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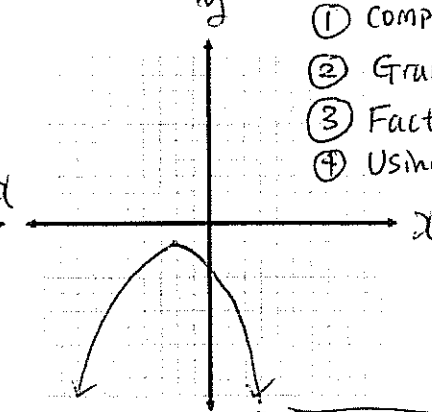
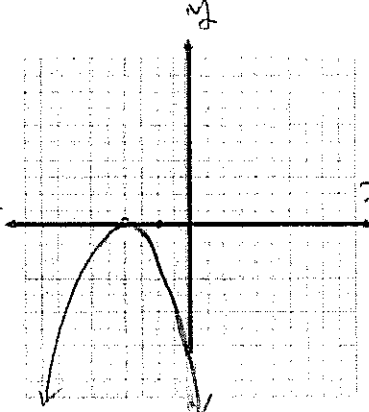
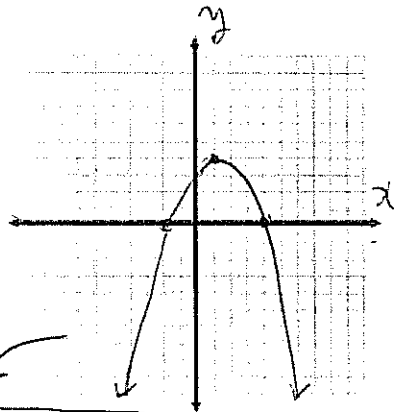
* Solve $2x^2 - 12x - 14 = 0$

asking?

Find the x intercepts.

- ① Completing the square
- ② Graphing by Unit 2 skill.
- ③ Factoring
- ④ Using quadratic formula

zeroes/x-intercepts: 3 possibilities



Two zeros or two solutions or two x intercepts
1) Factor each.

One zero or one solution or one x intercept

No solution or no zero or no x intercept

a) $7x^2 - 21x$

$= 7x(x - 3)$

$-21x \div 7x$

b) $x^2 + 8x + 12$

$= ax^2 + bx + c$

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

Hard Trinomial

Two integers $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{product} = ac \\ \text{sum} = b \end{array} \right.$

$6 \times 2 = 12 = ac$

$6 + 2 = 8 = b$

c) $x^2 - 36$

Differences of square $a^2 - b^2$

$= (x + 6)(x - 6)$

$a = x$
 $b = 6$

d) $x^2 - 3x - 40$

Hard Trinomial

$-8 \times 5 = -40 = ac$

$-8 + 5 = -3 = b$

$= (x - 8)(x + 5)$

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e) $2x^2 + 7x + 3$

$$= 2x^2 + 6x + x + 3$$

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

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

Two integers
 $ac = \text{product} \rightarrow 6$
 $b = \text{sum} \rightarrow 7$
 $6 \times 1 = 6$
 $6 + 1 = 7$

f) $3x^2 + 7x - 20$

$$= 3x^2 + 12x - 5x - 20$$

$$= 3x(x+4) - 5(x+4)$$

$$= (x+4)(3x-5)$$

$ac = 3 \times -20 = -60$
 $b = 7$
 $12 - 5 = 7$
 $12 \times -5 = -60$

2) Find the zeroes of each parabola. Zeros = x intercepts \rightarrow sub $y=0$

a) $f(x) = x^2 + 6x$

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

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

$\therefore x = 0$ or -6

b) $f(x) = x^2 + 7x + 12$

$$0 = x^2 + 7x + 12$$

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

$\therefore x = -4, -3$

$ac = 12$
 $b = 7$
 $4 \times 3 = 12$
 $4 + 3 = 7$

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

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

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

$\therefore x = 0, 8$

d) $f(x) = 3x^2 + 12x$

$$0 = 3x^2 + 12x$$

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

$\therefore x = 0, -4$

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

Diff of square $a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$

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

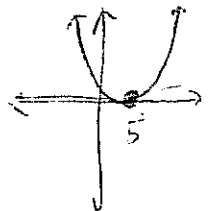
$\therefore x = 3, -3$

f) $f(x) = x^2 - 10x + 25$

$$0 = x^2 - 10x + 25$$

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

$\therefore x = 5$



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g) $f(x) = 2x^2 - 9x - 5$

$$0 = 2x^2 - 9x - 5$$

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

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

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

$\therefore x = 5, -\frac{1}{2}$

$$ac = 2 \times -5 = -10$$

$$b = -9$$

$$-10 \times 1 = -10$$

$$-10 + 1 = -9$$

3) Without actually finding the zeroes, find out how many zeroes each parabola will have.

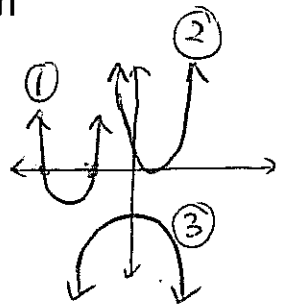
Standard form: $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ (must be in standard form)

① If $b^2 - 4ac > 0 \rightarrow$ then there are two solutions \rightarrow

② If $b^2 - 4ac = 0 \rightarrow$ one solution

③ If $b^2 - 4ac < 0 \rightarrow$ No solution

* Note: $b^2 - 4ac =$ Discriminant



a) $f(x) = x^2 + 6x$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 6^2 - (4 \times 1 \times 0)$$

$$= 36 - 0 = 36$$

$$36 > 0 \Rightarrow b^2 - 4ac > 0$$

\therefore Two solutions

b) $f(x) = x^2 - 10x + 25$

$$b^2 - 4ac = (-10)^2 - (4 \times 1 \times 25)$$

$$= 100 - 100 = 0$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

\therefore This parabola has one solution.

c) $f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 11$

$$b^2 - 4ac = (-6)^2 - (4 \times 1 \times 11)$$

$$= 36 - 44 = -8$$

$$b^2 - 4ac < 0$$

\therefore There is no solution.

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Worksheet (aceg for all)