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## Algebra 1

## Unit 3A Notes: Quadratic Functions Factoring and Solving Quadratic Functions and Equations

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| Standard | Lesson |
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| Write expressions in equivalent forms to solve problems |  |
| MGSE9-12.A.SSE.3 |  |
| Choose and produce an equivalent form of an expression to reveal and explain |  |
| properties of the quantity represented by the expression. |  |
| MGSE9-12.A.SSE.3a |  |
| Factor any quadratic expression to reveal the zeros of the function defined by the |  |
| expression. |  |
| MGSE9-12.A.SSE.3b <br> Complete the square in a quadratic expression to reveal the maximum and minimum <br> value of the function defined by the expression. |  |
| Interpret structure of expressions <br> MGSE9-12.A.SSE.2 |  |
| Use the structure of an expression to rewrite it in different equivalent forms. For |  |
| example, see $\mathrm{x}^{4}-\mathrm{y}^{4}$ as $\left(\mathrm{x}^{2}\right)^{2}-\left(\mathrm{y}^{2}\right)^{2}$, thus recognizing it as a difference of squares that |  |
| can be factored as ( $\left.\mathrm{x}^{2}-\mathrm{y}^{2}\right)\left(\mathrm{x}^{2}+\mathrm{y}^{2}\right)$. |  |

## Unit 3A: Factoring \& Solving Quadratic Equations

After completion of this unit, you will be able to...

## Learning Target \#1: Factoring

- Factor the GCF out of a polynomial
- Factor a polynomial when $a=1$
- Factor a polynomial when $a \neq 1$
- Factor special products (difference of two squares)


## Learning Target \#2: Solving by Factoring Methods

- Solve a quadratic equation by factoring a GCF.
- Solve a quadratic equation by factoring when a is not 1 .
- Create a quadratic equation given a graph or the zeros of a function.


## Learning Target \#3: Solving by Non Factoring Methods

- Solve a quadratic equation by finding square roots.
- Solve a quadratic equation by completing the square.
- Solve a quadratic equation by using the Quadratic Formula.


## Learning Target \#4: Solving Quadratic Equations

- Solve a quadratic equation by analyzing the equation and determining the best method for solving.
- Solve quadratic applications

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## Day 1 - Factor by GCF

## Standard(s):

MGSE9-12.A.SSE.3a Factor any quadratic expression to reveal the zeros of the function defined by the expression.

## What is Factoring?

## Factoring

- Finding out which two expressions you $\qquad$ together to get one single expression.
- "Splitting" an expression into a product of simpler expressions.
- The opposite of expanding or distributing.


Numbers have factors:


Expressions have factors too:


## Review: Finding the GCF of Two Numbers

## Common Factors

- Factors that are shared by two or more numbers


## Greatest Common Factor (GCF)

- To find the GCF create a factor t-chart for each number and find the largest common factor Example: Find the GCF of 56 and 104


| 104 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 104 |
| 2 | 52 |
| 4 | 26 |
| 8 | 13 |

So, the GCF of 56 and 104 is 8 .

Practice: Find the GCF of the following numbers.
a. 30, 45
b. 12,54

## Finding the GCF of Two Expressions

To find the GCF of two expressions, create a factor chart for the two numbers AND expand the variables. Circle what is common to both.

Example: Find the GCF of $36 x^{2} y$ and $16 x y$

Practice: Find the GCF of the following pairs of expressions.

1) $15 x^{3}$ and $9 x^{2}$
2) $9 a^{2} b^{2}, 6 a b^{3}$, and $12 b$
3) $8 x^{2}$ and $7 y^{3}$

## Factoring by GCF

## Steps for Factoring by GCF

1. Find the greatest common factor of all the terms.
2. The GCF of the terms goes on the outside of the expression and what is leftover goes in parenthesis after the GCF.
3. After "factoring out" the GCF, the only that number that divides into each term should be 1.

Practice: Factor each expression.

