

4-3 Solving Quadratic Equations by Factoring

Write a quadratic equation in standard form with the given root(s).

18. $-5, \frac{1}{2}$

SOLUTION:

Write the pattern.

$$(x - p)(x - q) = 0$$

Replace p and q with -5 and $\frac{1}{2}$.

$$(x - (-5))\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$(x + 5)\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$$

Use the FOIL method to multiply.

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

Multiply each side by 2.

$$\begin{aligned}2x^2 - x + 10x - 5 &= 0 \\2x^2 + 9x - 5 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

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Factor each polynomial.

22. $32xy + 40bx - 12ay - 15ab$

SOLUTION:

Factor $8x$ from the first two terms and $-3a$ from the last two terms.

$$\begin{aligned} 32xy + 40bx - 12ay - 15ab \\ = 8x(4y + 5b) - 3a(4y + 5b) \end{aligned}$$

Factor $4y + 5b$ from the two terms.

$$\begin{aligned} 8x(4y + 5b) - 3a(4y + 5b) \\ = (4y + 5b)(8x - 3a) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} 32xy + 40bx - 12ay - 15ab \\ = (4y + 5b)(8x - 3a) \end{aligned}$$

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30. $4x^2 + 29x + 30$

SOLUTION:

Here, $a = 4$, $b = 29$ and $c = 30$.

$$ac = 4(30) = 120$$

Find two factors of 120 whose sum is 29.

$$5(24) = 120 \text{ and } 5 + 24 = 29$$

Write $29x$ as $5x + 24x$.

$$4x^2 + 29x + 30 = 4x^2 + 5x + 24x + 30$$

Factor x from the first two terms and 6 from the last two terms.

$$4x^2 + 5x + 24x + 30 = x(4x + 5) + 6(4x + 5)$$

Factor $4x + 5$ from the two terms.

$$x(4x + 5) + 6(4x + 5) = (4x + 5)(x + 6)$$

Therefore,

$$4x^2 + 29x + 30 = (4x + 5)(x + 6).$$

34. $18x^2y^2 - 24xy^2 + 36y^2$

SOLUTION:

The GCF of the three terms is $6y^2$. Factor the GCF.

$$\begin{aligned} 18x^2y^2 - 24xy^2 + 36y^2 \\ &= 6y^2(3x^2) - 6y^2(4x) + 6y^2(6) \\ &= 6y^2(3x^2 - 4x + 6) \end{aligned}$$

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36. $12x^2 + 13x - 14$

SOLUTION:

Here, $a = 12$, $b = 13$ and $c = -14$.

$$ac = 12(-14) = -168$$

Find two factors of -168 whose sum is 13 .

$$-8(21) = -168 \text{ and } -8 + 21 = 13$$

Write $13x$ as $-8x + 21x$.

$$12x^2 + 13x - 14 = 12x^2 - 8x + 21x - 14$$

Factor $4x$ from the first two terms and 7 from the last two terms.

$$\begin{aligned} 12x^2 - 8x + 21x - 14 \\ = 4x(3x - 2) + 7(3x - 2) \end{aligned}$$

Factor $3x - 2$ from the two terms.

$$4x(3x - 2) + 7(3x - 2) = (3x - 2)(4x + 7)$$

Therefore,

$$12x^2 + 13x - 14 = (3x - 2)(4x + 7).$$

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Solve each equation by factoring.

38. $x^2 + 4x - 45 = 0$

SOLUTION:

Find the factors of -45 whose sum is 4 .

$$9(-5) = -45 \text{ and } -5 + 9 = 4$$

Write $4x$ as $-5x + 9x$.

$$x^2 + 4x - 45 = x^2 - 5x + 9x - 45 = 0$$

Factor x from the first two terms and 9 from the last two terms.

$$x^2 - 5x + 9x - 45 = 0$$

$$x(x + 5) - 9(x + 5) = 0$$

Factor $x + 5$ from the two terms.

$$(x + 5)(x - 9) = 0$$

Use the Zero Product Property.

$$(x + 5)(x - 9) = 0 \Rightarrow x + 5 = 0 \text{ or } x - 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -5 \text{ or } x = 9$$

Therefore,

the roots are -5 and 9 .

40. $x^2 = 121$

SOLUTION:

Write the equation with right side equal to zero.

$$x^2 - 121 = 0$$

Use the identity $a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$ to factor $x^2 - 121$.

$$x^2 - 121 = 0$$

$$(x + 11)(x - 11) = 0$$

Use the Zero Product Property.

$$(x + 11)(x - 11) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 11 = 0 \text{ or } x - 11 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -11 \text{ or } x = 11$$

Therefore, the roots are -11 and 11 .

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42. $-3x^2 - 10x + 8 = 0$

SOLUTION:

Factor out -1 .

$$-1(3x^2 + 10x - 8) = 0$$

$$3x^2 + 10x - 8 = 0$$

Now factor $3x^2 + 10x - 8$.

Here, $a = 3$, $b = 10$ and $c = -8$.

$$ac = 3(-8) = -24$$

Find two factors of -24 whose sum is 10 .

$$12(-2) = -24 \text{ and } 12 + (-2) = 10$$

Write $10x$ as $12x + (-2x)$.

$$3x^2 + 10x - 8 = 3x^2 + 12x - 2x - 8$$

Factor $3x$ from the first two terms and -2 from the last two terms.

