

## LESSON 16: Quadratic Equations

- General form of quadratic function:  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$
- Parabola- the graph of a quadratic function
- Standard form of quadratic equation:  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$
- Three scenarios for x-intercepts of parabola
  - No x-intercepts: no real solution to equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$
  - One x-intercept: One solution to equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$
  - Two x-intercepts: Two solution to equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$
- Principle of Square Roots: If  $x^2 = k$ , then  $x = \sqrt{k}$  or  $x = -\sqrt{k}$
- Method of completing the square
- To complete the square for  $x^2 + bx$ , add  $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$
- To solve quadratic equation by completing the square

In problems 1 – 4, add a constant to make the expression a perfect square trinomial.

- Identify each step you take in the solution.
- EXPLAIN WHY you are taking each step

Recall the standard form of a quadratic function is  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

1.  $w^2 + 6w$       ← in this case, we have  $a=1$  and  $b=6$ . To transform this expression into a perfect-square trinomial, we must add  $c = \left[\frac{b}{2}\right]^2 = \left[\frac{6}{2}\right]^2 = 3^2 = 9$

$$\Rightarrow w^2 + 6w + 9 = w^2 + 3w + 3w + 9$$

$$= w(w + 3) + 3(w + 3)$$

$$= (w + 3) \cdot (w + 3)$$

$$= (w + 3)^2$$

this is a perfect square!!

2.  $t^2 - 7t$       ← in this case, we have  $a=1$  and  $b=-7$ . To transform this expression into a perfect square trinomial, we must add

$$c = \left[\frac{b}{2}\right]^2 = \left[\frac{-7}{2}\right]^2 = \frac{-7}{2} \cdot \frac{-7}{2} = \frac{49}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 - 7t + \frac{49}{4} = t^2 - \frac{7}{2}t - \frac{7}{2}t + \frac{49}{4}$$

$$= t \cdot \left(t - \frac{7}{2}\right) - \frac{7}{2} \left(t - \frac{7}{2}\right)$$

$$= \left(t - \frac{7}{2}\right) \cdot \left(t - \frac{7}{2}\right) = \left(t - \frac{7}{2}\right)^2$$

5.  $x^2 - \frac{11}{2}x$  ← in this case, we have  $a=1$  and  $b = \frac{-11}{2}$ . To transform this into a perfect-square trinomial, we add

$$c = (b \div 2)^2 = \left[ \frac{-11}{2} \div 2 \right]^2 = \left[ \frac{-11}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right]^2 = \left[ \frac{-11}{4} \right]^2 = \frac{-11}{4} \cdot \frac{-11}{4} = \frac{121}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - \frac{11}{2}x + \frac{121}{16} = x^2 - \frac{11}{4}x - \frac{11}{4}x + \frac{121}{16}$$

$$= x \cdot \left(x - \frac{11}{4}\right) - \frac{11}{4} \cdot \left(x - \frac{11}{4}\right)$$

$$= \left(x - \frac{11}{4}\right) \cdot \left(x - \frac{11}{4}\right) = \boxed{\left(x - \frac{11}{4}\right)^2}$$

6.  $m^2 + \frac{5}{4}m$  ← in this problem, we have  $a=1$  and  $b = \frac{5}{4}$ . To produce a perfect square trinomial, we add

$$c = (b \div 2)^2 = \left[ \frac{5}{4} \div \frac{2}{1} \right]^2 = \left[ \frac{5}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right]^2 = \left[ \frac{5}{8} \right]^2 = \frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{5}{8} = \frac{25}{64}$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 + \frac{5}{4}m + \frac{25}{64} = m^2 + \frac{5}{8}m + \frac{5}{8}m + \frac{25}{64}$$

$$= m \cdot \left(m + \frac{5}{8}\right) + \frac{5}{8} \left(m + \frac{5}{8}\right)$$

