

If necessary, rearrange the equation into the form  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

## Option #1: Factoring

If  $pq=0$ , then either  $p=0$  or  $q=0$ . So if we can factor the trinomial into 2 factors, we just set each factor equal to zero and solve the linear equation.

## Example 1:

$$CT \quad \begin{array}{c|c|c} m & A & n \\ \hline -30 & 7 & -10, 3 \end{array}$$

a.  $x^2 - x = 6$   $\nearrow$   $ST$   
 $x^2 - x - 6 = 0$   
 $(x-3)(x+2) = 0$   
 $x = 3$  or  $x = -2$   
 $\{3, -2\}$

b.  $2x^2 - 6x = x + 15$   
 $2x^2 - 7x - 15 = 0$   
 $2x^2 - 10x + 3x - 15 = 0$   
 $2x(x-5) + 3(x-5) = 0$   
 $(2x+3)(x-5) = 0$   
 $x = -\frac{3}{2}$  or  $x = 5$   
 $\{-\frac{3}{2}, 5\}$

c.  $5a^2 = 7a$   
 $5a^2 - 7a = 0$  (fact)  
 $a(5a-7) = 0$   
 $a = 0$  or  $a = \frac{7}{5}$   
 $\{0, \frac{7}{5}\}$

Option #2: Quadratic Formula: If  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  then  $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

## Example 2:

a.  $x^2 = 6x - 7$   
 $x^2 - 6x + 7 = 0$   
 does not factor use QF  
 $a=1, b=-6, c=7$

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

$$= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4(1)(7)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{8}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{4\sqrt{2}}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{6 \pm 2\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{2(3 \pm \sqrt{2})}{2}$$

$$= 3 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

b.  $2x^2 + 18x + 26 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + 9x + 13 = 0$   $\nearrow$  divide by 2  
 $a=1, b=9, c=13$   
 $x = \frac{-9 \pm \sqrt{81 - 4(1)(13)}}{2}$   
 $= \frac{-9 \pm \sqrt{81 - 52}}{2}$   
 $= \frac{-9 \pm \sqrt{29}}{2}$

keep the exact roots unless specified.

Practice: Solving Quadratic Equations

a.  $3x^2 + 9x - 30 = 0$

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

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

$x = -5 \text{ or } 2$

$\{-5, 2\}$

b.  $x^2 = 12 - 6x$

$x^2 + 6x - 12 = 0$

$x = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4(1)(-12)}}{2}$

$= \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{84}}{2}$

$= \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{4} \sqrt{21}}{2}$

$= \frac{-6 \pm 2\sqrt{21}}{2} = -3 \pm \sqrt{21}$

c.  $4x^2 - 23 = -12x$

$4x^2 + 12x - 23 = 0$

$x = \frac{-12 \pm \sqrt{144 - 4(4)(-23)}}{8}$

$= \frac{-12 \pm \sqrt{512}}{8} = \frac{-12 \pm \sqrt{256} \sqrt{2}}{8}$

$= \frac{-12 \pm 16\sqrt{2}}{8} = \frac{+4(-3 \pm 4\sqrt{2})}{8}$

$= \frac{-3 \pm 4\sqrt{2}}{2}$

d.  $4x^2 + 5x = -1 + 5x$

$4x^2 + 1 = 0$

no solution since

$4x^2 + 1 > 0$  for any  $x$ .

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alternatively:  $4x^2 \neq -1$

e.  $4x^2 = 1$

$4x^2 - 1 = 0$

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

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

$\{\pm \frac{1}{2}\}$

f.  $10x^2 - 20x - 8 = 0$

$5x^2 - 10x - 4 = 0$

$x = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100 - 4(5)(-4)}}{10}$

$= \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{180}}{10}$

$= \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{36} \sqrt{5}}{10}$

$= \frac{10 \pm 6\sqrt{5}}{10} = \frac{2(5 \pm 3\sqrt{5})}{10}$

$= \frac{5 \pm 3\sqrt{5}}{5}$

g.  $3x^2 - 8x + 4 = 0$

$3x^2 - 6x - 2x + 4 = 0$

$(3x^2 - 6x) + (-2x + 4) = 0$

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

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

$x = \frac{2}{3} \text{ or } 2$

$\{\frac{2}{3}, 2\}$

M	A	N
12	-8	-6, -2

h.  $9x^2 + 5x = 0$

$x(9x+5) = 0$

$x = 0 \text{ or } -\frac{5}{9}$

$\{0, -\frac{5}{9}\}$