

Factoring ax^2+bx+c **SLIDE AND DIVIDE
METHOD EXAMPLE****Ex:**

$2x^2 - 7x - 15$

multiply first number to the last

$x^2 - 7x - 30$

factor normal

$(x-10)(x+3)$

$x = 10, -3$

**now divide each answer by what you multiplied by, in this case 2*

$x = \underline{10}, \underline{-3}$

2**2**

therefore $x = 5, -\frac{3}{2}$

EASY WAY TO GET FACTORS**DOUBLE****HALF**

1

30

2

15

can't half 15 then we try 3

3

10

6

5

ALWAYS TRY 2, 3, 5, 7 ON
THE LEFT HAND SIDE IF YOU
CAN'T HALF THE RIGHT

It helps if you draw a line in the bottom blank space like the orange one when you multiply so that you do not forget to divide.

1) FACTOR $x^2 - 8x + 10$ *Factors of 10 that add to give you 8*
Does not factor so it is prime

2) FACTOR $5x^2 - 6x - 8$ **example above*
slide and divide $x^2 - 6x - 40$ *factors of 40 that subtract to give you 18*
 $(x-10)(x+4)$ then divide by 5 and reduce
5 5
Put it back into parentheses $(x-2)(5x+4)$ **bottom # goes in front*

3) FACTOR $27 - 3x^2$ GCF then difference between two squares
 $3(9 - x^2)$
 $3(3-x)(3+x)$

4) **FACTOR** $80 - 18x + x^2$ *factors of 80 that add to give you 18*
 $(10-x)(8-x)$ *signs are both -*

5) $(x+13)^2 - 7(x+13)$ **think of factoring a out of $a^2 - 7a$*
 $(x+13)(x+13-7)$ $a(a-7)$
 Then simplify $(x+13)(x+6)$

6) Which equation is set up for direct use of the zero-factor property? Solve it.

A. $5x^2 - 8x - 4 = 0$

C. $x^2 + x = 42$

B. $(8x+9)^2 = 3$

D. $(5x-2)(x-8) = 0$

$5x - 2 = 0$ $x - 8 = 0$

$x = \frac{2}{5}, 8$

7) **SOLVE** — *means give x = answer* $x^2 - 15x = 0$

Factor the x out first $x(x - 15) = 0$

Then set each equal to zero $x = 0$ and $x - 15 = 0$

$x = 0$ and $x = 15$

8) **SOLVE** — $x^2 - 225 = 0$

Difference of two squares $(x - 15)(x + 15) = 0$

Then set each equal to zero $x = 15$ and $x = -15$

9) **SOLVE** $z^2 + 2z - 35 = 0$ *Factors of 35 that subtract to get 2, higher # is first sign*

$(z-5)(z+7) = 0$ $x = 5$ and $x = -7$

10) **SOLVE** $9x^2 - 80x - 9 = 0$

**example in box top of page*

slide and divide $x^2 - 80x - 81 = 0$

$(x-81)(x+1)$ then divide by 9 and reduce

$\frac{9}{9}$

$x = 9$ and $x = -\frac{1}{9}$

11) **SOLVE** $5x^2 - 45 = 0 \rightarrow$ GCF $5(x^2 - 9) = 0$

Difference of two squares $5(x - 3)(x + 3) = 0$

$x = 3$ and $x = -3$ drop the 5 because it has no variable

12) **SOLVE** $x(x - 7) + 10 = 0$ distribute to get into factored form

$x^2 - 7x + 10 = 0$

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

$x = 5$ and $x = 2$

13) **SOLVE** $49x^2 + 4 = 28x \rightarrow$ move $28x$ to left

$49x^2 - 28x + 4 = 0$ square root of first and last

$(7x - 2)(7x - 2) = 0$ check with FOIL

$x = \frac{2}{7}$ do not duplicate answer

14) $28(p^2 - 1) = 33p$ distribute to get into factored form

$28p^2 - 28 = 33p$ Then move $33p$ to left

$28p^2 - 33p - 28 = 0$

SAME first and last number: closest two factors
put larger on outside and smaller on the inside
negative goes on the right side. Do foil to check