$$= \left(m + \frac{5}{8}\right) \cdot \left(m + \frac{5}{8}\right)$$

$$= \boxed{\left(m + \frac{5}{8}\right)^2}$$



Mini-Lecture: Solve the following quadratic equation using three different methods:

$$x^2 + 6x = 16$$

LHS of equation
RHS of equation

Method 1: Solve by factoring

$$x^2 + 6x = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 6x - 16 = 0$$

$a=1, b=6, c=-16$

Mult  
~~+8~~  
~~-2~~  
~~+6~~  
 Add

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 8x - 2x - 16 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \cdot (x+8) - 2(x+8) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-2) \cdot (x+8) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x-2 = 0 \text{ OR } x+8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x=2} \text{ OR } \boxed{x=-8}$$

Method 2: Complete the Square

$$x^2 + 6x = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 6x + 9 = 16 + 9$$

$a=1$       $b=6$   
 perfect-square trinomial

$$\left[\frac{b}{2}\right]^2 = \left[\frac{6}{2}\right]^2 = 3^2 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+3)^2 = 25$$

index  $n=2$   
even

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt[2]{(x+3)^2} = \sqrt[2]{25}$$

$$\Rightarrow |x+3| = 5$$

$$x+3 = -5$$

$$\boxed{x = -8}$$

OR

$$x+3 = +5$$

$$\boxed{x = 2}$$

Method 3: Solve Graphically

Step 1: Graph LHS  $y_1 = x^2 + 6x$

Step 2: Graph RHS  $y_2 = 16$

Step 3: Find Point(s) of Intersection between two graphs

Step 4: Write each point as an ordered pair

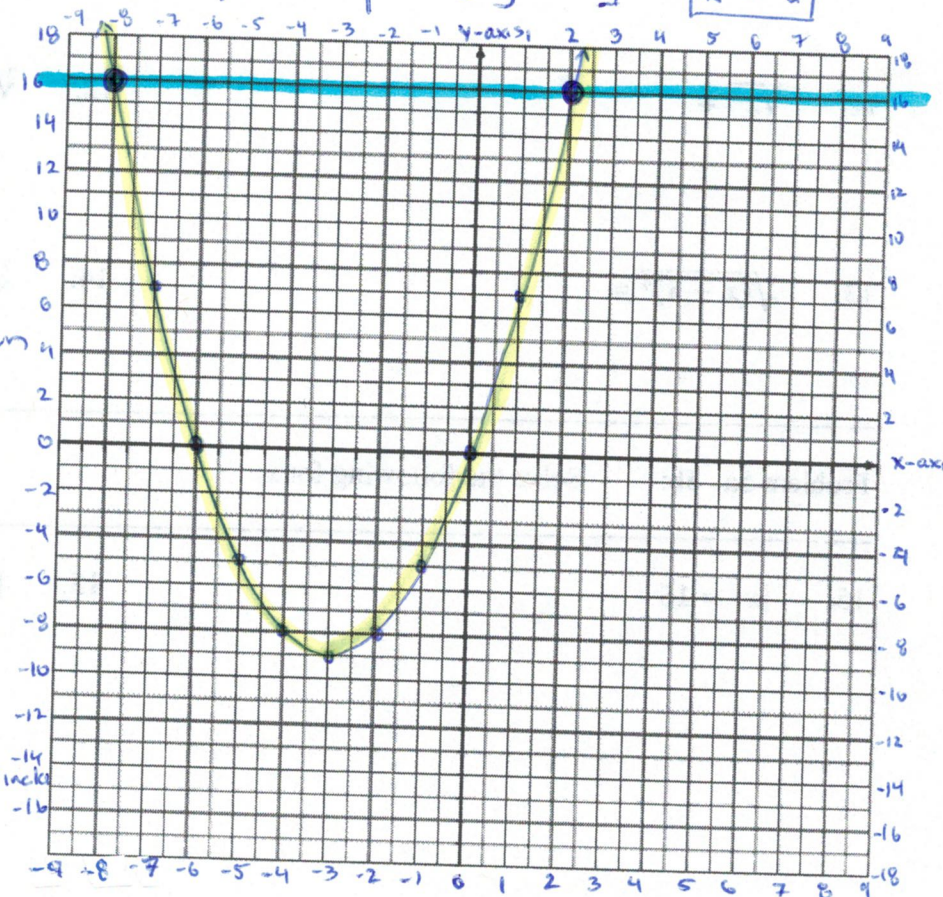
Left POI:  $(-8, 16)$

↑  
x-coordinates

Right POI:  $(2, 16)$

Step 5: Solutions are the x-coordinates

$$\boxed{x = -8} \text{ OR } \boxed{x = 2}$$





17. Solve the following quadratic equation using three different methods:

$$\underbrace{x^2 - 12x}_{\text{LHS of equation}} = \underbrace{-32}_{\text{RHS of equation}}$$

equal sign  
↓

Method 1: Solve by factoring

$$x^2 - 12x = -32$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 12x + 32 = 0$$

RHS is zero

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 4x - 8x + 32 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x-4) - 8(x-4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-8)(x-4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x-8 = 0 \quad \text{OR} \quad x-4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x=8} \quad \text{OR} \quad \boxed{x=4}$$

Method 2: Complete the Square

$$x^2 - 12x = -32$$

equals sign  
↓

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 12x + 36 = -32 + 36$$

a=1      b=-12

perfect-square trinomial

$$\Rightarrow (x-6)^2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(x-6)^2} = \sqrt{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow |x-6| = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x-6 = -2 \quad \text{OR} \quad x-6 = 2$$

