

NOTES: SECONDARY 2 HONORS

SOLVE A QUADRATIC BY FACTORING AND TAKING SQUARE ROOTS (4.2, 4.3)

STARTER

1. Factor using either method  $3x^2 + 5x + 2$

$$(x+1)(3x+2)$$

2. Factor using either method  $6x^2 + 7x - 3$

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

3. Solve for x.  $2x^2 = 18$

$$x = \pm 3$$

4. Simplify  $3\sqrt{144x^3}$

$$36|x|\sqrt{x}$$

5. Simplify  $-5\sqrt{72x^5}$

$$-30x^2\sqrt{2x}$$

Vocabulary

Forms of Quadratic Functions, where  $a \neq 0$

- Standard Form:  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$
- Vertex Form:  $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$
- Factored Form or Intercept Form:  
 $f(x) = a(x - p)(x - q)$

$$f(x) = 2x^2 + 4x - 6$$

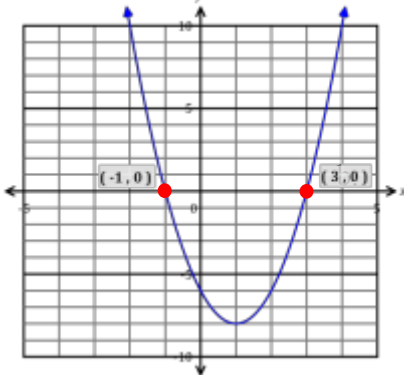
$$f(x) = 2(x - 1)^2 - 8$$

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

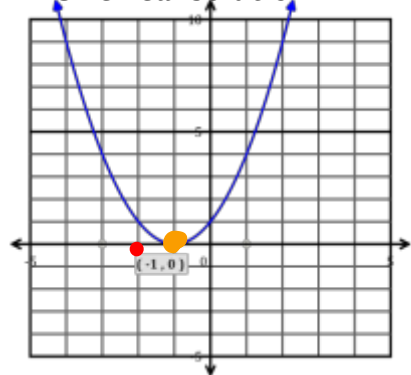
- x-intercept: The point  $(x, y)$  that represents the real number solution to the equation. Where the graph intersects the x-axis.
- zeros/roots: The x-values of a quadratic function that makes the function equal to zero. zeros/roots/x-intercepts are interchangeable.
- Zero Product Property: Any number multiplied by zero equals zero.  
 $ab = 0$ , then  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ .

The x-intercept(s) represent the real number solution(s) to the quadratic equation.

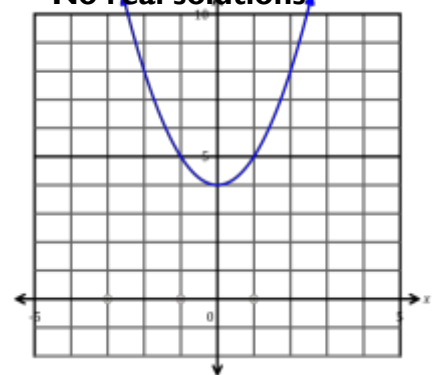
Two real solutions



One real solution



No real solutions



What is the meaning of “zero of a function”?

- Algebraically: The values of  $x$  that make the function equal to zero.
- Graphically: where the graph crosses the x-axis.

**Example:**

1. Identify the zeros of  $f(x) = 3x(x+5)$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = 0 \quad \frac{x+5}{-5-5} = 0$$
$$\boxed{x=0} \quad \boxed{x=-5}$$

2. Identify the zeros of  $g(x) = -3(x+2)(x-7)$

$$\cancel{-3} \times 0 \quad \frac{x+2}{-2-2} = 0 \quad \frac{x-7}{+7+7} = 0$$
$$\boxed{x=-2} \quad \boxed{x=7}$$

3. Find the zeros of the quadratic equation  $3x^2 - 12 = 0$

$$\frac{3x^2 - 12}{+12 +12} = 0$$
$$\frac{3x^2}{3} = \frac{12}{3}$$
$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{4}$$
$$\boxed{x = \pm 2}$$
$$x=2 \quad x=-2$$

4. Find the zeros of the quadratic equation  $x^2 - 36 = -5x$

$$x^2 + 5x - 36 = 0$$
$$(x+9)(x-4) = 0$$
$$x+9=0 \quad x-4=0$$
$$\boxed{x=-9} \quad \boxed{x=4}$$

