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Solving Quadratic Equations by Factoring

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◆ A **quadratic equation** is an equation that can be written in the form:
$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

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

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

Set each factor = 0: _____ = 0 _____ = 0
(Zero Product Property)

Check answers:

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EXAMPLE

Solve the quadratic equation by factoring.

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

Factors of $a \cdot c = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	Sum of factors

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)

$$\frac{x^2}{2} - 4 = x$$

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