

## Math 1090 ~ Business Algebra

Section 3.1 Quadratic Equations in One Variable

Objectives:

- Identify a quadratic equation in one variable.
- Apply the Zero Product Property to solve quadratic equations in one variable.
- Apply four strategies for solving a quadratic equation in one variable.

Definition: A Quadratic Equation can be written in the form

$$
a x^{2}+b x+c=0, \text { where } a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq 0
$$

$a, b, c$ are constants
Ex 1: Solve $5 x^{2}-32=x^{2}+8$

$$
4 x^{2}-32=8
$$

use

$$
\begin{align*}
4 x^{2} & =40  \tag{1}\\
x^{2} & =10 \\
x & = \pm \sqrt{10}
\end{align*}
$$

Ex 2: Solve $2 x(5 x+6)=16$
use
(2)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 10 x^{2}+12 x=16 \\
& 10 x^{2}+12 x-16=0 \\
& 2\left(5 x^{2}+6 x-8\right)=0 \\
& -8=-40 \\
& 10 \cdot-4
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
5 \cdot-8=-40
$$

$$
2(\underbrace{5 x^{2}+10 x}-\underbrace{4 x-8})=0
$$

$$
2(5 x(x+2)-4(x+2))=0
$$

$$
2(x+2)(5 x-4)=0
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x+2=0 \quad 5 x-4=0 \\
& x=-2 \quad \text { or } \quad \begin{array}{l}
5 x=4 \\
x=\frac{4}{5}
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
$$

Ex 3: Solve $y^{2}+y-4=0$
use
(4)

$$
\begin{gathered}
a=1, b=1, c=-4 \\
y=\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^{2}-4(1)(-4)}}{2(1)}=\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1+16}}{2} \\
y=\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{17}}{2}
\end{gathered}
$$

Ex 4: Solve $x^{2}+4=6 x$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x^{2}-6 x+4=0 \\
& =(-3)^{2}=9
\end{aligned} \begin{aligned}
& \left(x^{2}-6 x+9\right)+4-9=0 \\
& (x-3)^{2}+-5=0 \\
& (x-3)^{2}=5 \\
& x-3= \pm \sqrt{5} \\
& x=3 \pm \sqrt{5}
\end{aligned}
$$

Ex 5: Solve $\frac{1}{x-10}-\frac{1}{x-9}=1$
(rational eon)

$$
\begin{aligned}
&(x-10)(x-9)\left(\frac{1}{x-10}-\frac{1}{x-9}\right) x \neq 10,9 \\
& \frac{(x-10)(x-9)}{(x-10)}-\frac{(x-10)(x-9)}{(x-9)}=(x-9)(x-9) \\
& x-9-(x-10)=x^{2}-9 x-10 x+90 \\
&-9+10=x^{2}-19 x+90 \\
& 1=x^{2}-19 x+90 \\
& 0=x^{2}-19 x+89
\end{aligned}
$$

use

$$
\begin{aligned}
& a=1, b=-\frac{19, c=89}{2(1)} \\
& x=\frac{19 \pm \sqrt{(-19)^{2}-4(1)(89)}}{2} \\
& x=\frac{19 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

