

Factor the following expressions

1.  $121r^2 - 1$

2.  $a^2 + 11a + 18$

3.  $16b^2 + 60b - 100$

**Objectives**

**Solve Quadratic Expressions Using the Quadratic Formula.**

**Use the Discriminant to determine the number and type of roots for a quadratic function.**

**Homework**

**Packet Pages 69-70: 1-6 and 8-18 even**

**Packet Pages 79-80: 2-20 even**

## Exercises

Solve each equation by factoring. Check your answers.

1.  $x^2 - 10x + 16 = 0$  2, 8

2.  $x^2 + 2x = 63$  -9, 7

3.  $x^2 + 9x = 22$  -11, 2

4.  $x^2 - 24x + 144 = 0$  12

5.  $2x^2 = 7x + 4$   $-\frac{1}{2}, 4$

6.  $2x^2 = -5x + 12$  -4,  $\frac{3}{2}$

7.  $x^2 - 7x = -12$  3, 4

8.  $2x^2 + 10x = 0$  -5, 0

9.  $x^2 + x = 2$  -2, 1

10.  $3x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0$   $\frac{2}{3}, 1$

11.  $x^2 = -5x - 6$  -3, -2

12.  $x^2 + x = 20$  -5, 4

## Exercises

Solve the equation by graphing. Give each answer to at most two decimal places.

13.  $x^2 = 5$   $-2.24, 2.24$

15.  $x^2 + 7x = 3$   $-7.41, 0.41$

17.  $x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$   $-2.62, -0.38$

19.  $3x^2 - 5x + 9 = 8$   $0.23, 1.43$

21.  $x^2 - 6x = -7$   $1.59, 4.41$

14.  $x^2 = 5x + 1$   $-0.19, 5.19$

16.  $x^2 + x = 5$   $-2.79, 1.79$

18.  $x^2 = 2x + 4$   $-1.24, 3.24$

20.  $4 = 2x^2 + 3x$   $-2.35, 0.85$

22.  $-x^2 = 8x + 8$   $-6.83, -1.17$

# THE QUADRATIC FORMULA

Yet another method for solving quadratic equations of the form  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

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

Let's sing!



Solve  $x^2 + 4x = 12$  using the **quadratic formula**.

Step 1: Put the equation in standard form.  $x^2 + 4x - 12 = 0$

Step 2: Find the values of a, b, and c.  $a = 1, b = 4, c = -12$

Step 3: Substitute a, b, and c into the formula

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

$$x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{4^2 - 4(1)(-12)}}{2(1)}$$

Step 4: Simplify

$$x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 48}}{2} = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{64}}{2} = \frac{-4 \pm 8}{2} = \frac{-4}{2} \pm \frac{8}{2} = -2 \pm 4$$

Step 5: Determine final answer(s)  $x + 4 = \mathbf{2}$  and  $-2 - 4 = \mathbf{-6}$

Solve  $2x^2 + 3x = 9$  using the **quadratic formula**.

Step 1: Put the equation in standard form.

Step 2: Find the values of a, b, and c.

Step 3: Substitute a, b, and c into the formula

Step 4: Simplify

Step 5: Determine final answer(s)



Solve  $2x^2 - x = 4$  using the **quadratic formula**.

Step 1: Put the equation in standard form.

Step 2: Find the values of a, b, and c.

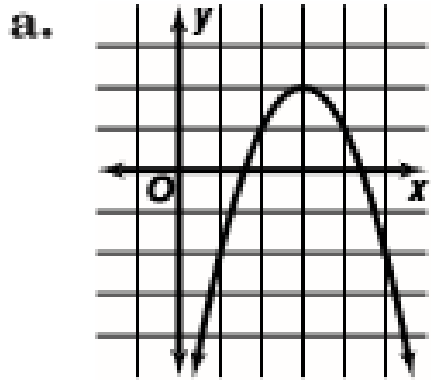
Step 3: Substitute a, b, and c into the formula

Step 4: Simplify

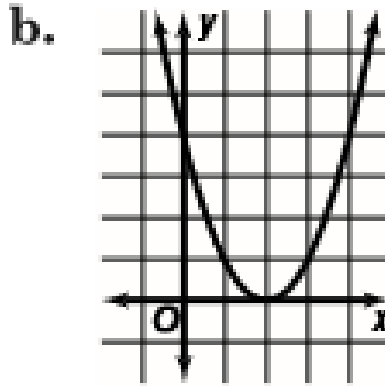
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## Examples

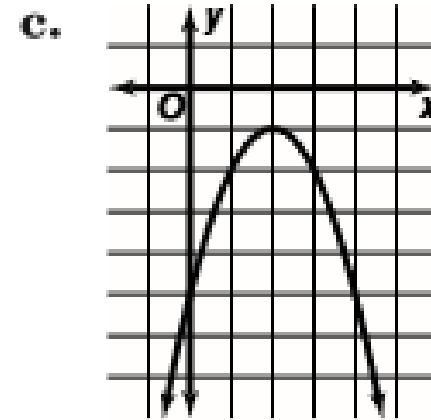
Describe the real roots of the quadratic equations whose related functions are graphed below.



