

SOLVE USING FACTORING

1) $x^2 - 4 = 0$ when 2 terms: difference of two squares

$$(x+2)(x-2)=0 \quad \text{take square root, signs are different in answer}$$

Set each equal to zero:

$$x+2 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = -2, 2$$

2) $(x+9)(x-7)=0$ Set each equal to zero:

$$x+9 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x - 7 = 0$$

$$x = -9, 7$$

3) $(x-2)(3x-5)=0$ Set each equal to zero:

$$x-2 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 3x - 5 = 0$$

$$3x = 5$$

$$x = 2, \frac{5}{3}$$

4) $-2n(5n-1)=0$ Set each equal to zero:

$$-2n=0 \quad \text{and} \quad 5n-1=0$$

$$5n = 1$$

$$n = 0, \frac{1}{5}$$

5) $v^2 - 12v + 36 = 0$ factors of 36 that add (same signs +) to get 12

$$(v-6)(v-6) = 0 \quad \text{only put the answer once}$$

$$v-6 = 0$$

$$x = 6$$

6) $p^2 + 8p + 15 = 0$ factors of 15 that add (same signs +) to get 8

$$(p+5)(p+3) = 0 \quad \text{Set each equal to zero:}$$

$$x+5 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x + 3 = 0$$

$$x = -5, -3$$

7) $x^2 - 11x + 24 = 0$ factors of 24 that add (same signs +) to get 11,

$$(x-8)(x-3) = 0 \quad \text{signs are the same (first sign)}$$

$$x-8=0 \quad \text{and} \quad x-3=0$$

$$x = 8, 3$$

8) $p^2 + 7p - 30 = 0$ factors of 30 that subtract (different signs +) to get 7

$$(p+10)(p-3) = 0 \quad \text{Set each equal to zero:}$$

$$p+10 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad p - 3 = 0$$

$$p = -10, -3$$

9) $x^2 - 121 = 0$ when 2 terms: difference of two squares

$(x+11)(x-11)=0$ take square root, signs are different in answer

Set each equal to zero:

$$x+11 = 0 \text{ and } x - 11 = 0$$

$$x = -11, 11$$

10) $4x^2 = 32x$ move everything to the left = 0

$4x^2 - 32x = 0$ when 2 terms: use GCF

$4x(x-8)=0$ take GCF, always has only one set of parentheses

$$4x = 0 \text{ and } x - 8 = 0$$

$$x = 0, 8$$

11) $x^2 - 11x + 24 = 0$ factors of 24 that add (same signs +) to get 11,

$(x-8)(x-3)=0$ signs are the same (first sign)

$$x-8=0 \text{ and } x-3=0$$

$$x = 8, 3$$

EASY WAY TO GET FACTORS:

FACTORS 24

Write Factors: 1 and 24

then double the left column
and half the right column



EASY WAY TO GET FACTORS

DOUBLE	HALF
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1	24
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2	12
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4	6
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8	3
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ALWAYS TRY 2, 3, 5, 7 ON
THE LEFT-HAND SIDE IF YOU CAN'T
HALF THE RIGHT

12) $-2n(5n-1)=0$

$-2n=0$ and $5n-1=0$

$5n = 1$

$n = 0, \frac{1}{5}$

set each equal to zero and solve for x
divide by 5

13) $t^2 + 5t + 4 = 0$ factors of 4 that add (same signs +) to get 5

$(t+1)(t+4) = 0$

set each equal to zero and solve for x

$t+1=0$ and $t+4=0$

$t = -1, 4$

14) $t^2 - 14t + 45 = 0$ factors of 45 that add (same signs -) to get 14

$(t-9)(t-5) = 0$

set each equal to zero and solve for x

$t-9=0$ and $t-5=0$

$t = 9, 5$

15) $v^2 + 12v + 27 = 0$ factors of 27 that add (same signs +) to get 12

$(v+9)(v+3) = 0$

set each equal to zero and solve for x

$v+9=0$ and $v+3=0$

$v = -9, -3$

16) $g^2 + 2g - 35 = 0$ factors of 35 that subtract (different signs) to get 2

$(g+7)(g-5)=0$ (higher number gets 1st sign from problem)

$g + 7 = 0$ and $g - 5 = 0$

set each equal to zero and solve for x

$g = -7, 5$

17) $2s^2 + 9s = 35$ move 35 to the left = 0

$2s^2 + 9s - 35 = 0$ **SLIDE AND DIVIDE**
 $s^2 + 9s - 70 = 0$ factors of 70, subtract (different signs) to get 9
 $(s-5)(s+14) = 0$ the divide by 2
 $2 \quad 2$
 $s - \frac{5}{2} = 0$ and $s + \frac{14}{2} = 0$
 $s = \frac{5}{2}, -7$

18) $4w^2 + 8w = 3$ move 3 to the left and set = 0

$4w^2 + 8w - 3 = 0$ **SLIDE AND DIVIDE**
 $w^2 + 8w + 12 = 0$ factors of 12 that add (same signs +) to get 8
 $(w+2)(w+6) = 0$ the divide by 4
 $4 \quad 4$
 $w + \frac{2}{4} = 0$ and $w + \frac{6}{4} = 0$ reduce each fraction
 $w = -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}$

19) $5m^2 - 26m - 24 = 0$
 $m^2 - 26m - 120 = 0$ factors of 120 that subtract (different signs +) to get 26
 $(m+4)(m-30) = 0$ *higher # is -* the divide by 5
 $5 \quad 5$
 $m + \frac{4}{5} = 0$ and $m - 6 = 0$
 $m = -\frac{4}{5}, 6$

20) $4s^2 - 25s = 21$ move 21 to the left and set =0



$$4s^2 - 25s - 21 = 0$$

$s^2 - 25s - 84 = 0$ factors of 84 that subtract (different signs +) to get 25

$$(s+3)(s-28)=0 \quad \text{higher \# is -} \quad \text{the divide by 4}$$

$$4 \quad 4$$

$$s + \frac{3}{4} = 0 \text{ and } s - 7 = 0$$

$$s = -\frac{3}{4}, 7$$