1) $x^{2}+5 x \quad$ GCF $=$
2) $x^{2}-8 x \quad$ GCF $=$
3) $28 \mathrm{x}-63 \quad \mathrm{GCF}=$
4) $18 x^{2}-6 x \quad$ GCF $=$
5) $-2 m^{2}-8 m$
GCF =
6) $-9 a^{2}-a$
GCF =
7) $6 x^{3}-9 x^{2}+12 x \quad$ GCF $=$
8) $4 x^{3}+6 x^{2}-8 x \quad$ GCF $=$
9) $15 x^{3} y^{2}+10 x^{2} y^{4} \quad$ GCF $=$

## Day 2 - Factor Trinomials when $\mathrm{a}=1$

## Standard(s):

MGSE9-12.A.SSE.3a Factor any quadratic expression to reveal the zeros of the function defined by the expression.


Factoring a trinomial means finding two $\qquad$ that when multiplied together produce the given trinomial.

## Skill Preview: "Big X" Problems

Complete the diamond problems. The top cell contains the product of the numbers in the left and right cells, while the bottom cell contains the sum.
(1)

(2)


(4)

(5)

(6)

(7)

( 8 )

(9)

(10)

(11)

(12)


## Factoring using Quadratic Trinomials when $\mathrm{a}=1$

## Steps for Factoring when $\mathrm{a}=1$

Step 1: ALWAYS check to see if you can factor out a GCF
Step 2: Draw parentheses for the binomial factors and fill in the variables. Ex ( $x$ ) ( $x$ )
Step 3: Complete a "Big X" and T-chart
Step 4: Determine what two numbers can be multiplied to get your "a•c" term and added to get your "b" term. (Use a factor T-chart)
Step 5: Fill the factors in the parentheses.

Example: Factor the trinomial.
$x^{2}+6 x+8$
factored form: $\qquad$


Factor the following trinomials.
a. Factor $x^{2}+4 x-32$
b. Factor $x^{2}-3 x-18$
c. Factor $x^{2}-36$
d. Factor $2 x^{2}+16 x+24$

Remember: You must ALWAYS include the GCF on the outside of the factored form!

## Day 3 - Factor Trinomials with a $\neq 1$

In the previous lesson, we factored polynomials for which the coefficient of the squared term, "a" was always 1 . Today we will focus on examples for which $a \neq 1$.

## Looking for Patterns

What do you observe in the following Area Models?

|  |  | $3 x$ |  | +4 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $3 x^{2}$ | $+4 x$ |  |  |
|  | $-9 x$ | -12 |  |  |


|  | $4 x$ | +3 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|   <br>  $8 x^{2}$ <br> $+6 x$  <br>  $+4 x$ | +3 |  |

## Factoring is the

$\qquad$ of
distributing or multiplying.

$$
(x-3)(3 x+4)=3 x^{2}-5 x-12
$$

$$
(2 x+1)(4 x+3)=8 x^{2}+10 x+3
$$

| STEP 1: <br> - ALWAYS check to see if you can factor out a GCF. | Factor: $2 x^{2}-5 x+3$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| STEP 2: <br> - Complete a "Big X" and T-chart <br> - Determine what two numbers can be multiplied to get your "a.c" term and added to get your "b" term. | Factors of $a \bullet C$ |
| STEP 3: <br> - Create a $2 \times 2$ Area Model and place your original "a" term in the top left box and "c" term in the bottom right box. <br> - Fill the remaining two boxes with the two numbers you found in "Big X" and place an x after them. | $\ldots$ |
| STEP 4: <br> - Factor out a GCF from each row and column |  |
| STEP 5: <br> - Check your factors on the outside by multiplying them together to make sure you get all the expressions in your box. | Factored Form: |

## Factoring $a \neq 1$

Using the Area Model. Factor the following trinomials.

1. $5 x^{2}+14 x-3$

Factored Form: $\qquad$
2. $2 x^{2}-17 x-30$

Factored Form:
3. $12 x^{2}+56 x+64$

Factored Form:
4. $6 x^{2}-40 x+24$

Factored Form: $\qquad$

## Day 4 - Factor Special Products

## Standard(s): MGSE9-12.A.SSE. 2

Use the structure of an expression to rewrite it in different equivalent forms. For example, see $x^{4}-y^{4}$ as $\left(x^{2}\right)^{2}-\left(y^{2}\right)^{2}$, thus recognizing it as a difference of squares that can be factored as $\left(x^{2}-y^{2}\right)\left(x^{2}+y^{2}\right)$.

