

5.9 Solving Quadratic Equations

Solve, find the x-int/zeros/roots.

What form is the equation in?

Factored Form

- set each factor equal to 0 and solve

Ex. $(3x - 2)(x + 7) = 0$

Ideal! Simplest....

$$\begin{aligned} 3x - 2 &= 0 \\ 3x &= 2 \\ x &= \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x + 7 &= 0 \\ x &= -7 \end{aligned}$$

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$$x = -7 \quad \& \quad x = \frac{2}{3}$$

Vertex Form

- rearrange the equation to isolate x

Ex. $2(x - 4)^2 - 10 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 2(x - 4)^2 &= 10 \\ (x - 4)^2 &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x - 4 &= \pm\sqrt{5} \\ x &= \pm\sqrt{5} + 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore x = \sqrt{5} + 4$$

$$x = -\sqrt{5} + 4$$

Standard Form

Does it Factor?

yes

no

Factor it.

Ex. $2x^2 - 7x - 15 = 0$

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

		x	-5
M	-30	$2x^2$	$-10x$
A	-7	$3x$	-15
N	-10, 3		

$2x \quad 3$

$$x = 5 \quad \& \quad x = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Use the Quadratic Formula.

Ex. $3x^2 + 5x + 4 = 0$

M	12
A	5
N	?

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 3 \\ b &= 5 \\ c &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$= \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{-23}}{6} \quad \text{No zeroes!}$$