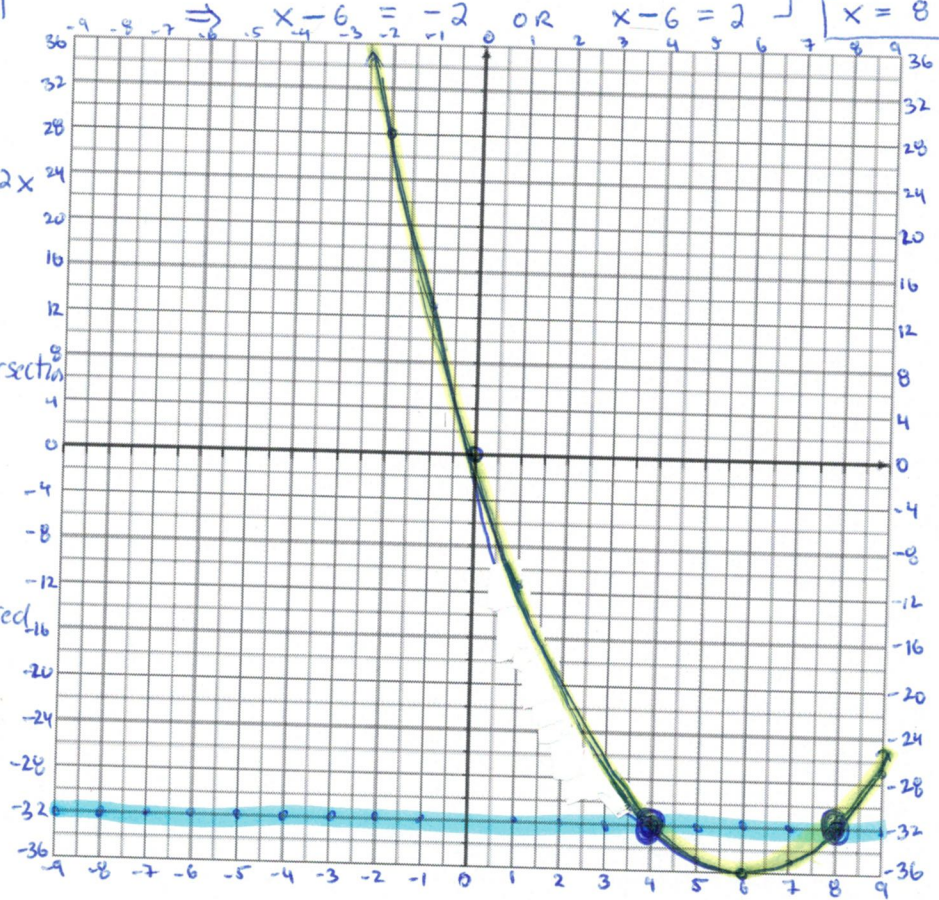
x = 4

OR

x = 8

Method 3: Solve Graphically

- Step 1: Graph LHS  $y_1 = x^2 - 12x$
- Step 2: Graph RHS  $y_2 = -32$
- Step 3: Find the point(s) of intersection between the two graphs.
- Step 4: Write each point of intersection as an ordered pair
- Left P.o.I:  $(4, -32)$
- x-coordinates
- Right P.o.I:  $(8, -32)$
- Step 5: The solutions are the x-coordinates



Problem 18 - 21: Solve each of the following quadratic equations by completing the square.

18.  $x^2 - 6x = -1$   $a=1, b=-6$   $\left[\frac{b}{2}\right]^2 = \left[\frac{-6}{2}\right]^2 = (-3)^2 = 9$

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

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{x^2 - 6x + 9}_{\text{perfect square trinomial}} = -1 + 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 3x - 3x + 9 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{(x - 3)^2}_{\text{perfect square}} = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(x - 3)^2} = \sqrt{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow |x - 3| = \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 3 = -2\sqrt{2} \quad \text{OR} \quad x - 3 = +2\sqrt{2}$$

20.  $x^2 + 5x = -3$   $a=1, b=5$   $\left[\frac{b}{2}\right]^2 = \left[\frac{5}{2}\right]^2 = \frac{25}{4}$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 5x + \frac{25}{4} = -3 + \frac{25}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{-12 + 25}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{13}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{13}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left|x + \frac{5}{2}\right| = \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x + \frac{5}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2} \quad \text{OR} \quad x + \frac{5}{2} = \frac{-\sqrt{13}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = \frac{-5}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2}} \quad \text{OR} \quad \boxed{x = \frac{-5}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2}}$$