Review: Factor the following expressions:
a. $x^{2}-49$
b. $x^{2}-25$
C. $x^{2}-81$

1. What do you notice about the "a" term? $\qquad$
2. What do you notice about the " $c$ " term? $\qquad$
3. What do you notice about the "b" term? $\qquad$
4. What do you notice about the factored form? $\qquad$

The above polynomials are a special pattern type of polynomials; this pattern is called a


Can you apply the "Difference of Two Squares" to the following polynomials?
a. $9 x^{2}-49$
b. $9 x^{2}-100$
C. $4 x^{2}-25$
d. $16 x^{2}-1$
e. $x^{2}+25$
f. $25 x^{2}-64$
g. $36 x^{2}-81$
h. $49 x^{2}-9$

Review: Factor the following expressions:
a. $x^{2}+8 x+16$
b. $x^{2}-2 x+1$
c. $x^{2}-10 x+25$

1. What do you notice about the "a" term? $\qquad$
2. What do you notice about the " $c$ " term? $\qquad$
3. What do you notice about the "b" term? $\qquad$
4. What do you notice about the factored form? $\qquad$

The above polynomials are a second type of pattern; this pattern type is called a


Using the perfect square trinomial pattern, see if you can fill in the blanks below:
a. $x^{2}+$ $\qquad$ $+36$
b. $x^{2}-$ $\qquad$ $+81$
c. $x^{2}-\quad+64$
d. $x^{2}+4 x+$ $\qquad$ e. $x^{2}-6 x+$
f. $x^{2}+20 x+$ $\qquad$

## Day 5 - Solving Quadratics (GCF, when $a=1$, when $a$ not 1)

## Standard(s):

MGSE9-12.A.REI. 4 Solve quadratic equations in one variable.

## The Main Characteristics of a Quadratic Function

- A quadratic function always has an exponent of $\qquad$ .
- The standard form of a quadratic equation is
- The U-shaped graph is called a $\qquad$ .
- The highest or lowest point on the graph is called the $\qquad$ -
- The points where the graph crosses the x-axis are called the
$\qquad$ -
- The points where the graph crosses are also called the
$\qquad$ to the quadratic equation. A
quadratic equation can have $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ or $\qquad$ solutions.

In this unit, we are going to explore how to solve quadratic equations.

## Solving a quadratic equation really means:

Finding its $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ or $\qquad$ .

Create an equation to represent the following graphs:



## Zero Product Property and Factored Form

## Zero Product Property

- The zero-product property is used to $\qquad$ an equation when one side is zero and the other side is a product of binomial factors.
- The zero product property states that if $a \cdot b=0$, then $a=0$ or $b=0$

Examples: Identify the zeros of the functions:
a. $(x-2)(x+4)=0$
b. $x(x+4)=0$
c. $(x+3)^{2}=0$
d. $y=(x+4)(x+3)$
e. $y=x(x-9)$
f. $f(x)=5(x-4)(x+8)$

Solve the following quadratic equations by factoring (GCF) and using the Zero Product Property.

## 1: Factoring \& Solving Quadratic Equations - GCF

Practice: Solve the following equations by factoring out the GCF.

1. $3 x^{2}=18 x$
2. $-3 x^{2}-12 x=0$
$\qquad$ Factored Form: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

Solve the following quadratic equations by factoring and using the Zero Product Property.

