned}$$

6. Determine the roots of each equation.

a)  $5u^2 - 10u - 315 = 0$

$$5(u^2 - 2u - 63) = 0$$

$$5(u+7)(u-9) = 0$$

$$u+7=0 \text{ or } u-9=0$$

$$u = -7 \quad u = 9$$

$$\underline{7} \times \underline{-9} = -63$$

$$\underline{7} + \underline{-9} = -2$$

b)  $0.25x^2 + 1.5x + 2 = 0$

$$0.25(x^2 + 6x + 8) = 0$$

$$0.25(x+4)(x+2) = 0$$

$$x+4=0 \text{ or } x+2=0$$

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

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

$$\underline{4} + \underline{2} = 6$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c) } & 1.4y^2 + 5.6y - 16.8 = 0 \\
 & 1.4(y^2 + 4y - 12) = 0 \\
 & 1.4(y+6)(y-2) = 0 \\
 & \quad y+6=0 \text{ or } y-2=0 \\
 & \quad y=-6 \quad y=2.
 \end{aligned}
 \quad
 \begin{aligned}
 & \underline{6} \times \underline{-2} = -12 \\
 & \underline{6} + \underline{-2} = 4
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{d) } & \frac{1}{2}k^2 + 5k + 12.5 = 0 \\
 & \frac{1}{2}(k^2 + 10k + 25) = 0 \\
 & \frac{1}{2}(k+5)(k+5) = 0 \\
 & \frac{1}{2}(k+5)^2 = 0 \\
 & \quad k+5=0 \\
 & \quad k=-5
 \end{aligned}
 \quad
 \begin{aligned}
 & \underline{5} \times \underline{5} = 25 \\
 & \underline{5} + \underline{5} = 10
 \end{aligned}$$

7. The graph of a quadratic function has  $x$ -intercepts  $-5$  and  $-12$ . Write a quadratic equation that has these roots.

$$y = a(x-r)(x-s)$$

Assuming  $a=1$ :

$$y = (x - (-5))(x - (-12))$$

$$y = (x + 5)(x + 12)$$

$$y = x^2 + 12x + 5x + 60$$

$$y = x^2 + 17x + 60$$

$$\text{Quadratic Equation} \Rightarrow x^2 + 17x + 60 = 0$$



10. Identify and correct any errors in the following solution.

$$5a^2 - 100 = 0$$

$$5a^2 = 100$$

$$a^2 = 25 \leftarrow \text{Error}$$

$$\sqrt{a^2} = \sqrt{25}$$

$$a = 5 \leftarrow \text{Error}$$

Correction:

$$5a^2 - 100 = 0$$

$$\frac{5a^2}{5} = \frac{100}{5}$$

$$a^2 = 20$$

$$\sqrt{a^2} = \sqrt{20}$$

$$a = \pm \sqrt{20}$$

11. Identify and correct the errors in this solution:

$$\begin{aligned}4r^2 - 9r &= 0 \\(2r-3)(2r+3) &= 0 \rightarrow \text{Error} \\2r-3=0 \text{ or } 2r+3=0 \\2r=3 \qquad \qquad 2r=-3 \\r=1.5 \text{ or } \qquad r=-1.5\end{aligned}$$

Correction:

$$\begin{aligned}4r^2 - 9r &= 0 \\r(4r-9) &= 0 \\r=0 \text{ or } 4r-9 &= 0 \\&\quad \frac{4r}{4} = \frac{9}{4} \\&\quad r = \frac{9}{4}\end{aligned}$$

## Attachments

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