

ACT Week Level

9. a

13. b

10. h

14. g

11. d

15. c

12. j

16. h

Solving Quadratic Equations!

Warm-up! solve for x:

① $2x^2 - 8 = 0$

② $x^2 - 18 = -18$

③ $x^2 + 4 = 0$

We can solve quadratics by factoring. BUT! what happens when you can't factor??

Solve using square roots!

① $2x^2 - 8 = 0$
 +8 +8

② $x^2 - 18 = -18$
 +18 +18

③ $x^2 + 4 = 0$
 -4 -4

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad 2x^2 - 0 &= 0 \\ \quad \quad \quad +8 \quad +8 \\ \hline 2x^2 &= 8 \\ \frac{2x^2}{2} &= \frac{8}{2} \\ \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{4} \\ \boxed{x = \pm 2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad x^2 - 10 &= -10 \\ \quad \quad \quad +18 \quad +18 \\ \hline \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{0} \\ \boxed{x = 0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} \quad x^2 + 4 &= -4 \\ \quad \quad \quad -4 \quad -4 \\ \hline \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{-4} \\ x &= \emptyset \\ \underline{\underline{\text{no solution}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{4} \quad 4z^2 &= 9 \\ \quad \quad \quad 4 \quad \quad 4 \\ \hline \sqrt{z^2} &= \sqrt{\frac{9}{4}} \\ z = \frac{\sqrt{9}}{\sqrt{4}} &= \boxed{\pm \frac{3}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{5} \quad 3x^2 - 11 &= 7 \\ \quad \quad \quad +11 \quad +11 \\ \hline \frac{3x^2}{3} &= \frac{18}{3} \\ \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{6} \\ x &= \boxed{\pm \sqrt{6}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{6} \quad 25x^2 &= 16 \\ \quad \quad \quad 25 \quad \quad 25 \\ \hline \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{\frac{16}{25}} \\ x = \frac{\sqrt{16}}{\sqrt{25}} &= \boxed{\pm \frac{4}{5}} \end{aligned}$$

When you don't have rational solutions...

use your calculator!

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad x^2 + 4 &= 14 \\ \quad \quad \quad -4 \quad -4 \\ \hline \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{10} \\ x &= \pm \sqrt{10} \\ x &\approx \boxed{\pm 3.16} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad 3x^2 - 1 &= 0 \\ \quad \quad \quad +1 \quad +1 \\ \hline \frac{3x^2}{3} &= \frac{1}{3} \\ \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \\ x &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \\ x &\approx \boxed{\pm .58} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} \quad 2p^2 - 7 &= 2 \\ \quad \quad \quad +7 \quad +7 \\ \hline \frac{2p^2}{2} &= \frac{9}{2} \\ \sqrt{p^2} &= \sqrt{\frac{9}{2}} \\ p &\approx \boxed{\pm 2.12} \end{aligned}$$