## 2: Factoring \& Solving Quadratic Equations when $a=1$

3. $y=x^{2}-6 x+9$
4. $x^{2}+4 x=32$

Factored Form: $\qquad$
Zeros: $\qquad$

Factored Form: $\qquad$
Zeros: $\qquad$

## 3: Factoring \& Solving Quadratic Equations when a not 1

5. $y=5 x^{2}+14 x-3$

Factored Form: $\qquad$
Zeroes: $\qquad$
6. $2 x^{2}-8 x=42$

Factored Form: $\qquad$
Zeroes: $\qquad$

## Graphic Organizer: Reviewing Methods for Factoring

Before you factor any expression, you must always check for and factor out a Greatest Common Factor (GCF)!

|  | Looks Like | How to Factor | Examples |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $a x^{2}-b x$ | Factor out what is common to both terms (mentally or list method) | $\begin{gathered} x^{2}+5 x=x(x+5) \\ 18 x^{2}-6 x=6 x(3 x-1) \\ -9 x^{2}-x=-x(9 x+1) \end{gathered}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \overrightarrow{\prime \prime} \\ & \text { "1 } \end{aligned}$ | $x^{2}+b x+c$ | Think of what two numbers multiply to get the c term and add to get the $b$ term (Think of the diamond). You also need to think about the signs: $\begin{gathered} x^{2}+b x+c=(x+\#)(x+\#) \\ x^{2}-b x+c=(x-\#)(x-\#) \\ x^{2}-b x-c / x^{2}+b x-c=(x+\#)(x-\#) \end{gathered}$ | $x^{2}+8 x+7=(x+7)(x+1)$ $x^{2}-5 x+6=(x-2)(x-3)$ $x^{2}-x-56=(x+7)(x-8)$ |
|  | $a x^{2}+b x+c$ | Area Model: $3 x^{2}-5 x-12$ <br> Factors of $\mathrm{a} \cdot \mathrm{C}$ <br> Factored Form : $(x-3)(3 x+4)$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9 x^{2}-11 x+2=(9 x-2)(x-1) \\ & 2 x^{2}+15 x+7=(2 x+1)(x+7) \\ & 3 x^{2}-5 x-28=(2 x+7)(x-4) \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{x}^{2}-\mathrm{c}$ | Both your "a" and " c " terms should be perfect squares and since there is no " b " term, it has a value of 0 . You must also be subtracting the a and c terms. Your binomials will be the exact same except for opposite signs. <br> Difference of Squares $a^{2}-b^{2}=(a+b)(a-b)$ | $\begin{aligned} x^{2}-9 & =(x+3)(x-3) \\ x^{2}-100 & =(x+10)(x-10) \\ 4 x^{2}-25 & =(2 x+5)(2 x-5) \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $x^{2}+b x+c$ <br> " $c$ " is a perfect square <br> " $b$ " is double the square root of $c$ | Factor like you would for when $\mathrm{a}=1$ | $\begin{aligned} x^{2}-6 x+9 & =(x-3)(x-3) \\ & =(x-3)^{2} \end{aligned}$ $\begin{aligned} x^{2}+16 x+64 & =(x+8)(x+8) \\ & =(x+8)^{2} \end{aligned}$ |

## Day 6 - Solving Quadratics by Finding Square Roots

## Standard(s): MGSE9-12.A.REI.4b

Solve quadratic equations by inspection (e.g., for $x^{2}=49$ ), taking square roots, factoring, completing the square, and the quadratic formula, as appropriate to the initial form of the equation (limit to real number solutions).

Review: If possible, simplify the following radicals completely.
a. $\sqrt{25}$
b. $\sqrt{125}$
c. $\sqrt{24}$

Explore: Solve the following equations for x :
a. $x^{2}=16$
b. $x^{2}=4$
c. $x^{2}=9$
d. $x^{2}=1$

Remember: When taking square roots to solve for $x$, you get a positive and negative answer!

## Steps for Solving Quadratics by Finding Square Roots

1. Add or Subtract any constants that are on the same side of $x^{2}$.
2. Multiply or Divide any constants from $x^{2}$ terms. "Get $x^{2}$ by itself"
3. Take square root of both sides and set equal to positive and negative roots ( $\pm$ ).

$$
\text { Ex: } \begin{aligned}
x^{2} & =25 \\
\sqrt{ } x^{2} & =\sqrt{ } 25 \\
x & = \pm 5 \\
x & =+5 \text { and } x=-5
\end{aligned}
$$

REMEMBER WHEN SOLVING FOR X YOU GET A $\qquad$ AND $\qquad$ ANSWER!