The parabola crosses the  $x$ -axis twice. One root is between 1 and 2, and the other is between 4 and 5.



Since the vertex of the parabola lies on the  $x$ -axis the function has one distinct root, 2.



This parabola does not intersect the  $x$ -axis, so there are no real roots. The solution set is  $\emptyset$ .

The **discriminant** of a quadratic equation tells us how many solutions (roots) exist for a given quadratic equation.

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

If  $b^2 - 4ac > 0$

2 real roots

If  $b^2 - 4ac = 0$

1 repeated  
real root

If  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$

no real roots

Lets look at  $-3x^2 + 7x = 2$

Put in standard form;  $3x^2 - 7x + 2 = 0$

The discriminant is  $b^2 - 4ac$ .

For this equation,  $a = 3$ ,  $b = -7$  and  $c = 2$

The discriminant for this equation is  $(-7)^2 - 4(3)(2) = 25$ .

What does that tell us?

Since  $25 > 0$  there are **two real roots**.

Factored form:  $(3x - 1)(x - 2) = 0$ , roots are  **$x = 1/3$**  and  **$x = 2$**

Lets look at  $x^2 + 4x + 4 = 0$

The discriminant is  $b^2 - 4ac$ .

For this equation,  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 4$  and  $c = 4$

The discriminant for this equation is  $4^2 - 4(1)(4) = 0$ .

What does that tell us?

Since  $0 = 0$  there is **one real repeated root**.

Factored form:  $(x + 2)(x + 2) = 0$ , one repeated root,  **$x = -2$**

Lets look at  $3x^2 - 4x + 10 = 0$

The discriminant is  $b^2 - 4ac$ .

For this equation,  $a = 3$ ,  $b = -4$  and  $c = 10$

The discriminant for this equation is  $(-4)^2 - 4(3)(10) = -104$ .

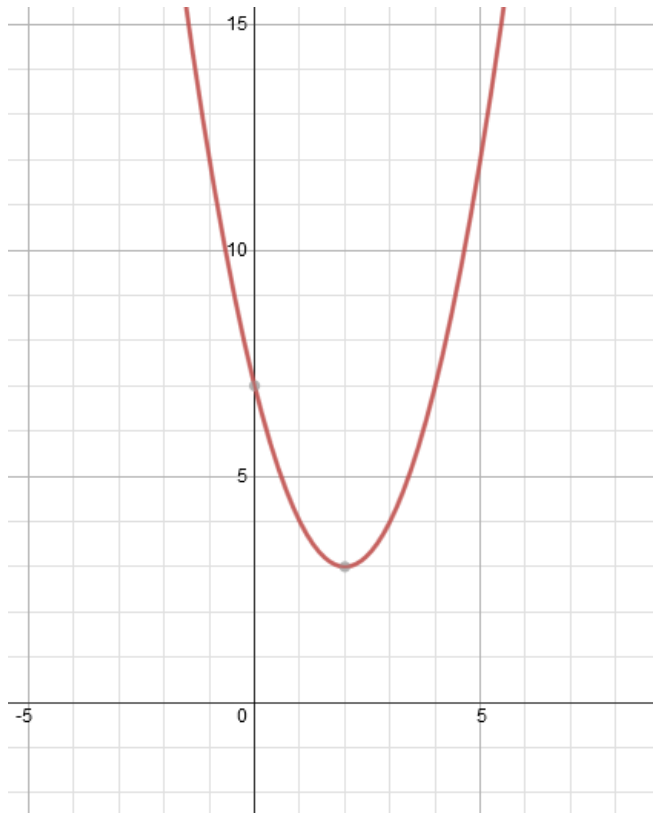
What does that tell us?

Since  $-104 < 0$  there are no real roots!

*Using the quadratic formula causes us to take  
the square root of a negative.*



What does this mean “no real roots”?



Graphically we know it means that there are **no x intercepts**.

Algebraically this means we have **complex roots**.

Let's talk about *imaginary numbers*.



## Home for imaginary numbers...

Remember getting your hand slapped when you tried to take the square root of a negative number?

Well thanks to imaginary numbers, you'll never have to worry about that again.

Now we'll starting thinking like this...

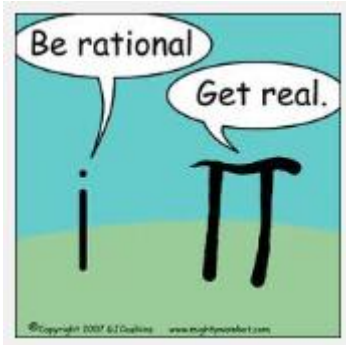
$$\sqrt{-4} = \sqrt{(-1)(4)} = 2\sqrt{-1}$$

$$\sqrt{-1} = i$$

But we're going to let the symbol  $i$  represent  $\sqrt{-1}$  and write

$$\sqrt{-4} = 2i$$





Remember,  $i$  is a number like  $\pi$  and  $e$

$\pi$  is the ratio between circumference and diameter shared by all circles.

