

5.6 Solving Quadratics, Part 3

Completing the Square & Quadratic Formula

Standards:

A.REI.4

A.REI.4a

A.REI.4b



[Old] Solving Quadratics - Taking the Square Root

$$\textcircled{1} (x-4)^2 = 5$$

$$\sqrt{(x-4)^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

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

$$+4 = +4$$

$$x = 4 \pm \sqrt{5}$$

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

$$\textcircled{2} (x-2)^2 + 2 = 18$$

$$-2 = -2$$

$$(x-2)^2 = 16$$

$$\sqrt{(x-2)^2} = \sqrt{16}$$

$$x-2 = \pm 4$$

$$+2 = +2$$

$$x = 2 \pm 4$$

$$x = 2+4 \text{ or } x = 2-4$$

$$x = 6 \text{ or } x = -2$$

WAYS TO SOLVE QUADRATICS

(Quad & linear or Constant) 2 Terms

- GCF Factoring (set = 0)
- Difference of Squares (set = 0)
- Taking Sq Root (isolate Quad term)

3 Terms (Quad, linear, Constant)

- GCF Factoring (set = 0)
- Factoring Trinomials (set = 0)

[New-A] Solving Quadratics - Completing the Square

Let's consider the equation $x^2 + 6x + 7 = 0$. Factor the equation.

$$x^2 + 6x + 7 = 0 \quad \overset{1 \cdot 7}{\text{---}}$$

\Rightarrow This Quadratic Equation is not factorable.

How do we solve a Quadratic Trinomial that is not factorable?

To use the "Completing the Square" method, you must:

- Move the constant term to the other side of equal sign
- Add $(\frac{b}{2})^2$ to both sides of the equal sign
- Factor!
- Take the Square Root on both sides
- Solve for x.

Let's consider $x^2 + 6x + 7 = 0$. Solve for x.

$$x^2 + 6x + 7 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 6x = -7$$

$$x^2 + 6x + (\frac{6}{2})^2 = -7 + (\frac{6}{2})^2$$

$$x^2 + 6x + 9 = -7 + 9$$

$$x^2 + 6x + 9 = 2$$

$$(x+3)(x+3) = 2$$

$$(x+3)^2 = 2$$

$$\sqrt{(x+3)^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$x+3 = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

$$-3 = -3$$

$$x = -3 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

$$x = -3 + \sqrt{2} \text{ or } x = -3 - \sqrt{2}$$

Examples

$$\textcircled{1} a^2 + 2a - 3 = 0$$

$$a^2 + 2a = 3$$

$$a^2 + 2a + \left(\frac{2}{2}\right)^2 = 3 + \left(\frac{2}{2}\right)^2$$

$$a^2 + 2a + 1 = 3 + 1$$

$$(a+1)(a+1) = 4$$

$$(a+1)^2 = 4$$

$$\sqrt{(a+1)^2} = \sqrt{4}$$

$$a+1 = \pm 2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -1 \quad -1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$a = -1 \pm 2$$

$$a = -1 + 2 \text{ or } a = -1 - 2$$

$$a = 1 \text{ or } a = -3$$

$$\textcircled{3} x^2 - 18x - 85 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 18x = 85$$

$$x^2 - 18x + \left(\frac{18}{2}\right)^2 = 85 + \left(\frac{18}{2}\right)^2$$

$$x^2 - 18x + 81 = 85 + 81$$

$$(x-9)(x-9) = 166$$

$$(x-9)^2 = 166$$

$$\sqrt{(x-9)^2} = \sqrt{166}$$

$$x-9 = \pm\sqrt{166}$$

$$+9 = +9$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x = 9 \pm \sqrt{166} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$x = 9 + \sqrt{166} \text{ or } 9 - \sqrt{166}$$

$$\textcircled{2} m^2 - 12m + 26 = 0$$

$$m^2 - 12m = -26$$

$$m^2 - 12m + \left(\frac{12}{2}\right)^2 = -26 + \left(\frac{12}{2}\right)^2$$

$$m^2 - 12m + 36 = -26 + 36$$

$$(m-6)(m-6) = 10$$

$$(m-6)^2 = 10$$

$$\sqrt{(m-6)^2} = \sqrt{10}$$

$$m-6 = \pm\sqrt{10}$$

$$+6 = +6$$

$$\begin{array}{r} m = 6 \pm \sqrt{10} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$m = 6 + \sqrt{10} \text{ or } m = 6 - \sqrt{10}$$

$$\textcircled{4} x^2 + 6x - 90 = 8$$

$$x^2 + 6x = 98$$

$$x^2 + 6x + \left(\frac{6}{2}\right)^2 = 98 + \left(\frac{6}{2}\right)^2$$

$$x^2 + 6x + 9 = 107$$

$$(x+3)(x+3) = 107$$

$$(x+3)^2 = 107$$

$$\sqrt{(x+3)^2} = \sqrt{107}$$

$$x+3 = \pm\sqrt{107}$$

$$-3 = -3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x = -3 \pm \sqrt{107} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$x = -3 + \sqrt{107} \text{ or } x = -3 - \sqrt{107}$$

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- Completing the Square (move c)

new-B Quadratic Formula

Let's consider the standard form of Quadratics Equation: $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$
Let's use the "Complete the Square" method to solve for x .