19.  $t^2 - 8t = 9$   $a=1, b=-8$   $\left[\frac{b}{2}\right]^2 = \left[\frac{-8}{2}\right]^2 = (-4)^2 = 16$

$$t^2 - 8t = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{t^2 - 8t + 16}_{\text{perfect square trinomial}} = 9 + 16$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{(t - 4)^2}_{\text{perfect square}} = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(t - 4)^2} = \sqrt{25}$$

$$\Rightarrow |t - 4| = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow t - 4 = -5 \quad \text{OR} \quad t - 4 = +5$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{t = -1} \quad \text{OR} \quad \boxed{t = 9}$$

21.  $3t^2 + 7t - 2 = 0$

Careful:  $a \neq 1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3t^2 + 7t - 2}{3} = \frac{0}{3}$$

let's divide both sides by 3 to get  $a=1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3t^2}{3} + \frac{7t}{3} - \frac{2}{3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 + \frac{7}{3}t - \frac{2}{3} = 0 \quad \left[\frac{b}{2}\right]^2 = \left[\frac{7}{3} \div \frac{2}{1}\right]^2$$

$$a=1, b=\frac{7}{3}$$

$$= \left[\frac{7}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right]^2$$

$$= \left[\frac{7}{6}\right]^2$$

$$= \frac{49}{36}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{t^2 + \frac{7}{3}t + \frac{49}{36}}_{\text{perfect-square trinomial}} = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{49}{36}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\left(t + \frac{7}{6}\right)^2}_{\text{perfect square}} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{12}{12} + \frac{49}{36}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(t + \frac{7}{6}\right)^2 = \frac{24 + 49}{36} = \frac{73}{36}$$