

Algebra I
U7L1-3 Review

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Standard form of a quadratic equation: $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

The three methods we have learned for solving quadratic equations are:

1. Square Roots (L1)
2. Factoring (L2)
3. Quadratic Formula (L3)
 - only method that works for any quadratic equation

If $b=0$, always use the square root method. (L1)

The discriminant will tell the number and types of solutions which will determine which method we use to solve if $b \neq 0$. (L3)

- If $b^2 - 4ac < 0$, the equation has no solutions.
- If $b^2 - 4ac = 0$, the equation has one solution.
- If $b^2 - 4ac > 0$, the equation has two solutions.
 - If the discriminant is a perfect square, the solutions will be rational. Use factoring to solve these equations.
 - If the discriminant is NOT a perfect square, the solutions will be irrational. Use the Quadratic Formula to solve these equations.

For the following problems, complete these steps:

- Find the discriminant
- Tell the number and type of solutions
- Choose the correct method to solve the equation (if there are any solutions)
- Find the solutions (if there are any)

1. $x^2 - 18x - 40 = 0$

a. $(-18)^2 - 4(1)(-40) = \boxed{484}$

b. two rational solutions

c. factoring

d. $(x - 20)(x + 2) = 0$

$\boxed{x = 20, -2}$

2. $16x^2 = 56x$ $16x^2 - 56x = 0$

a. $(-56)^2 - 4(16)(0) = \boxed{3136}$

b. two rational solutions

c. factoring

d. $8x(2x - 7) = 0$

$\boxed{x = 0, \frac{7}{2}}$

3. $x^2 + 10x - 25 = 0$

a. $(10)^2 - 4(1)(-25) = \boxed{200}$

b. two irrational sol

c. Quad. Form.

d. $\frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{200}}{2(1)}$

$x = \frac{-10 \pm 14.14}{2}$

$\approx \frac{-10 \pm 14.14}{2}$

$\boxed{\begin{matrix} x \approx 2.07 \\ x \approx -12.07 \end{matrix}}$

$$x^2 - 49 = 0$$

4. ~~$x^2 - 1 = 49$~~

a. $(0)^2 - 4(1)(-49) = \boxed{49}$

b. two rational sol

c. square roots

d.

$$x^2 = 49$$

$$\boxed{x = \pm 7}$$

$$-4x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$$

7. $1 + 3x = 4x^2$

a. $(3)^2 - 4(-4)(1) = \boxed{25}$

b. two rational sol

c. factoring

d. $-4x^2 - x + 4x + 1 = 0$

$$-x(4x - 1) + 1(4x + 1) = 0$$

$$(4x - 1)(-x + 1) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{1}{4}, 1}$$

5. $6x - 4 = 5x^2$

$$-5x^2 + 6x - 4 = 0$$

8. $7x^2 - 105 = 0$

a. $(6)^2 - 4(-5)(-4) = \boxed{-44}$

a. $(0)^2 - 4(7)(-105) = \boxed{2940}$

b. no sol

c.

d.

X

b. two irrational sol.

c. square roots

d. $7x^2 = 105$

$$x^2 = 15$$

$$\boxed{x = \pm \sqrt{15}}$$

6. $-4x^2 - 1 = 4x$

$$0 = 4x^2 + 4x + 1$$

9. $4x^2 + x + 6 = 12$

$$4x^2 + x - 6 = 0$$

a. $(4)^2 - 4(4)(1) = \boxed{0}$

a. $(1)^2 - 4(4)(-6) = \boxed{97}$

b. one sol

c. Factoring or Quad

d.

Form

b. two irrational sol.

c. Quad Form

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{97}}{2(4)}$$

$$\approx \frac{-1 \pm 9.85}{8}$$

$$\boxed{x \approx 1.11}$$

$$\boxed{x \approx -1.36}$$

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

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

or

$$x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{0}}{2(4)}$$

$$= \frac{-4}{8}$$

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

10. A toy rocket launched into the air from the ground has an initial velocity of 160 ft/s. Write an equation.

$$h(t) = -16t^2 + 160t$$

At what time will the rocket land on the ground?

$$0 = -16t^2 + 160t$$

$$0 = -16t(t - 10)$$

$$t = 0$$

$$t = 10 \text{ sec}$$

11. A ball is launched into the air with an initial velocity of 64 ft/s and an initial height of 5 feet. Write an equation.

$$h(t) = -16t^2 + 64t + 5$$

Use the discriminant to determine if the ball will reach a height of 50 feet.

$$1216 > 0 \rightarrow \text{two sol.}$$

yes

$$50 = -16t^2 + 64t + 5$$

$$0 = -16t^2 + 64t - 45$$

$$(64)^2 - 4(-16)(-45)$$

$$4096 - 2880 = 1216$$

12. Standing on the balcony, you drop a tennis ball to the gym floor below. The equation $h(t) = -16t^2 + 15.25$ models this situation.

What does the number 15.25 represent in this situation?

initial height \rightarrow ball is 15.25 ft above floor

What is the starting velocity of the ball?

0 ft/s

How high from the ground will the ball be after 0.5 seconds?

$$h(0.5) = -16(0.5)^2 + 15.25$$

$$= 11.25 \text{ ft}$$

How long will it take the ball to reach the gym floor?

$$0 = -16t^2 + 15.25$$

$$16t^2 = 15.25$$

$$t^2 \approx 0.95$$

$$t \approx \pm 0.97$$

$$0.97 \text{ sec}$$