Solve the following for x :

1) $x^{2}=49$
2) $x^{2}=20$
3) $x^{2}=0$
4) $3 x^{2}=108$
5) $x^{2}-11=14$
6) $7 x^{2}-6=57$
7) $4 x^{2}-6=74$

## Solving by Finding Square Roots (More Complicated)

## Steps for Solving Quadratics by Finding Square Roots with Parentheses

1. Add or Subtract any constants outside of any parenthesis.
2. Multiply or Divide any constants around parenthesis/squared term. "Get ( ) ${ }^{2}$ by itself"
3. Take square root of both sides and set your expression equal to BOTH the positive and negative root ( $\pm$ ). Ex: $(x+4)^{2}=25$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sqrt{ }(x+4)^{2}=\sqrt{ } 25 \\
& (x+4)= \pm 5 \\
& x+4=+5 \text { and } x+4=-5 \\
& x=1 \text { and } x=-9
\end{aligned}
$$

4. Add, subtract, multiply, or divide any remaining numbers to isolate $x$.

REMEMBER WHEN SOLVING FOR X YOU GET A POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ANSWER!

## Solve the following for $\mathbf{x}$ :

1) $(x-4)^{2}=81$
2) $(p-4)^{2}=16$
3) $10(x-7)^{2}=440$
4) $\frac{1}{2}(x+8)^{2}=14$
5) $-2(x+3)^{2}-16=-48$
6) $3(x-4)^{2}+7=67$

## Day 7 - Solving by Completing the Square

## Standard(s): MGSE9-12.A.REI.4b

Solve quadratic equations by inspection (e.g., for $x^{2}=49$ ), taking square roots, factoring, completing the square, and the quadratic formula, as appropriate to the initial form of the equation (limit to real number solutions).

Some trinomials form special patterns that can easily allow you to factor the quadratic equation. We will look at two special cases:
Review: Factor the following trinomials.

| $1 . x^{2}-6 x+9$ | $2 \cdot x^{2}+10 x+25$ | $3 \cdot x^{2}-16 x+64$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |

(a) How does the constant term in the binomial relate to the b term in the trinomial?
(b) How does the constant term in the binomial relate to the c term in the trinomial?

Problems 1-3 are called Perfect Square Trinomials. These trinomials are called perfect square trinomials because when they are in their factored form, they are a binomial squared.

An example would be $x^{2}+12 x+36$. Its factored form is $(x+6)^{2}$, which is a binomial squared.
But what if you were not given the c term of a trinomial? How could we find it?

Complete the square to form a perfect square trinomial and then factor.
a. $x^{2}+12 x+\square$
b. $z^{2}-4 z+\square$
C. $x^{2}-18 x+\square$

The Equation:
STEP 1: Write the equation in the form

$$
x^{2}+b x+\square=c+\square
$$

(Bring the constant to the other side)
STEP 2: Make the left-hand side a perfect square trinomial by adding $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^{2}$ to both sides
STEP 3: Factor the left side, simplify the right side
STEP 4: Solve by taking square roots on both sides

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x^{2}+6 x+2=0 \\
& x^{2}+6 x+\square=-2+\square
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
x^{2}+6 x+(3)^{2}=-2+(3)^{2}
$$

$$
(x+3)^{2}=7
$$

$$
x+3=\sqrt{7} \quad \text { and } x+3=-\sqrt{7}
$$

$$
x=\sqrt{7} \quad 3 \text { and } x=\sqrt{7} \quad 3
$$

Group Practice: Solve for $x$ by "Completing the Square".

1. $x^{2}-6 x-72=0$
2. $x^{2}+80=18 x$
$\qquad$ $X=$ $\qquad$
3. $x^{2}-14 x-59=-20$
4. $2 x^{2}-36 x+10=0$
$X=$ $\qquad$ $X=$ $\qquad$

## Day 8 - Solving by Quadratic Formula

Standard(s): MGSE9-12.A.REI.4b Solve quadratic equations by inspection (e.g., for $x^{2}=49$ ), taking square roots, factoring, completing the square, and the quadratic formula, as appropriate to the initial form of the equation (limit to real number solutions).

