

Unit 3: Quadratic Equations

3.2 Factoring Quadratic Equations

Zero Product Property: if the product of two or more factors is zero then one, some or all of the factors could equal zero
 i.e. if $a \cdot b = 0$
 then $a = 0$ OR $b = 0$

ex. Determine the roots of $(3x - 5)(x + 1) = 0$

$$\begin{array}{l} 3x - 5 = 0 \text{ OR } x + 1 = 0 \\ \boxed{x = 5/3 \quad x = -1} \end{array}$$

ex. Determine the roots of each quadratic equation.

$$x^2 + 6x = -9 \quad \textcircled{1} \text{ set } = 0 \quad x^2 = 21 - 4x$$

$$x^2 + 6x + 9 = 0 \quad \textcircled{2} \text{ factor} \quad x^2 + 4(x - 2) = 0$$

$$(x+3)(x+3) = 0 \quad \textcircled{3} \text{ use zero product property} \quad (x+7)(x-3) = 0$$

$$x+3=0 \text{ OR } x+3=0$$

$$x = -3 \quad x = -3$$

$$\boxed{x = -3}$$

check

$$\begin{array}{l} (-3)^2 + 6(-3) \stackrel{?}{=} -9 \\ 9 - 18 \\ -9 = -9 \checkmark \end{array}$$

$$2n^2 = n$$

$$2n^2 - n = 0$$

$$n(2n-1) = 0$$

$$\boxed{n=0} \text{ OR } 2n-1=0$$

$$\boxed{n = 1/2}$$

$$5b^2 - 45 = 0$$

$$5(b^2 - 9) = 0$$

$$5(b+3)(b-3) = 0$$

$$\cancel{5 \neq 0} \quad b+3=0 \text{ OR } b-3=0$$

$$\boxed{b = -3 \quad b = 3}$$

OR

Square Root Property

$$5b^2 - 45 = 0$$

↑
 isolate the square
 * no degree 1 term

$$5b^2 = 45$$

$$\sqrt{b^2} = \pm\sqrt{9}$$

$$\boxed{b = \pm 3}$$

ex. Dock jumping is an exciting dog event in which dogs compete for the longest jumping distance from a dock into a body of water. The path of a dog on a particular jump can be approximated by the quadratic function $h(d) = -\frac{3}{10}d^2 + \frac{11}{10}d + 2$, where h is the height above the surface of the water and d is the horizontal distance the dog travels from the base of the dock, both in feet. Determine the horizontal distance of the jump.

when the dog lands $h = 0$

$$-\frac{3}{10}d^2 + \frac{11}{10}d + 2 = 0$$

* eliminate denominators
- multiply all terms on both sides by the LCD

$$-3d^2 + 11d + 20 = 0$$

$$3d^2 - 11d - 20 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3d^2 - 15d + 4d - 20 \\ \underline{3d^2 - 15d} \\ 4d - 20 \\ \underline{4d - 20} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

(x) -60
(+) -11
-15, 4

$$3d(d-5) + 4(d-5) = 0$$

$$(d-5)(3d+4) = 0$$

$$d-5=0 \text{ or } 3d+4=0$$

$$d=5 \quad d = -\frac{4}{3} \text{ reject}$$

5 ft

ex. The length of an outdoor lacrosse field is 10 m less than twice the width. The area of the field is 6600 m². Determine the dimensions of an outdoor lacrosse field.

6600 m² w

$$l = 2w - 10$$

$$l = 2(60) - 10 = 110$$

$$A = lw$$

$$6600 = (2w - 10)(w)$$

$$6600 = 2w^2 - 10w$$

$$0 = 2w^2 - 10w - 6600$$

$$0 = 2(w^2 - 5w - 3300)$$

$$0 = 2(w + 55)(w - 60)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} (x) -3300 \\ (+) -5 \\ \hline +55, -60 \end{array}$$

$$w + 55 = 0 \text{ or } w - 60 = 0$$

$$w = -55 \text{ or } w = 60$$

60m by 110m