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

$$3x(x + 4) - 2(x + 4) = 0$$

Factor $x + 4$ from the two terms.

$$3x(x + 4) - 2(x + 4) = 0$$

$$(x + 4)(3x - 2) = 0$$

Use the Zero Product Property.

$$(x + 4)(3x - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 4 = 0 \text{ or } 3x - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -4 \text{ or } x = \frac{2}{3}$$

Therefore, the roots are -4 and $\frac{2}{3}$.

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44. **GEOMETRY** The hypotenuse of a right triangle is 1 centimeter longer than one side and 4 centimeters longer than three times the other side. Find the dimensions of the triangle.

SOLUTION:

Let x be the length of the one of the legs. Then the length of the hypotenuse is $3x + 4$ and that of the other leg is $3x + 3$.

By the Pythagorean Theorem, the sum of the squares of the lengths of the legs of a right triangle is equal to the square of the length of the hypotenuse.

$$(3x + 4)^2 = (3x + 3)^2 + x^2$$

Simplify and write in the standard form of a quadratic equation.

$$\begin{aligned}(3x)^2 + 2(3x)(4) + (4)^2 &= (3x)^2 + 2(3x)(3) + (3)^2 + (x)^2 \\ 9x^2 + 24x + 16 &= 9x^2 + 18x + 9 + x^2 \\ x^2 - 6x - 7 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Find two factors of -7 whose sum is -6 .

$$1(-7) = -7 \text{ and } 1 + (-7) = -6$$

Write $-6x$ as $x + (-7x)$.

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - 6x - 7 &= 0 \\ x^2 + x - 7x - 7 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Factor x from the first two terms and -7 from the last two terms.

$$x(x + 1) - 7(x + 1) = 0$$

Factor $x + 1$ from the two terms.

$$(x + 1)(x - 7) = 0$$

Use the Zero Product Property.

$$\begin{aligned}(x + 1)(x - 7) = 0 &\Rightarrow x + 1 = 0 \text{ or } x - 7 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x = -1 \text{ or } x = 7\end{aligned}$$

But x is a length; it cannot be negative. So, $x = 7$.

Therefore, the lengths of the sides are 7 cm, 24 cm, and 25 cm.

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45. **NUMBER THEORY** Find two consecutive even integers with a product of 624.

SOLUTION:

Let the numbers be $2n$ and $2(n + 1)$.

Their product is 624.

$$2n(2(n+1)) = 624$$

$$4n^2 + 4n - 624 = 0$$

Here, $a = 4$, $b = 4$ and $c = 624$.

$$ac = 4(624) = 2496$$

Find two factors of 2496 whose sum is 4.

$$52(-48) = 2496 \text{ and } 52 + (-48) = 4$$

Write $4n$ as $52n - 48n$.

$$4n^2 + 4n - 624 = 0$$

$$4n^2 + 52n - 48n - 624 = 0$$

Factor $4n$ from the first two terms and -48 from the last two terms.

$$4n^2 + 52n - 48n - 624 = 0$$

$$4n(n+13) - 48(n+13) = 0$$

Factor $n + 13$ from the two terms.

$$(4n - 48)(n + 13) = 0$$

Use the Zero Product Property.

$$(4n - 48)(n + 13) = 0 \Rightarrow 4n - 48 = 0 \text{ or } n + 13 = 0$$

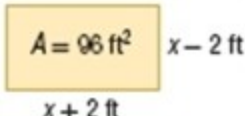
$$\Rightarrow n = 12 \quad \text{or } n = -13$$

When $n = 12$, the numbers are 24 and 26.

When $n = -13$, the numbers are -24 and -26 .

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GEOMETRY Find x and the dimensions of each rectangle.

46.  A diagram of a rectangle. The area is labeled as $A = 96 \text{ ft}^2$ inside a yellow box. The length is labeled as $x + 2 \text{ ft}$ and the width is labeled as $x - 2 \text{ ft}$.

SOLUTION:

The area of a rectangle of length l and width w is $l \times w$.

Here, $l = x + 2$, $w = x - 2$, and area = 96.

$$\begin{aligned}(x + 2)(x - 2) &= 96 \\ x^2 - 4 &= 96 \\ x^2 &= 100 \\ x &= \pm 10\end{aligned}$$

When $x = -10$, the dimensions of the rectangle becomes negative. So, $x = 10$.

The length of the rectangle is 12 ft and width is 8 ft.

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Solve each equation by factoring.

60. $27x^2 + 5 = 48x$

SOLUTION:

Write the equation with right side equal to zero.

$$27x^2 - 48x + 5 = 0$$

Find factors of $27(5) = 135$ whose sum is -48 .

$$-45(-3) = 135 \text{ and } -45 + (-3) = -48$$

$$27x^2 - 45x - 3x + 5 = 0$$

$$9x(3x - 5) - 1(3x - 5) = 0$$

$$(3x - 5)(9x - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x - 5 = 0 \text{ or } 9x - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{5}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{1}{9}$$

Therefore, the roots are $\frac{5}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{9}$.