DOUBLE	HALF
1	28
2	14
4	7

Factor $(7p + 4)(4p - 7) = 0$ $x = -\frac{4}{7}, \frac{7}{4}$

16) $x^2 = 25$ take square root, must have + and - $x = -5, 5$

17) $(2y+3)^2 = 9$ Take the square root of 9, must have + and -

$2y+3=3$ and $2y+3=-3$

$2y = 0$

$y = 0$

$2y = -6$

$y = -3$

EX) $(3y+9)^2 = 81$ Take the square root of 81, must have + and -

$3y+9=9$ and $3y+9=-9$

$3y = 0$

$y = 0$

$3y = -18$

$y = -6$

18) Quadratic formula: $x^2+8x-5 = 0$

$$\frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot (-5)}}{2} = \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{84}}{2} = \frac{-8 \pm 2\sqrt{21}}{2}$$

$$x = -4 + \sqrt{21}, -4 - \sqrt{21}$$

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

19) Quadratic formula: $2x^2 - 11x + 15 = 0$

$$\frac{11 \pm \sqrt{121 - 4 \cdot 2 \cdot (15)}}{2(2)} = \frac{11 \pm \sqrt{1}}{4} = \frac{11+1}{4} = 3 \text{ and } \frac{11-1}{4} = \frac{5}{2}$$

OR SLIDE AND DIVIDE $x^2 - 11x + 30$

$(x-5)(x-6)$ then divide by 2 and reduce

$$\frac{2}{2} \quad \frac{2}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{5}{2} \text{ and } 3$$

20) Quadratic formula: $9y^2 - y + 7 = 0$

$$\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4 \cdot 9 \cdot 7}}{18} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{-251}}{18}$$

Cannot have a negative under the radical NO SOLUTION

Another example: Quadratic formula: $2y^2 - y + 8 = 0$

$$\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4 \cdot 2 \cdot (8)}}{2} = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{-63}}{2}$$

Cannot have a negative under the radical NO SOLUTION

21) Quadratic formula: $3x^2 = 1 - 7x$

Put in correct form: $3x^2 + 7x - 1 = 0$

$$\frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{49 - 4 \cdot 3 \cdot (-1)}}{2(3)} = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{61}}{6}$$

22) $5x^2 = 6x$

$$5x^2 - 6x = 0$$

$$\text{GCF } x(5x - 6) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \quad x = \frac{6}{5}$$

23) Quadratic formula: $\frac{2}{9}x^2 - x - \frac{1}{9} = 0$

Multiply by 9 first

$$2x^2 - 9x - 1 = 0 \quad \frac{9 \pm \sqrt{81 - 4 \cdot 2 \cdot (-1)}}{4} = \frac{9 \pm \sqrt{89}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{9 + \sqrt{89}}{4}, \frac{9 - \sqrt{89}}{4}$$

24) Quadratic formula: $x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$

$$\frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot (-1)}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{8}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 2\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$x = 1 + \sqrt{2}, 1 - \sqrt{2}$$

25) $81x^2 - 18x - 1 = 0$

$(9x-1)(9x-1)$ * since the last number is one we can factor the first term

26) Watch the video that describes Unifying Quadratic Functions.

[Click here to watch the video.](#)

If a function $f(x)$ is quadratic, explain how to find the solution to $f(x) = 0$ graphically.

Choose the correct answer below.

- ☒ A. Find any x-intercepts. The x-coordinates are the solutions.
- ☐ B. A solution to this equation is 0.
- ☐ C. Find any y-intercepts. The y-coordinates are the solutions.

27) A rectangular garden has length of 9 feet greater than the width. Find the length and width if the area is 400ft^2 ?

$$\text{Let } l = w+9 \quad w(w+9) = 400 \quad w^2 + 9w - 400 = 0$$

$$(w+25)(w-16) \quad \text{then } w = 16$$

width is 16ft and length is 25ft

28) A ball is thrown vertically upward from a building 128 ft tall with initial velocity of 112 ft/sec. The distance s (in feet) of the ball from the ground after t seconds is $s = 128 + 112t - 16t^2$

a) After how many seconds does the ball hit the ground?

$$-16t^2 + 112t + 128 = 0$$

$$-16(t^2 - 7t - 8) = 0$$

$$(t-8)(t+1) = 0$$

$$t = 8 \text{ seconds}$$

b) After how many seconds does the ball pass the top of the building on its way down?