5. Write a quadratic equation with solutions of 2 and -3.

$$(x-2)(x+3)$$
$$\boxed{x^2 + x - 6}$$

6. Write a quadratic equation with solutions of 0 and 4.

$$(x-0)(x-4)$$
$$x(x-4) = \boxed{x^2 - 4x}$$

**GRAPH THE QUADRATIC FUNCTION  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 8$**

1<sup>st</sup>: Identify the zeros of  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 8$

$$0 = x^2 + 2x - 8$$
$$0 = (x+4)(x-2)$$
$$\boxed{x=-4} \quad \boxed{x=2}$$

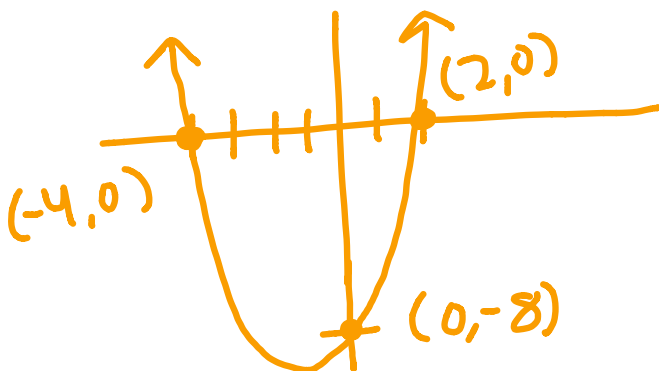
2<sup>nd</sup>: Write the x-intercepts as a coordinate. (NOTE: All x-intercepts are in the form ( ,0))

$$(-4, 0) \text{ and } (2, 0)$$

3<sup>rd</sup>: Determine the y-intercept. ( $x=0$ )

$$f(0) = (0)^2 + 2(0) - 8 \quad (0, -8)$$
$$= -8$$

4<sup>th</sup>: Plot the intercepts and sketch the graph



## Practice Exercises E

- Algebraically find the zero(s) of the function.
- Using the zeros, determine the x-intercept(s) of the graph.
- Graph the function using a graphing calculator.
- Compare the x-intercept(s) you found in *part b* with the x-intercept(s) on a graphing calculator. Are the x-intercepts the same? If not, why?

1.  $f(x) = 2x(x - 6)$

zero(s):  $x = 0, 6$

x-intercept(s):

$(0, 0)$   $(6, 0)$

2.  $f(x) = -x(x + 7)$

zeros:  $x = 0, -7$

x-intercept(s):

$(0, 0)$   $(-7, 0)$

3.  $f(x) = (x + 13)(x - 4)$

zeros: \_\_\_\_\_

x-intercept(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

4.  $f(x) = x^2 + 8x + 12$

$0 = (x + 6)(x + 2)$

zeros:  $x = -6, -2$

x-intercept(s):

$(-6, 0)$   $(-2, 0)$

5.  $f(x) = x^2 - 7x + 6$

zeros: \_\_\_\_\_

x-intercept(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

6.  $f(x) = x^2 + 4x + 4$

$0 = (x + 2)^2$

zeros:  $x = -2$

x-intercept(s):

$(-2, 0)$

7.  $f(x) = x^2 + 8x + 12$

zeros: \_\_\_\_\_

x-intercept(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

8.  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 15$

zeros: \_\_\_\_\_

x-intercept(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

9.  $f(x) = x^2 - x - 2$

zeros: \_\_\_\_\_

x-intercept(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

## SOLVING QUADRATIC EQUATIONS USING SQUARE ROOTS

Example:

1. Solve the equation  $2x^2 + 5 = 41$

$$\frac{2x^2}{2} = \frac{36}{2}$$

$$x^2 = 18$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{18}$$

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

2. Solve the equation  $3(x-3)^2 = 12$

$$\sqrt{(x-3)^2} = \sqrt{4}$$

$$x-3 = \pm 2$$

$$x-3 = 2 \quad x-3 = -2$$

$$x = 5 \quad x = 1$$

3. Solve the equation  $4(x+7)^2 - 8 = 24$

$$4(x+7)^2 = 32$$

$$\sqrt{(x+7)^2} = \sqrt{8}$$

$$x+7 = \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$x = -7 \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

Example: Given the function  $f(x) = (x+1)^2 - 4$

- Determine the x-intercepts.
- Determine the vertex.
- Determine if the vertex is a maximum or minimum.
- Determine the y-intercept.
- Sketch a graph (label the intercepts and vertex).

a.)  $0 = (x+1)^2 - 4$

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

$$\pm 2 = x+1$$

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

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

$(1, 0)$  and  $(-3, 0)$

b.) vertex:  $(-1, -4)$

c.) min value at  $-4$  when  $x = -1$

d.)  $f(0) = (0+1)^2 - 4$

$$= (1)^2 - 4$$

$$= 1 - 4$$

$$= -3$$

$(0, -3)$

