

Quadratic Equations

Exercise 4.1

Solve the following equations by factorization:

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

Solution:

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

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

$$3x(x+1) + 1(x+1) = 0$$

$$(3x+1)(x+1) = 0$$

$$3x+1=0 \text{ and } x+1=0$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{3} \quad x = -1$$

$$\text{solution set} = \left\{-\frac{1}{3}, -1\right\}$$

2. $x^2 + 7x + 12 = 0$

Solution:

$$x^2 + 7x + 12 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 4x + 3x + 12 = 0$$

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

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

$$x+3=0 \text{ and } x+4=0$$

$$x = -3 \quad x = -4$$

$$\text{solution set} = \{-3, -4\}$$

3. $9x^2 - 12x - 5 = 0$

Solution:

$$9x^2 - 12x - 5 = 0$$

$$9x^2 - 15x + 3x - 5 = 0$$

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

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

$$3x+1=0 \text{ and } 3x-5=0$$

$$3x = -1 \quad 3x = 5$$

$$x = \frac{-1}{3} \quad x = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\text{solution set} = \left\{\frac{-1}{3}, \frac{5}{3}\right\}$$

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

Solution:

$$x^2 - x = 2$$

$$x^2 - x - 2 = 0$$

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

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

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

$$x + 1 = 0 \text{ and } x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = -1 \quad x = 2$$

$$\text{solution set} = \{-1, 2\}$$

$$5. x(x + 7) = (2x - 1)(x + 4)$$

Solution:

$$x(x + 7) = (2x - 1)(x + 4)$$

$$x^2 + 7x = 2x^2 + 8x - x - 4$$

$$-2x^2 - 8x + x + 4 + x^2 + 7x = 0$$

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

$$x^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

$$x = \pm 2$$

$$\text{solution set} = \{-2, 2\}$$

$$6. \frac{x}{x+1} + \frac{x+1}{x} = \frac{5}{2}; x \neq -1, 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{x}{x+1} + \frac{x+1}{x} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\frac{x^2 + (x+1)(x+1)}{x(x+1)} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\frac{x^2 + x^2 + x + x + 1}{x^2 + x} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\frac{2x^2 + 2x + 1}{x^2 + x} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$2(2x^2 + 2x + 1) = 5(x^2 + x)$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$x = 1 \text{ and } x = -2$$

$$\text{solution set} = \{-2, 1\}$$

$$7. \frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{2}{x+2} = \frac{7}{x+5}; x \neq -1, -2, -5$$

Solution:

$$\frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{2}{x+2} = \frac{7}{x+5}$$

$$\frac{(x+2) + 2(x+1)}{(x+1)(x+2)} = \frac{7}{x+5}$$

$$\frac{x+2+2x+2}{x^2+2x+x+2} = \frac{7}{x+5}$$

$$\frac{3x+4}{x^2+3x+2} = \frac{7}{x+5}$$

$$(x+5)(3x+4) = 7(x^2+3x+2)$$

$$3x^2 + 4x + 15x + 20 = 7x^2 + 21x + 14$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$x-1=0 \text{ and } 2x+3=0$$

$$x = 1 \quad x = \frac{-3}{2}$$

$$\text{solution set} = \left\{\frac{-3}{2}, 1\right\}$$

Solve the following equations by completing the square:

9. $x^2 - 2x - 899 = 0$

Solution:

$$x^2 - 2x - 899 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 - 899 = 1$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 = 900$$

$$(x-1)^2 = 900$$

$$x-1 = \pm 30$$

$$x = 1 \pm 30$$

$$x = 1 + 30 \text{ and } x = 1 - 30$$

$$x = 31 \quad x = -29$$

$$\text{solution set} = \{-29, 31\}$$

10. $x^2 + 4x - 1085 = 0$

Solution:

$$x^2 + 4x - 1085 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 4x + 4 - 1085 = 4$$

$$x^2 + 4x + 4 = 1089$$

$$(x+2)^2 = 1089$$

$$x+2 = \pm 33$$

$$x = -2 \pm 33$$

$$x = -2 + 33 \text{ and } x = -2 - 33$$

$$x = 31 \quad x = -35$$

$$\text{solution set} = \{-35, 31\}$$

11. $x^2 + 6x - 567 = 0$

Solution:

$$x^2 + 6x - 567 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 6x + 9 - 567 = 9$$

$$x^2 + 6x + 9 = 576$$

$$(x+3)^2 = 576$$

$$x+3 = \pm 24$$

$$x = -3 \pm 24$$

$$x = -3 + 24 \text{ and } x = -3 - 24$$

$$x = 21 \quad x = -27$$

$$\text{solution set} = \{-27, 21\}$$

$$12. x^2 - 3x - 648 = 0$$

Solution:

$$x^2 - 3x - 648 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 3x + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - 648 = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2$$

$$x^2 - 3x + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = 648 + \frac{9}{4}$$

$$x^2 - 3x + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{2601}{4}$$

$$\left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{2601}{4}$$

$$x - \frac{3}{2} = \pm \frac{51}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2} \pm \frac{51}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{51}{2} \text{ and } x = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{51}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{54}{2} \quad x = \frac{-48}{2}$$

$$x = 27 \quad x = -24$$

$$\text{solution set} = \{-24, 27\}$$

$$13. x^2 - x - 1806 = 0$$

Solution:

$$x^2 - x - 1806 = 0$$

$$x^2 - x + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 1806 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

$$x^2 - x + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = 1806 + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{7225}{4}$$

$$\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) = \pm \frac{85}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{85}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{85}{2} \text{ and } x = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{85}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{86}{2} \quad x = \frac{-84}{2}$$

$$x = 43 \quad x = -42$$

solution set = $\{-42, 43\}$

14. $2x^2 + 12x - 110 = 0$

Solution:

$$2x^2 + 12x - 110 = 0$$

$$2(x^2 + 6x - 55) = 0$$

$$x^2 + 6x - 55 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 6x + 9 - 55 = 9$$

$$(x+3)^2 = 55+9$$

$$(x+3)^2 = 64$$

$$x+3 = \pm 8$$

$$x = -3 \pm 8$$

$$x = -3+8 \text{ and } x = -3-8$$

$$x = 5 \quad x = -11$$

solution set = $\{-11, 5\}$

Find roots of the following equations by using Quadratic Formula:

15. $5x^2 - 13x + 6 = 0$

Solution:

Compare it with Quadratic Equation: $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

Here, $a = 5$, $b = -13$ and $c = 6$

Use Quadratic formula: $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

$$x = \frac{-(-13) \pm \sqrt{(-13)^2 - 4(5)(6)}}{2(5)}$$

$$x = \frac{13 \pm \sqrt{169 - 120}}{10}$$

$$x = \frac{13 \pm \sqrt{49}}{10}$$

$$x = \frac{13 \pm 7}{10}$$

$$x = \frac{13+7}{10} \text{ and } x = \frac{13-7}{10}$$

$$x = \frac{20}{10} \quad x = \frac{6}{10}$$

$$x = 2 \quad x = \frac{3}{5}$$

solution set = $\{2, \frac{3}{5}\}$

16. $4x^2 + 7x - 1 = 0$

Solution:

Compare it with: $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

Use Quadratic formula: $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

Here, $a = 4$, $b = 7$ and $c = -1$

$$x = \frac{-(7) \pm \sqrt{(7)^2 - 4(4)(-1)}}{2(4)}$$

$$x = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{49 + 16}}{8}$$

$$x = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{65}}{8}$$

$$x = \frac{-7 + \sqrt{65}}{8} \text{ and } x = \frac{-7 - \sqrt{65}}{8}$$

$$\text{solution set} = \left\{ \frac{-7 - \sqrt{65}}{8}, \frac{-7 + \sqrt{65}}{8} \right\}$$

17. $15x^2 + 2ax - a^2 = 0$

Solution:

Compare it with: $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

Use Quadratic formula: $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

Here, $a = 15$, $b = 2a$ and $c = -a^2$

$$x = \frac{-(2a) \pm \sqrt{(2a)^2 - 4(15)(-a^2)}}{2(15)}$$

$$x = \frac{-2a \pm \sqrt{4a^2 + 60a^2}}{30}$$

$$x = \frac{-2a \pm \sqrt{64a^2}}{30}$$

$$x = \frac{-2a \pm 8a}{30}$$

$$x = \frac{-2a + 8a}{30} \text{ and } x = \frac{-2a - 8a}{30}$$

$$x = \frac{6a}{30} \quad x = \frac{-10a}{30}$$

$$x = \frac{a}{5} \quad x = \frac{-a}{3}$$

$$\text{solution set} = \left\{ \frac{-a}{3}, \frac{a}{5} \right\}$$

$$18. 16x^2 + 8x + 1 = 0$$

Solution:

Compare it with: $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$\text{Use Quadratic formula: } x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Here, $a = 16$, $b = 8$ and $c = 1$

$$x = \frac{-(8) \pm \sqrt{(8)^2 - 4(16)(1)}}{2(16)}$$

$$x = \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 64}}{32}$$

$$x = \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{0}}{32}$$

$$x = \frac{-8}{32}$$

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

$$\text{solution set} = \left\{ \frac{-1}{4} \right\}$$

$$19. (x-a)(x-b) + (x-b)(x-c) + (x-c)(x-a) = 0$$

Solution:

$$(x-a)(x-b) + (x-b)(x-c) + (x-c)(x-a) = 0$$

$$x^2 - bx - ax + ab + x^2 - cx - bx + bc + x^2 - ax - cx + ac = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 2bx - 2ax - 2cx + ab + bc + ac = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 2(a+b+c)x + ab + bc + ac = 0$$

Compare it with: $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$\text{Use Quadratic formula: } x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Here, $a = 3$, $b = -2(a+b+c)$ and $c = ab + bc + ac$

$$x = \frac{-(-2(a+b+c)) \pm \sqrt{(-2(a+b+c))^2 - 4(3)(ab+bc+ac)}}{2(3)}$$

$$x = \frac{2(a+b+c) \pm \sqrt{4(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2bc + 2ac) - 12ab - 12bc - 12ac}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{2a+2b+2c \pm \sqrt{4a^2+4b^2+4c^2+8ab+8bc+8ac-12ab-12bc-12ac}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{2(a+b+c) \pm \sqrt{4a^2+4b^2+4c^2-4ab-4bc-4ac}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{2(a+b+c) \pm \sqrt{4(a^2+b^2+c^2-ab-bc-ac)}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{2(a+b+c) \pm 2\sqrt{(a^2+b^2+c^2-ab-bc-ac)}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{2\{(a+b+c) \pm 1\}\sqrt{(a^2+b^2+c^2-ab-bc-ac)}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{(a+b+c) \pm 1\sqrt{(a^2+b^2+c^2-ab-bc-ac)}}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{(a+b+c) \pm \sqrt{(a^2+b^2+c^2-ab-bc-ac)}}{3}$$

Answer

$$20. (a+b)x^2 + (a+2b+c)x + b+c = 0$$

Solution:

$$(a+b)x^2 + (a+2b+c)x + b+c = 0$$

Compare it with: $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$\text{Use Quadratic formula: } x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Here, $a = a+b$, $b = a+2b+c$ and $c = b+c$

$$x = \frac{-(a+2b+c) \pm \sqrt{(a+2b+c)^2 - 4(a+b)(b+c)}}{2(a+b)}$$

$$x = \frac{-(a+2b+c) \pm \sqrt{a^2+4b^2+c^2+4ab+4bc+2ac-4ab-4ac-4b^2-4bc}}{2a+2b}$$

$$x = \frac{-(a+2b+c) \pm \sqrt{a^2+c^2-2ac}}{2a+2b}$$

$$x = \frac{-(a+2b+c) \pm \sqrt{(a-c)^2}}{2a+2b}$$

$$x = \frac{-a-2b-c \pm (a-c)}{2a+2b}$$

$$x = \frac{-a-2b-c+a-c}{2a+2b} \text{ and } x = \frac{-a-2b-c-a+c}{2a+2b}$$

$$x = \frac{-2b-2c}{2a+2b} \quad x = \frac{-2a-2b}{2a+2b}$$

$$x = \frac{-2(b+c)}{2(a+b)}$$

$$x = -\frac{(b+c)}{(a+b)}$$

$$\text{solution set} = \left\{-\frac{(b+c)}{(a+b)}, -1\right\}$$

$$x = \frac{-2(a+b)}{2(a+b)}$$

$$x = -1$$