$$-16t^2 + 112t + 128 = 128$$

$$112t = 16t^2$$

$$16t(t-7) = 0$$

$$t = 7 \text{ seconds}$$

MORE EXAMPLES USING PATTERNS:

a) $25x^2 - 40x + 16 = 0$

$$(5x - 4)(5x - 4) = 0 \quad \text{square root of first and last}$$

FOIL to check

$$5x - 4 = 0 \quad 5x - 4 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{4}{5}$$

b) $45x^2 - 56x - 45 = 0$

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

same and first #, take closest two

factors with larger on outside negative goes on the right

$$9x + 5 = 0 \quad 5x - 9 = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{5}{9}, \frac{9}{5}$$

c) $72x^2 - 17x - 72 = 0$ Multiply all by x $72x^2 - 17x - 72 = 0$

$$(9x + 8)(8x - 9) = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{8}{9}, \frac{9}{8}$$

d) $\frac{7(x-3)}{x-4} + \frac{2}{x} = \frac{-2}{x(x-4)}$ Multiply all by $x(x-4)$ to get
 $7x(x-3) + 2(x-4) = -2$ Then solve for $7x^2 - 21x + 2x - 8 = -2$
 $7x^2 - 19x - 6 = 0$
 $(7x+2)(x-3)$ $x = -\frac{2}{7}, 3$

e) Quadratic formula: $3x^2 = 4x$ *do not need quadratic*
 $3x^2 - 4x = 0$
 $x(3x - 4) = 0$ $x = 0, \frac{4}{3}$

f) Quadratic formula: $5 - \frac{1}{x} - \frac{3}{x^2}$ Multiply all by x^2 $5x^2 - x - 3 = 0$

$$\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4 \cdot 5 \cdot (-3)}}{2(5)} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{61}}{10}$$

g) Quadratic formula: $\frac{3x}{x-2} + \frac{1}{x} = 4$ Multiply by $x(x-2)$ first
 $3x^2 + x - 2 = 4x^2 - 8x$ \rightarrow $0 = x^2 - 9x + 2$

$$\frac{9 \pm \sqrt{81 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot (2)}}{2}$$

 $x = \frac{9 + \sqrt{73}}{2}, \frac{9 - \sqrt{73}}{2}$

h) $x^2 - 14 = 0$ take square root $x^2 = 14$ $x = -\sqrt{14}, \sqrt{14}$

i) $9x^2 - 6x + 1 = 0$ *slide and divide* $x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0$
 $(x - 3)(x - 3) = 0$ *divide by 9*
 $x = \frac{1}{3}$

j) $10x^2 - 19x - 15 = 0$ *slide and divide* $x^2 - 19x - 150 = 0$
 $(x - 25)(x + 6) = 0$ *divide by 10*
 $x = -\frac{5}{2}, \frac{3}{5}$

k) $5 + 23z = 10x^2 \rightarrow 0 = 10z^2 - 23x - 5 = 0$ *move everything to the left*
slide and divide $z^2 - 23x - 50 = 0$
 $(z + 2)(z - 25) = 0$ *divide by 10*
 $x = -\frac{1}{5}, \frac{5}{2}$

l) $x^2 - x = 1$ *Put in correct form: $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$*

$$\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot (-1)}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

m)

Quadratic formula: $2x(x + 1) = 3$ *Put in correct form: $2x^2 + 2x - 3 = 0$*

$$\frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4 \cdot 2 \cdot (-3)}}{2(2)} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{28}}{4} = \frac{-2 \pm 2\sqrt{7}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{7}}{2}, \frac{-1 - \sqrt{7}}{2}$$

n) $\left(\frac{x}{x-4} + \frac{4}{x+1} = \frac{19x-1}{x^2-3x-4} \right) \boxed{(x-4)(x+1)}$
multiply each numerator by what is in the green but not in the denominator
 $x(x+1) + 4(x-4) = 19x-1$
Then solve for $x^2 + x + 4x - 16 = 19x - 1$
 $x^2 - 14x - 15 = 0$
 $(x+1)(x-15) = 0$
 $x = -1$ but $(-1+1)=0$ which makes it undefined; therefore $x = 15$