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

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

$$\frac{ax^2}{a} + \frac{bx}{a} = \frac{-c}{a}$$

$$x^2 + \frac{bx}{a} = \frac{-c}{a}$$

$$x^2 + \frac{bx}{a} + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \frac{-c}{a} + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2$$

$$x^2 + \frac{bx}{a} + \frac{b^2}{4a^2} = \frac{-c}{a} + \frac{b^2}{4a^2}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right) = \frac{-4ac}{4a^2} + \frac{b^2}{4a^2}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}$$

$$\sqrt{\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}}$$

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

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

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

← QUADRATIC FORMULA

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{must be set equal to 0.}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Quadratic Formula}} \quad x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

- Label a , b & c from Quadratic Equation
- Substitute a , b & c values into formula
- Compute x .

[Examples] Solve for x .

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x^2 - 6x + 3 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l} a = 1 \\ b = -6 \\ c = 3 \end{array} \quad x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-(-6) \pm \sqrt{(-6)^2 - 4(1)(3)}}{2(1)} = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{24}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{6 \pm 2\sqrt{6}}{2} \quad x = \frac{6}{2} + \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{6}{2} - \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{2}$$
$$= 3 + \sqrt{6} \quad \text{or} \quad 3 - \sqrt{6}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 2x^2 + 2x - 3 = 0$$

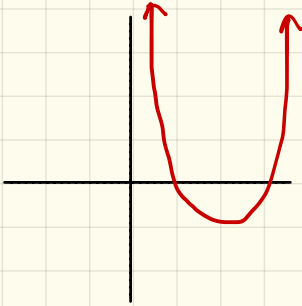
$$\begin{array}{l} a = 2 \\ b = 2 \\ c = -3 \end{array} \quad x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{(2)^2 - 4(2)(-3)}}{2(2)} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{28}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \pm 2\sqrt{7}}{4} = \frac{-2}{4} \pm \frac{2\sqrt{7}}{4} = \frac{-1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{-1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}$$

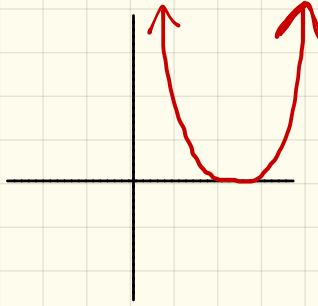
How many different solutions can a Quadratic Equation have graphically?

2 solutions



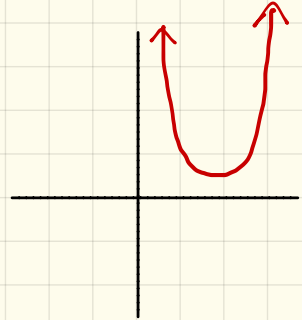
- Touches x-axis twice
- Two x-intercepts

1 solution



- Touches x-axis once
- One x-intercept

No solution



- Doesn't touch x-axis
- No x-intercept

How do we determine algebraically how many solutions a quadratic equation has?

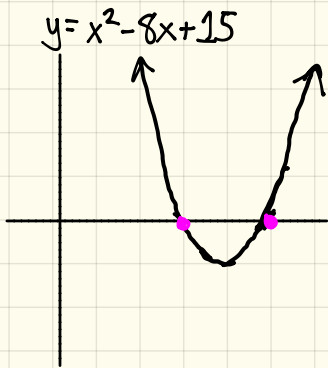
To determine the number of solutions for x algebraically, we use the discriminant.

$$\text{Discriminant} = b^2 - 4ac$$

If the Discriminant is:

- positive — 2 real solutions
- zero — 1 real solution
- negative — 0 real solutions

Let's consider the graph of $y = x^2 - 8x + 15$.



How many solutions does $y = x^2 - 8x + 15$ have?

2 real solutions
(crosses the x-axis twice).

Find how solutions $y = x^2 - 8x + 15$ may have algebraically?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Discriminant} &= b^2 - 4ac \\ &= (-8)^2 - 4(1)(15) \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$a = 1$
 $b = -8$
 $c = 15$

Because the discriminant is positive, there are 2 real solutions.

[Examples] Determine the amount of solutions each Quadratic has.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0 \quad \begin{aligned} a &= 1 \\ b &= -4 \\ c &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Discriminant} &= b^2 - 4ac \\ &= (-4)^2 - 4(1)(4) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Because the discriminant is zero, there is only 1 real solution.

$$(2) \quad y = x^2 - 3x + 4 = 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} a=1 \\ b=-3 \\ c=4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Discriminant} &= b^2 - 4ac \\ &= (-3)^2 - 4(1)(4) \\ &= -7 \end{aligned}$$

Because the discriminant is negative, there are no real solutions.