
Year 11 → 12 transition

— Quadratics —

Starter

What does a quadratic look like?

How many solutions does it have?

At GCSE you learnt 3 techniques for solving quadratics, what were they?

HINT:

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

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

c) $\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

Starter

Factorise

a $x^2 + 4x + 3$

b $x^2 + 7x + 10$

c $y^2 - 3y + 2$

d $x^2 - 6x + 9$

Factorise

a $2x^2 + 3x + 1$

b $2 + 7p + 3p^2$

c $2y^2 - 5y + 3$

d $2 - m - m^2$

Answers

Factorise

a $x^2 + 4x + 3$

(x+1)(x+3)

b $x^2 + 7x + 10$

(x+2)(x+5)

c $y^2 - 3y + 2$

(y-1)(y-2)

d $x^2 - 6x + 9$

(x-3)(x-3)

Factorise

a $2x^2 + 3x + 1$

(2x+1)(x+1)

b $2 + 7p + 3p^2$

(3p+1)(p+2)

c $2y^2 - 5y + 3$

(2y-3)(y-1)

d $2 - m - m^2$

(m+2)(1-m)

Example - Solving equations using factorisation

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

Solving equations using factorisation

Using factorisation, solve each equation.

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

b $x^2 + 6x + 8 = 0$

c $x^2 + 4x - 5 = 0$

d $x^2 - 7x = 8$

e $x^2 - 25 = 0$

f $x(x - 1) = 42$

g $x^2 = 3x$

h $27 + 12x + x^2 = 0$

Answers

a) $x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$ $\begin{matrix} x \rightarrow 3 \\ + \rightarrow -4 \end{matrix}$
 $(x-1)(x-3) = 0$
 $x = 1$ or $x = 3$

b) $x^2 + 6x + 8 = 0$ $\begin{matrix} x \rightarrow 8 \\ + \rightarrow 6 \end{matrix}$
 $(x+2)(x+4) = 0$
 $x = -2$ or $x = -4$

c) $x^2 + 4x - 5 = 0$ $\begin{matrix} x \rightarrow -5 \\ + \rightarrow 4 \end{matrix}$
 $(x+5)(x-1) = 0$
 $x = 1$ or $x = -5$

d) $x^2 - 7x = 8$
 $x^2 - 7x - 8 = 0$ $\begin{matrix} x \rightarrow -8 \\ + \rightarrow -7 \end{matrix}$
 $(x-8)(x+1) = 0$
 $x = 8$ or $x = -1$

e) $x^2 - 25 = 0$
 $(x-5)(x+5) = 0$
 $x = 5$ or $x = -5$

Answers

$$f) x(x-1) = 42$$

$$x^2 - x - 42 = 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} x \rightarrow -42 \\ + \rightarrow -1 \end{array}$$

$$(x-7)(x+6) = 0$$

$$x=7 \quad \text{or} \quad x=-6$$

$$g) x^2 = 3x$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 3x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x-3) = 0$$

$$x=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x=3$$

$$h) 27 + 12x + x^2 = 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} x \rightarrow 27 \\ + \rightarrow 12 \end{array}$$

$$(x+3)(x+9) = 0$$

$$x=-3 \quad \text{or} \quad x=-9$$

Challenge : Solve these tricky quadratics

i $60 - 4x - x^2 = 0$

s $(2x + 5)^2 = 5 - x$

e $\frac{5}{x^2} + \frac{4}{x} - 1 = 0$

Answers

TRICKY

i) $60 - 4x - x^2 = 0$

$$x^2 + 4x - 60 = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} x \rightarrow -60 \\ + \rightarrow 4 \end{matrix}$$

$$(x+10)(x-6) = 0$$

$$x = 6 \text{ or } x = -10$$

s) $(2x+5)^2 = 5-x$

$$(2x+5)(2x+5) = 5-x$$

$$4x^2 + 20x + 25 = 5 - x$$

$$4x^2 + 21x + 20 = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} x \rightarrow 80 \\ + \rightarrow 21 \end{matrix}$$

$$4x^2 + 5x + 16x + 20 = 0$$

$$x(4x+5) + 4(4x+5) = 0$$

$$(x+4)(4x+5) = 0$$

$$x = -4 \text{ or } x = -\frac{5}{4} = -1.25$$

e) $\frac{5}{x^2} + \frac{4}{x} - 1 = 0 \quad \times x^2$

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

$$x^2 - 4x - 5 = 0$$

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

$$x = 5 \text{ or } x = -1$$

Simultaneous equations

Solve each pair of simultaneous equations.

a $y = 3x$

$$y = 2x + 1$$

b $y = x - 6$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x - 4$$

c $y = 2x + 6$

$$y = 3 - 4x$$

Answers

b)

$$y = x - 6$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x - 4$$

$$x - 6 = \frac{1}{2}x - 4$$

$$\frac{1}{2}x - 2 = 0$$

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

$$x = 4, y = -2$$

c)

$$y = 2x + 6$$

$$y = 3 - 4x$$

$$2x + 6 = 3 - 4x$$

$$6x + 3 = 0$$

$$6x = -3$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}, y = 5$$

Solving simultaneous equations with quadratics

$$x^2 - y + 3 = 0$$

$$x - y + 5 = 0$$

Solving simultaneous equations with quadratics

Solve each pair of simultaneous equations.

