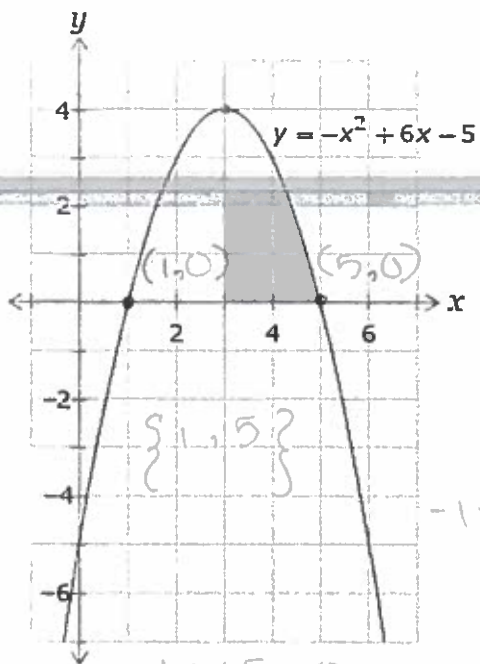


Solve Quadratic Equations by Factoring



The solutions to a quadratic equation, when $y = 0$, are called the roots, zeros, x-values of x-intercepts

Ex. 1 - Solve by Factoring - AC Method

* all x-ints have $y = 0$

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

a.c ↑
add

$$\begin{aligned} -1 \cdot -5 &= 5 \\ 1 \cdot 5 &= 5 \\ 1 + 5 &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -x^2 + 1x + 5x - 5 &= 0 \\ -1x(x-1) + 5(x-1) & \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} -1x + 5 &= 0 \\ -5 & -5 \\ \hline -1x &= -5 \\ -1 & -1 \\ \hline x &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x - 1 &= 0 \\ +1 & +1 \\ \hline x &= 1 \end{aligned}$$



Ex. 2 - Solve by using the zero-product property.

**If either factor equals 0, the equation equals 0.

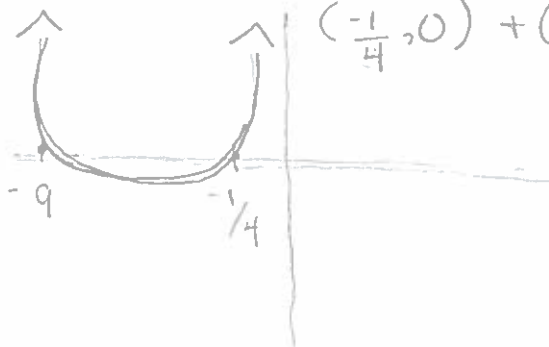
$$(4x + 1)(x + 9) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4x + 1 &= 0 \\ -1 & -1 \\ \hline 4x &= -1 \\ \frac{4}{4} & \frac{4}{4} \\ \hline x &= -\frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x + 9 &= 0 \\ -9 & -9 \\ \hline x &= -9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ -\frac{1}{4}, -9 \right\}$$

$$\left(-\frac{1}{4}, 0 \right) + (-9, 0)$$



You Try 3

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} x + 1 &= 0 \\ -1 & -1 \\ \hline x &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{3}{2}, -1 \right\}$$

$$x\text{-int} \left(\frac{3}{2}, 0 \right) + (-1, 0)$$

Ex. 4 - AC Method aka Split the Middle REVIEW

$$ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$2x^2 + 7x + 6$$

$$2x^2 + 3x + 4x + 6$$

$$\underline{x(2x + 3)} + \underline{2(2x + 3)}$$

$$\underline{(x + 2)(2x + 3)}$$

Multiply $a \cdot c$. Find factors of ac that also add to b .

$2 \cdot 6 = 12$	$b = 7$
$1 \cdot 12$	$1 + 12 = 13$
$2 \cdot 6$	$2 + 6 = 8$
$3 \cdot 4$	$3 + 4 = 7$

Both (+) because multiplying to (+) and adding to (+)

Split the bx term into the like terms using the numbers you found.

Pull out the GCF from the left 2 terms and from the right 2 terms.

$$x(2x + 3) = 2x^2 + 3x \quad 2(2x + 3) = 4x + 6$$

Your two binomials come from what's the same and what's leftover.

Ex. 5 Find the roots of the quadratic equation.

$$f(x) = 3x^2 - 8x + 4 = 0$$

$$a \cdot c = 3 \cdot 4 = 12$$

$$3x^2 - 2x - 6x + 4 = 0$$

$$x(3x - 2) - 2(3x - 2)$$

12	add to (-8)
$1 \cdot 12$	$-2 + -6$
$-2 \cdot 6$	$= -8$
$3 \cdot 4$	

$$(x - 2)(3x - 2)$$

$$3x - 2 = 0$$

$$\left\{ \frac{2}{3}, 2 \right\}$$

$$x - 2 = 0$$

$$+2 \quad +2$$

$$\frac{+2}{3} \quad \frac{+2}{3}$$

$$3x = 2$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{3}, 0 \right) (2, 0)$$

$$x = 2$$

$$\frac{3}{3} \quad \frac{2}{3}$$

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

Steps

- 1) Set the function = 0.
- 2) Factor the function.
- 3) Set each factor = 0.
- 4) Solve each equation.
- 5) Write your roots/zeros as a solution set.

**You can also write the x-intercepts as ordered pairs.

You Try 6 Find the zeros of the quadratic function.

$$y = 12x^2 - 5x - 2 \quad a \cdot c = 12 \cdot (-2) = -24$$

$$12x^2 + 3x - 8x - 2 = 0$$

$$3x(4x + 1) - 2(4x + 1)$$

-24	add to (-5)
$1 \cdot 24$	$-3 + -8$
$2 \cdot 12$	$= -5$
$3 \cdot -8$	
$4 \cdot 6$	

$$(4x + 1)(3x - 2)$$

$$3x - 2 = 0$$

$$+2 \quad +2$$

$$\left\{ \frac{2}{3}, -4 \right\}$$

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

$$\left(\frac{2}{3}, 0 \right) (-4, 0)$$

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

$$4x + 1 = 0$$

$$-1 \quad -1$$

$$\frac{4x}{4} = \frac{-1}{4}$$

$$x = -4$$