$e$  is the base rate of growth shared by all continually growing processes.

$i$  is the is the square root of negative 1.

We can perform mathematical operations on  $i$ .

$$i^0 = 1$$

$$i^1 = \sqrt{-1} = i$$

$$i^2 = (\sqrt{-1})(\sqrt{-1}) = -1$$

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

# Simplifying numbers using $i$

Write  $\sqrt{-18}$  using the imaginary unit.

# Simplifying numbers using $i$

Write  $\sqrt{-25}$  using the imaginary unit.

Write  $\sqrt{-12}$  using the imaginary unit.

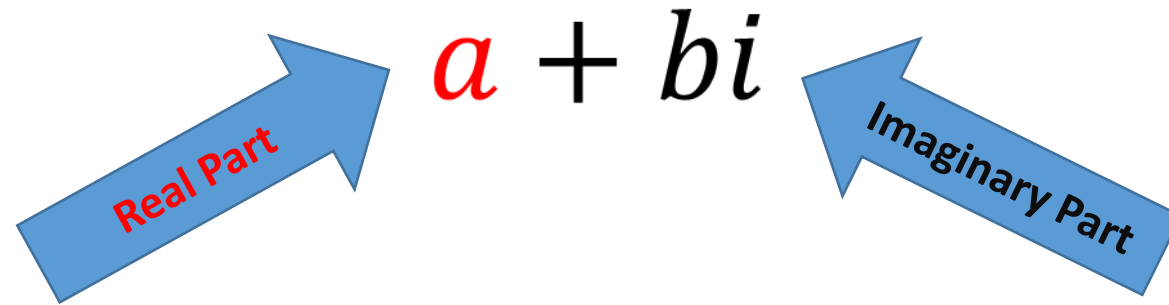
Write  $\sqrt{-7}$  using the imaginary unit.



**But wait!**

**There's more!**

# Complex Numbers, *not so complex*



$a$  and  $b$  are real numbers

If  $a = 0$  the number is  $a + bi$  is a **pure imaginary number**

If  $a \neq 0$  and  $b = 0$  the number is  $a + bi$  is a **real number**

If  $a \neq 0$  and  $b \neq 0$  the number is  $a + bi$  is a **complex number**



## A little math humor.

After having dinner together a one mathematician asked the other “How was your meal”?

“Great but  $\frac{\sqrt{-1}}{8}$ .”

“Yeah,” said the other, “I over 8 too.”

# Adding and subtracting Complex Numbers

Simplify  $(4 - 3i) + (-4 + 3i)$

Simplify  $(5 - 3i) - (-2 + 4i)$

# Find Each sum or difference

1.  $(7 - 2i) + (-3 + i)$

2.  $(1 + 5i) - (3 - 2i)$

3.  $(8 + 6i) - (8 - 6i)$

4.  $(-3 + 9i) + (3 + 9i)$



# Multiplying Complex Numbers

Simplify  $(3i)(-5 + 2i)$

Simplify  $(4 + 3i)(-1 - 2i)$

# Find Each Product

1.  $(7i)(3i)$

2.  $(2 - 3i)(4 + 5i)$

3.  $(-4 + 5i)(-4 - 5i)$

## What did you notice about the last problem?

$$(-4 + 5i)(-4 - 5i)$$

The product was a real number.

Both terms in each factor are identical.

The sign (or operation) in each factor is the opposite of the other factor.

We call these **conjugates**. In this case, they are **complex conjugates**.

# Dividing Complex Numbers

Simplify  $\frac{2+3i}{1-4i}$

Multiply numerator and denominator by the complex conjugate of the denominator,  $1 + 4i$ .

Substitute  $-1$  for  $i^2$

# Dividing Complex Numbers

Simplify  $\frac{9+12i}{3i}$

Multiply numerator and denominator by the complex conjugate of the denominator,  $-3i$ .

Substitute -1 for  $i^2$

# Find Each Quotient

$$1. \frac{5-2i}{3+4i}$$

$$2. \frac{4-i}{6i}$$

$$3. \frac{8-7i}{8+7i}$$

Let's look at this one again. Use the quadratic formula to find the roots of this equation.

$$3x^2 - 4x + 10 = 0$$



**Complex roots always come in pairs!**

Find the discriminant of each equation and determine the number of real solutions.

1.  $-x^2 + 2x - 9 = 0$

2.  $x^2 + 17x + 4 = 0$

3.  $x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0$



**To Turn In ...**

**Solve the following equations using the Quadratic Formula.**

**1.  $x^2 + 12x + 35 = 0$**

**2.  $2x^2 + 3 = 7x$**