

5.5 The Quadratic Formula

Ex. 1 Find the roots/zeros/x-int of $y = 2x^2 - 11x + 5$.

Standard form
factor

$$0 = (2x - 1)(x - 5)$$

$x = \frac{1}{2}$ $x = 5$

M: 10
A: -11
N: -1, -10

$$\frac{2x^2}{-x} \quad \frac{2x^2}{-10x}$$

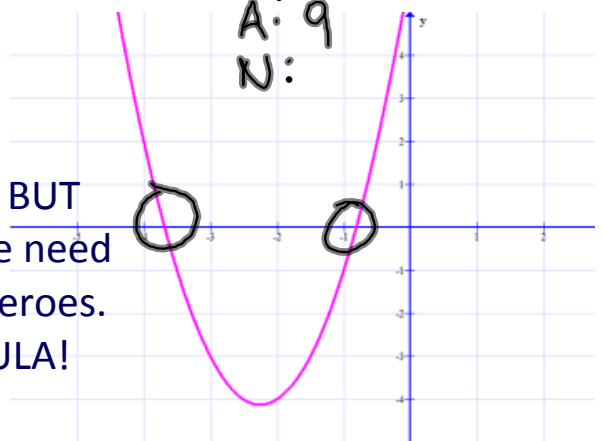
Can you find the zeroes of $y = 2x^2 + 9x + 6$?

Prime

M: 12
A: 9
N:



The equation cannot be factored BUT you can see it has two zeroes. We need another method for finding the zeroes. We need the QUADRATIC FORMULA!



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x-intercepts → expand
→ factored form

Ex. 2 Find the zeroes of $y = 2(x - 1)^2 - 18$.

→ vertex form

Solve directly

$$0 = 2(x - 1)^2 - 18$$

$$\frac{18}{2} = \frac{2(x - 1)^2}{2}$$

$$9 = (x - 1)^2$$

$$\pm \sqrt{9} = \sqrt{(x - 1)^2}$$

$$\pm 3 = (x - 1)$$

$$1 \pm 3 = x$$

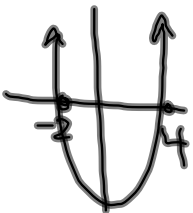
$$x = 1 + 3$$

$$\boxed{x = 4}$$

$$x = 1 - 3$$

$$\boxed{x = -2}$$

BEDMAS



$$2(x - 1)^2$$

↓
x = 1

Solve for x by completing the square
 $2x^2 - 11x + 5 = 0$.

$$2(x^2 - \frac{11}{2}x) + 5 = 0$$

$$2(x^2 - \frac{11}{2}x + \frac{121}{16} - \frac{121}{16}) + 5 = 0$$

$$2(x^2 - \frac{11}{2}x + \frac{121}{16}) - \frac{121}{8} + 5 = 0$$

$$2(x - \frac{11}{4})^2 - \frac{121}{8} + \frac{40}{8} = 0$$

$$2(x - \frac{11}{4})^2 - \frac{81}{8} = 0$$

$$\frac{2(x - \frac{11}{4})^2}{2} = \frac{81}{8} * \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(x - \frac{11}{4})^2 = \frac{81}{16}$$

$$(x - \frac{11}{4}) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{81}{16}}$$

$$x - \frac{11}{4} = \pm \frac{9}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{11}{4} \pm \frac{9}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{11}{4} + \frac{9}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{11}{4} - \frac{9}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{20}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{2}{4}$$

$$x = 5$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$

To derive the Quadratic Formula solve for x if $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ by completing the square!

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

$$a(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x) + c = 0$$

$$a(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{b^2}{4a^2}) + c = 0$$

$$a(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{b^2}{4a^2}) - \frac{b^2}{4a} + c = 0$$

$$a(x + \frac{b}{2a})^2 - \frac{b^2}{4a} + c = 0$$

$$a(x + \frac{b}{2a})^2 - \frac{b^2}{4a} + \frac{4ac}{4a} = 0$$

$$a(x + \frac{b}{2a})^2 - \frac{(b^2 - 4ac)}{4a} = 0$$

Solve for 'x'

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

$$(x + \frac{b}{2a})^2 = \frac{(b^2 - 4ac)}{4a} * \frac{1}{a}$$

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

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

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

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

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

X-intercepts

To find the roots when the equation is in standard form and DOES NOT factor use:

The Quadratic Formula:
 For $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$,

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

$b^2 - 4ac$ is called the DISCRIMINANT

$b^2 - 4ac$

Ex. 3 Solve. Give EXACT solutions then decimal approximations.

a) $0 = x^2 - 3x + 1$
 $a=1$ $b=-3$ $c=1$

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

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

$$= \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9-4}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

Exact Solutions

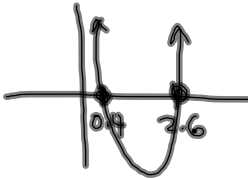
$$x = \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

Decimal approximations

$$x \approx 2.6$$

$$x \approx 0.38$$



b) $2x(x-3) = 7 \rightarrow \neq 0$

~~$x=0$ $x=3$~~

$$2x(x-3) = 7$$

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

$a=2$ $b=-6$ $c=-7$

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

$$x = \frac{-(-6) \pm \sqrt{(-6)^2 - 4(2)(-7)}}{2(2)}$$

$$= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36+56}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{92}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{6 + \sqrt{92}}{4} \quad x = \frac{6 - \sqrt{92}}{4}$$

$x \approx 3.9$ $x \approx -0.9$

$\sqrt{92}$

$$= \sqrt{4 \times 23}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{23}$$

Ex. 4 Solve each of the following using the quadratic formula:

$$3x^2 + 2x + 15 = 0$$

$$a = 3 \quad b = 2 \quad c = 15$$

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

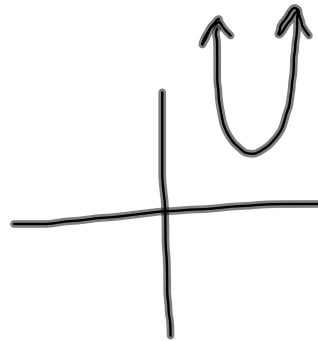
$$= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{2^2 - 4(3)(15)}}{2(3)}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 180}}{6}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-176}}{6}$$

NO REAL ROOT

→ cant take $\sqrt{\quad}$
of neg #



Is there an easier way to determine the number of zeroes?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8ezDEk3qCg>

Homework

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The Quadratic Formula Song

X equals

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

Negative b

Plus or minus

The square root

Of b squared minus 4 ac

All over 2 a

Song is sung to the tune of
pop goes the weasel.