

## Today's Learning Goal(s):

By the end of the class, I will be able to:

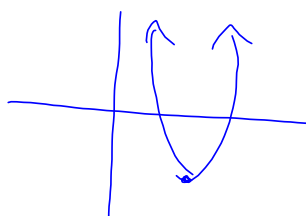
- a) Understand and apply the quadratic formula.

Warm-up: Write in standard form

a)  $y = (x-3)^2 - 6$

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

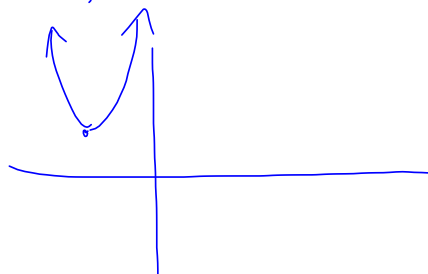
$$= x^2 - 6x + 3$$



b)  $y = (x+2)^2 + 1$

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

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



### MCF 3MI 4.3 Solving Quadratic Equations Using the Quadratic Formula

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The quadratic formula is derived by completing the square and solving for  $x$ .  
(Refer to pp. 218-219 for 1 method.)

**All** quadratic equations of the form  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  can be solved using the quadratic formula.

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

The formula (above) allows you to find the roots (zeros) without factoring, and for unfactorable quadratic expressions.

If  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ , then  $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

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

Ex.1: Identify the values of a, b, and c for the following:

a)  $4x^2 - 7x + 2 = 0$

$a=4 \quad b=-7 \quad c=2$

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

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

$2x^2 - 4x - 9 = 0$

$a=2, \quad b=-4, \quad c=-9$

Ex.2: Use the quadratic formula to solve each equation.

*Find the roots of each equation. (Round to 2 decimal places, if necessary.)*

a)  $x^2 - 6x + 3 = 0$

$a=1 \quad b=-6 \quad c=3$

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

$= \frac{-(-6) \pm \sqrt{(-6)^2 - 4(1)(3)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 12}}{2}$

$= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 12}}{2}$

$= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{24}}{2}$

$x = \frac{6 + \sqrt{24}}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{6 - \sqrt{24}}{2}$

$\doteq 5.449 \quad \doteq 0.550$

$\doteq 5.45 \quad \doteq 0.55$

$x \doteq 5.45, x \doteq 0.55$

b)  $x^2 + 4x = -5$

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

$a=1 \quad b=4 \quad c=5$

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

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

$\therefore$  No Real roots

b/c No  $\sqrt{\quad}$   $\leftarrow$  negative

Ans: No Real solution

c)  $4x^2 - 9x + 5 = 0$

$a=4 \quad b=-9 \quad c=5$

$x = \frac{-(-9) \pm \sqrt{(-9)^2 - 4(4)(5)}}{2(4)}$   
 $= \frac{9 \pm \sqrt{81 - 80}}{8}$

$= \frac{9 \pm \sqrt{1}}{8}$

$x = \frac{9+1}{8} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{9-1}{8}$

$= \frac{10}{8} \quad = \frac{8}{8}$   
 $= \frac{5}{4} \quad = 1$

$x = \frac{5}{4} \quad \text{or} \quad x = 1$

$\therefore$  it factored (Check quickly first)

$(4x - 5)(x - 1) = 0$

Ex.3: See p.220, Example 4.

**EXAMPLE 4** Applying the quadratic formula to solve a problem

The profit on a school drama production is modelled by the quadratic equation  $P(x) = -60x^2 + 790x - 1000$ , where  $P(x)$  is the profit in dollars and  $x$  is the price of the ticket, also in dollars.

- Use the quadratic formula to determine the break-even price for the tickets.
- At what price should the drama department set the tickets to maximize their profit?

*Recall: To "break-even" means the profit = 0; or  $P(x) = 0$ .*

$$0 = -60x^2 + 790x - 1000$$

$$a = -60 \quad b = 790 \quad c = -1000$$

$$x = \frac{-790 \pm \sqrt{790^2 - 4(-60)(-1000)}}{2(-60)}$$

$$= \frac{-790 \pm \sqrt{384100}}{-120}$$

$$x = \frac{-790 + \sqrt{384100}}{-120}$$

$$\approx 1.418$$

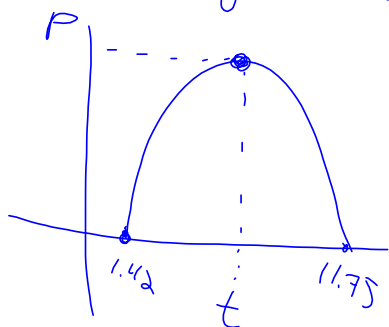
$$\approx 1.42$$

$$\text{or } x = \frac{-790 - \sqrt{384100}}{-120}$$

$$\approx 11.747$$

$$\approx 11.75$$

$\therefore$  if they charge \$1.42 or \$11.75 they will break-even



b) To find max. profit, find the vertex.

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{-b}{2a} \\ &= \frac{-790}{2(-60)} \\ &\approx 6.583 \\ &\approx 6.58 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  the ticket price should be \$6.58.