

## TOPIC: QUADRATIC EQUATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

### Solving Quadratic Equations by Factoring

◆ A **quadratic equation** is an equation that can be written in the form:

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

(Standard Form)

► To solve a quadratic equation, write in standard form, factor, then set each factor equal to \_\_\_\_ & solve for  $x$ .

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Solving Quadratic Equations by Factoring

$$x^2 + 10x + 21 = 0$$

**Factor:**  $(x + \quad)(x + \quad) = 0$

**Set each factor = 0:**  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 0$   $\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 0$   
(Zero Product Property)

**Check answers:**

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### EXAMPLE

Solve the quadratic equation by factoring.

$$-x^2 = 3x - 4$$

Factors of $a \cdot c =$ _____	Sum of factors

### HOW TO: Solve Quad Eqns by Factoring

- 1) Write in **standard form**
- 2) Factor using any method
- 3) Set each factor = 0, solve for  $x$
- 4) Check answers by plugging into orig. eqn

### PRACTICE

Use the zero product rule to solve the following equations for  $x$ .

(A)  $(x - 5)(x + 3) = 0$

(B)  $2(x - 4)(x + 6) = 0$

### PRACTICE

Solve the following quadratic equations.

(A)  $2x^2 - 10x = 0$

(B)  $2x^2 = 5x + 3$

(C)  $\frac{x^2}{2} - 4 = x$