a $x^2 - y + 3 = 0$
 $x - y + 5 = 0$

b $2x^2 - y - 8x = 0$
 $x + y + 3 = 0$

c $x^2 + y^2 = 25$
 $2x - y = 5$

d $x^2 + 2xy + 15 = 0$
 $2x - y + 10 = 0$

e $x^2 - 2xy - y^2 = 7$
 $x + y = 1$

f $3x^2 - x - y^2 = 0$
 $x + y - 1 = 0$

g $2x^2 + xy + y^2 = 22$
 $x + y = 4$

h $x^2 - 4y - y^2 = 0$
 $x - 2y = 0$

i $x^2 + xy = 4$
 $3x + 2y = 6$

Answers

b) $2x^2 - y - 8x = 0$
 $x + y + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow y = -x - 3$
 $2x^2 - (-x - 3) - 8x = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 7x + 3 = 0$ $\begin{matrix} x \rightarrow 6 \\ + \rightarrow -7 \end{matrix}$
 $2x^2 - 6x \mid -x + 3 = 0$
 $2x(x - 3) \mid -1(x - 3) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (2x - 1)(x - 3) = 0$
 \Rightarrow if $x = 3, y = -6$
if $x = \frac{1}{2}, y = -\frac{7}{2}$

c) $x^2 + y^2 = 25$
 $2x - y = 5 \Rightarrow y = 2x - 5$
 $x^2 + (2x - 5)(2x - 5) - 25 = 0$
 $x^2 + 4x^2 - 10x - 10x + 25 - 25 = 0$
 $5x^2 - 20x = 0$
 $5x(x - 4) = 0$
if $x = 0, y = -5$
if $x = 4, y = 3$

Answers

$$\begin{aligned}d) \quad & x^2 + 2xy + 15 = 0 \\ & 2x - y + 10 = 0 \Rightarrow y = 2x + 10 \\ & x^2 + 2x(2x + 10) + 15 = 0 \\ & x^2 + 4x^2 + 20x + 15 = 0 \\ & 5x^2 + 20x + 15 = 0 \quad \div 5 \\ & x^2 + 4x + 3 = 0 \\ & (x + 3)(x + 1) = 0 \\ & x = -1 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -3 \\ & y = 8 \quad \text{or} \quad y = 4\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}e) \quad & x^2 - 2xy - y^2 = 7 \\ & x + y = 1 \Rightarrow y = 1 - x \\ & x^2 - 2x(1 - x) - (1 - x)(1 - x) - 7 = 0 \\ & x^2 - 2x + 2x^2 - (1 - 2x + x^2) - 7 = 0 \\ & x^2 - 2x + 2x^2 - 1 + 2x - x^2 - 7 = 0 \\ & 2x^2 - 8 = 0 \\ & 2x^2 = 8 \\ & x^2 = 4 \\ & x = -2 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 2 \\ & y = 3 \quad \text{or} \quad y = -1\end{aligned}$$

Answers

$$f) 3x^2 - x - y^2 = 0$$

$$x + y - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow y = 1 - x$$

$$3x^2 - x - (1-x)(1-x) = 0$$

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

$$3x^2 - x - 1 + 2x - x^2 = 0$$

$$2x^2 + x - 1 = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} x \rightarrow -2 \\ + \rightarrow 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$2x^2 + 2x \quad | \quad -x - 1 = 0$$

$$2x(x+1) \quad | \quad -1(x+1) = 0$$

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

$$\text{if } x = -1 \text{ then } y = 2$$

$$\text{if } x = \frac{1}{2} \text{ then } y = \frac{1}{2}$$

Extension 1

Solve each of the following equations.

a $x - 5 + \frac{4}{x} = 0$

b $x - \frac{10}{x} = 3$

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

e $\frac{5}{x^2} + \frac{4}{x} - 1 = 0$

f $\frac{x-6}{x-4} = x$

g $x + 5 = \frac{3}{x+3}$

Answers

- a) $x=4$ or $x=1$
- b) $x=-2$ or $x=5$
- c) $x=0$ or $x=3/2$ or $x=-1$
- e) $x=-1$ or $x=5$
- f) $x=2$ or $x=3$
- g) $x=-2$ or $x=-6$

Extension 2

Solve each pair of simultaneous equations.

a $x - \frac{1}{y} - 4y = 0$

$$x - 6y - 1 = 0$$

b $xy = 6$

$$x - y = 5$$

c $\frac{3}{x} - 2y + 4 = 0$

$$4x + y - 7 = 0$$

Extension 2

Solve each pair of simultaneous equations.

a $x - \frac{1}{y} - 4y = 0$

$$x - 6y - 1 = 0$$

$x = -5, y = -1$
 $x = 4, y = 1/2$

b $xy = 6$

$$x - y = 5$$

$x = -1, y = -6$
 $x = 6, y = 1$

c $\frac{3}{x} - 2y + 4 = 0$

$$4x + y - 7 = 0$$

$x = 1/2, y = 5$
 $x = 3/4, y = 4$