

# Solving Quadratic Equations

i. By factorising

Ex1  $x^2 + 5x + 6 = 0$

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

+1 +6  
-1 -6  
+2 +3 ✓  
-2 -3

Either  $x+2=0$  or  $x+3=0$

$$\underline{x=-2} \quad \underline{x=-3}$$

Ex2  $x^2 - 11x + 24 = 0$

$$(x-3)(x-8) = 0$$

+1 +24  
-1 -24  
+2 +12  
-2 -12  
+3 +8  
-3 -8 ✓

Either  $x-3=0$  or  $x-8=0$

$$\underline{x=3} \quad \underline{x=8}$$

Ex3  $x^2 - x - 12 = 0$

$$(x+3)(x-4) = 0$$

+1 -12  
-1 +12  
+2 -6  
-2 +6  
+3 -4 ✓

Either  $x+3=0$  or  $x-4=0$

$$\underline{x=-3} \quad \underline{x=4}$$

Ex4  $x^2 + 7x - 18 = 0$

$$(x-2)(x+9) = 0$$

+1 -18  
-1 +18  
+2 -9  
-2 +9

Either  $x-2=0$  or  $x+9=0$

$$\underline{x=2} \quad \underline{x=-9}$$

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Exercise

Solve

$$1) \quad x^2 + 7x + 12 = 0$$

$$(x+3)(x+4) = 0$$

Either  $x+3=0$  or  $x+4=0$

$$\underline{x=-3}$$

$$\underline{x=-4}$$

$$2) \quad x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0$$

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

Either  $x+1=0$  or  $x-4=0$

$$\underline{x=-1}$$

$$\underline{x=4}$$

$$3) \quad x^2 - 15x + 14 = 0$$

$$(x-1)(x-14) = 0$$

Either  $x-1=0$  or  $x-14=0$

$$\underline{x=1}$$

$$\underline{x=14}$$

$$4) \quad x^2 + 8x - 20 = 0$$

$$(x-2)(x+10) = 0$$

Either  $x-2=0$  or  $x+10=0$

$$\underline{x=2}$$

$$\underline{x=-10}$$

$$5) \quad x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0$$

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

Either  $x-3=0$  or  $x-3=0$

$$\underline{x=3}$$

$$\underline{x=3}$$

$$6) \quad x^2 + 7x + 6 = 0$$

$$(x+1)(x+6) = 0$$

Either  $x+1=0$  or  $x+6=0$

$$\underline{x=-1}$$

$$\underline{x=-6}$$

## Factorising With More Than One $x^2$

Ex1

$$2x^2 + 7x + 3 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 2 \times 3 \\ = 6 \end{array}$$

$$+1 +6 \quad x(2x+1) + 3(2x+1) = 0$$

$$(x+3)(2x+1) = 0$$

Either  $x+3=0$

$$\underline{x=-3}$$

or  $2x+1=0$

$$2x = -1$$

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

Ex2

$$3x^2 - 11x + 10 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 \\ - 11x \\ \hline 30 \end{array}$$

$$3x^2 - 5x - 6x + 10 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +3x \\ -1 \\ \hline -30 \end{array}$$

$$x(3x - 5) - 2(3x - 5) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +15 \\ -2 \\ \hline -15 \end{array}$$

$$(x - 2)(3x - 5) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +10 \\ -3 \\ \hline -10 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Either } x - 2 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 3x - 5 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +5 \\ -5 \\ \hline -6 \checkmark \end{array}$$

$$\underline{x = 2}$$

$$3x = 5$$

$$x = \frac{5}{3}$$

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## Classwork

1)

$$6x^2 + 13x + 5 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6x^2 = 30 \\ +3 +10 \end{array}$$

$$6x^2 + 3x + 10x + 5 = 0$$

$$3x(2x+1) + 5(2x+1) = 0$$

$$(3x+5)(2x+1) = 0$$

$$\text{Either } 3x + 5 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x + 1 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x = -5 \\ x = -\frac{5}{3} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x = -1 \\ x = -\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

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$$2) \quad 4x^2 + 8x - 5 = 0 \quad \begin{array}{r} 4x - 5 = -20 \\ -2 \quad +10 \end{array}$$

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

$$2x(2x - 1) + 5(2x - 1) = 0$$

$$(2x + 5)(2x - 1) = 0$$

$$\text{Either } 2x + 5 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x - 1 = 0$$

$$2x = -5$$

$$x = -\frac{5}{2}$$

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$$2x = 1$$

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

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