

A skydiver jumps from a plane that is at an altitude of 1700 ft. The function $y = -16t^2 + 1700$ gives the jumper's height y , in feet, after t seconds.

a. How long is the jumper in free fall if the parachute opens at 1000 ft?

$$1000 = -16t^2 + 1700$$

$$\frac{-700}{-16} = \frac{-16t^2}{-16} \quad t = \pm 6.61 \quad \text{Only the pos answer makes sense.}$$

$$\sqrt{t^2} = \sqrt{\frac{700}{16}}$$

$$t = 6.61 \text{ sec}$$

b. How long would it take to reach the ground if the parachute didn't open?

$$0 = -16t^2 + 1700$$

$$\frac{-1700}{-16} = \frac{-16t^2}{-16} \quad t = \pm 10.31 \quad \text{Only the pos answer makes sense.}$$

$$\sqrt{t^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1700}{16}}$$

$$t = 10.31 \text{ sec}$$

Solving Quadratic Equations:

Factoring and using Square roots are good methods, BUT they only work some of the time

- Factoring
- Square Roots

Not everything is factorable

Only possible if $b=0$ or eq. is in Vertex Form.

A ball is thrown into the air from an initial height of 5 feet with an initial velocity of 38 ft/sec. The following equation models the height of the ball as a function of time: $h(t) = -16t^2 + 38t + 5$

Find the time it takes the ball to come back down to the ground.

rewrite so a is pos.
Move all terms to the left side of the eq.

$$0 = -16t^2 + 38t + 5$$

$$16t^2 - 38t - 5 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -80 \\ -40 \quad 2 \\ -38 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2t - 5 \\ 8t \quad 16t^2 - 40t \\ +1 \quad 2t - 5 \end{array}$$

$$(8t+1)(2t-5)$$

$$t = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$t = \frac{5}{2}$$

Only the pos answer makes sense in this situation.

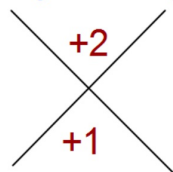
Given this equation: $x^2 + x + 2 = 0$

Can you solve this equation by taking square roots?

No, Square roots can't be used if there is a linear term

Given this equation: $x^2 + x + 2 = 0$

Can you solve this equation by factoring?



No, this doesn't factor. There are no integers that multiply to 2 and add to 1

Factoring works SOME of the time.

Using Square Roots works SOME of the time.

Is there anything that works ALL of the time?

Quadratic Formula

Sec 5-8: The Quadratic Formula

Equation must be written in the following form:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

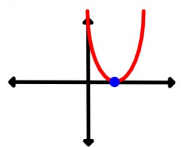
$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

The results of using the Quadratic Formula represent:

- solutions to the equation
- zeros of the function
- x-intercepts of the graph
- roots of the function

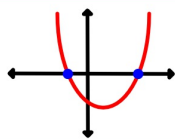
of solutions to a Quadratic Equation. (same as # x-intercepts on the graph)

1 Real Solution



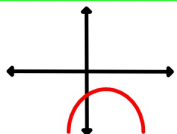
Only the vertex touches the x-axis

2 Real Solutions



The parabola crosses the x-axis in two places

No Real Solution



The parabola doesn't touch the x-axis

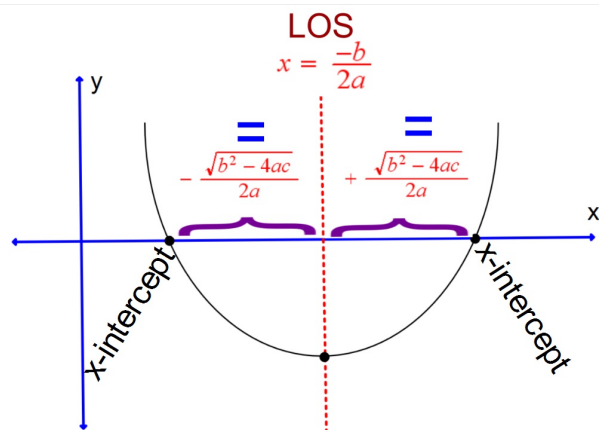
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LOS

Distance from
LOS to both
x-intercepts.

Find all real solutions to the nearest hundredth.

$$6x^2 + 7x - 20 = 0$$

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

1st: Find $b^2 - 4ac = 529$

2nd: Rewrite the Quadratic Formula
Using this value in place of $b^2 - 4ac$ and replace $2a$ & $-b$ with their values

$$\frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{529}}{12}$$

3rd: Calculate the two answers

$$x = -2.5, 1.33$$

Find all EXACT Real Solutions.

$$x^2 + 3 = 5x$$

rewrite in Standard Form: $x^2 - 5x + 3 = 0$

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

$$b^2 - 4ac = 13$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{13}}{2}$$

Since the directions ask for EXACT solutions and $\sqrt{13}$ can't be simplified this is the final answer.

Find all EXACT Real Solutions.

$$x^2 - 8x - 2 = 0$$

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

$$b^2 - 4ac = 72$$

$$x = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{72}}{2} = \frac{8 \pm 6\sqrt{2}}{2} = 4 \pm 3\sqrt{2}$$