

1. Factor the polynomial $f(x) = x^2 + 8x - 20$ and use the factors to find the x-intercepts of the function.

$$(x+10)(x-2)$$

$$x = -10, x = 2$$

2. Explain why you can't factor $g(x) = x^2 + 8x - 1$. How could you solve the equation $x^2 + 8x - 1 = 0$?

Can't multiply to be -1 & add = 8.
Use "completing the square" (CTS)

3. The Quadratic Formula ($ax^2 + bx + c = 0, x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$) is a shortcut for a long process of solving Quadratic Equations that CANNOT BE FACTORED (full mathematics of the shortcut). To use the shortcut, you follow three steps:

- Make the equation to be solved in the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ -- it is essential to have the equation = 0.
- Identify the values of a, b and c from the equation (these are the coefficients on the x^2 term, the x term and the constant coefficient).
- Use a calculator to evaluate $x = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ and $x = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ to determine the solutions.

Use the Quadratic Formula to solve each equation below:

a. $2x^2 + 3x - 7 = 0$

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{3^2 - 4(2)(-7)}}{2(2)}$$

$$\frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 + 56}}{4}$$

$$\frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{65}}{4}$$

b. $x^2 - 4x - 2 = 0$

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

$$\frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 8}}{2}$$

$$\frac{4 \pm \sqrt{24}}{2}$$

c. $x^2 = 3x + 19$

$$x^2 - 3x - 19 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{(-3)^2 - 4(1)(-19)}}{2(1)}$$

$$\frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 + 76}}{2}$$

$$\frac{3 \pm \sqrt{85}}{2}$$

4. All of the above examples, have 2 solutions. Is it possible for a Quadratic Equation to have only 1 solution? Explain why or why not. How could using the Quadratic Formula give you only one solution?

Yes, if $b^2 - 4ac = 0$. The $\sqrt{0} = 0$, and $+0 = -0$. If $b^2 - 4ac > 0$, there are 2 solutions because of the positive & negative square roots

5. The equation $x^2 + 6x + c = 0$ has only one solution. What must be true about c? How do you know?

$$6^2 - 4(1) \cdot c = 0$$

$$36 - 4c = 0 \rightarrow \frac{36}{4} = \frac{4c}{4}$$

$$9 = c$$

6. Show that $4x^2 + 4x = -1$ has only one solution.

$$4x^2 + 4x + 1 = 0$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 4^2 - 4(4)(1)$$

$$16 - 16 = 0$$

$b^2 - 4ac = 0$, so only one solution

7. Is it possible that a Quadratic Equation has zero real solutions? Explain why or why not. How could using the Quadratic Formula give you no real solutions?

Yes, if $b^2 - 4ac < 0$. Can't take the square root of a negative using

real numbers. The solutions are imaginary

8. The equation $x^2 + 6x + c = 0$ has no real solutions. What must be true about c ? Be specific.

$$b^2 - 4(1)(c) < 0$$

$$b^2 - 4c < 0$$

$$36 - 4c < 0$$

$$\frac{36}{4} < \frac{4c}{4}$$

$$9 < c$$

9. For each Quadratic Equation below, determine whether the equation has 2 real solutions, 1 real solution or no real solutions?

a. $x^2 = 7x - 2$

$$x^2 - 7x + 2$$

$$(-7)^2 - 4(1)(2)$$

$$49 - 8$$

$$41$$

2 solutions

b. $-10x^2 + 60x - 90 = 0$

$$60^2 - 4(-10)(-90)$$

$$3600 - 3600$$

$$0$$

1 solution

c.

$0.25x^2 = 3.11x - 18.2$

$$.25x^2 - 3.11x + 18.2$$

$$3.11^2 - 4(.25)(18.2)$$

$$9.6721 - 18.2 < 0$$

Negative

0 solutions.

10. Show that the quadratic function $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ has NO REAL ROOTS.

$$x^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$x^2 = -1$$

$x = \pm i \in$ Not real