



2-1 Solving Quadratic Equations

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Essential Question:

How do you solve a quadratic equation by factoring?

Questions:

Notes: Quadratic equation

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

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Quadratic linear constant
term term

*Note: A degree 2 (squared) polynomial has 2 solutions.

We have several ways to solve:

- { - factoring
- { - factoring by grouping

- . { - Square root method
- { - completing the square
- Quadratic Formula
- Graphing

Factoring

* The key is the Zero Product Property (Zero factor)

if $xy=0$, then $x=0$ or $y=0$
then $(x-a)(x-b)=0$, then
 $x-a=0$ or $x-b=0$

Questions:

Notes:

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

$$(x-a)(x-b) = 0$$

$$x^2 - ax - bx + ab = 0$$

$$x^2 + \cancel{(-a-b)x} + \underline{ab} = 0$$

I need two factors that:

$$a \cdot b = c \quad \text{and}$$

$$a+b = b \text{ term}$$

Ex) $x^2 + 13x + 36 = 0$

$$(x+9)(x+4) = 0$$

$$a \cdot b = 36 \quad 9 \cdot 4 = 36$$

$$a+b = 13 \quad 9+4 = 13$$

$$x+9=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x+4=0$$

$$x=-9 \quad \text{or} \quad x=-4$$

Factoring by Grouping

use when $a \neq 1$

Ex) $3x^2 + 2x - 5 = 0$

$$\begin{array}{c} a \cdot c \\ 3 \cdot -5 \\ \hline -15 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} -3 \\ 2 \\ \hline b \end{array}$$

Goal is to "split" the b-term so that I have two binomials. To "split" the b, I need two numbers that multiply to be a·c and add to b.

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

$$\text{GFC} \quad \text{GCF}$$

$$\underline{3x}(x-1) + \underline{5}(x-1) = 0$$

GCF is
 $(x-1)$

$$(x-1)(3x+5) = 0$$

$$x-1=0 \quad 3x+5=0$$

$$x=1$$

$$3x = -5$$

$$x = -5/3$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex}}) 6x^2 + 5x - 4 = 0$$

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∂A #1, 2
 ∂B #1, 3