## Exploring the Nature of Roots

Determine the number of real solutions (roots/x-intercepts) for the following graphs:

1. $f(x)=x^{2}-4 x+3$
2. $f(x)=x^{2}+10 x+25$
3. $f(x)=x^{2}+x+1$




The Discriminant
Given a quadratic function in standard form: $a x^{2}+b x+c=0$, where $a \neq 0$,

- The discriminant is found by using: $\boldsymbol{b}^{2}-4 \boldsymbol{a c}$
- The discriminant can be used to determine the real number of solutions for a quadratic equation.

Interpretation of the Discriminant ( $b^{2}-4 a c$ )

- If $b^{2}-4 a c$ is positive:
- If $b^{2}-4 a c$ is zero:
- If $b^{2}-4 a c$ is negative:

Practice: Find the discriminant for the previous three functions:
a) $f(x)=x^{2}-4 x+3$
b) $f(x)=x^{2}+10 x+25$
c) $f(x)=x^{2}+x+1$

Discriminant: $\qquad$ \#of real solutions: $\qquad$ -
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We have learned three methods for solving quadratics:

- Factoring (Only works if the equation is factorable)
- Taking the Square Roots (Only works when equations are not in Standard Form)
- Completing the Square (Only works when $a$ is 1 and $b$ is even)

What method do you use when your equations are not factorable, but are in standard form, and a may not be 1 and $b$ may not be even?

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \begin{array}{l}
\text { The Quadratic Formula } \\
\text { for equations in standard form: } y=a x^{2}+b x+c
\end{array} \\
& \qquad x=\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^{2}-4 a c}}{2 a}
\end{aligned} \text { x represents the zeros and } b^{2}-4 a c \text { is the discriminant } \text {. }
$$

## Practice with the Quadratic Formula

For the quadratic equations below, use the quadratic formula to find the solutions. Write your answer in simplest radical form.

1) $4 x^{2}-13 x+3=0 \quad a=$ $\qquad$ $b=$ $\qquad$ $C=$ $\qquad$ 2) $9 x^{2}+6 x+1=0$
$\mathrm{a}=$ $\qquad$ $b=$ $\qquad$ $C=$
$\qquad$ Discriminant: $\qquad$
Solutions: $\qquad$ Zeros: $\qquad$
$a=$ $\qquad$ b $=$ $\qquad$ c = $\qquad$ 4) $-3 x^{2}+2 x=-8$
$a=$ $\qquad$ $b=$ $\qquad$ $c=$ $\qquad$

Discriminant: $\qquad$ Discriminant: $\qquad$
$X=$ $\qquad$ Roots: $\qquad$

## Determining the Best Method

| Non-Factorable Methods |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Completing the Square | Finding Square Roots |  | Quadratic Formula |
| $a x^{2}+b x+c=0$ <br> when $a=1$ and $b$ is an even \# <br> Examples $\begin{aligned} & x^{2}-6 x+11=0 \\ & x^{2}-2 x-20=0 \end{aligned}$ | $a x^{2}-c=0$ <br> Parenthesis in eq $\begin{aligned} & \text { Examples } \\ & 2 x^{2}+5=9 \\ & 5(x+3)^{2}-5=20 \\ & x^{2}-36=0 \end{aligned}$ | ation | $a x^{2}+b x+c=0$ <br> Any equation in standard form Large coefficients <br> Examples $\begin{aligned} & 3 x^{2}+9 x-1=0 \\ & 20 x^{2}+36 x-17=0 \end{aligned}$ |
| Factorable Methods |  |  |  |
| A = 1 \& A Not 1 (Factor into 2 Binomials) |  | GCF |  |
| $a x^{2}+b x+c=0$, when $a=1$ $a x^{2} \pm b x \pm c=0$, when $a>1$ $x^{2}-c=0$ <br> Examples $\begin{aligned} & 3 x^{2}-20 x-7=0 \\ & x^{2}-3 x+2=0 \\ & x^{2}+5 x=-6 \\ & x^{2}-25=0 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | Examples $\begin{aligned} & 5 x^{2}+20 x=0 \\ & x^{2}-6 x=8 x \end{aligned}$ |  |

