

- ☛ Goals: 1) Define the Sum & Product of roots of a complete quadratic equation.
 2) Express a quadratic equation in terms of sum and product of its roots.
 3) Test if a quadratic equation admits an evident root, and find the second root.

Focusing event:

Can you find two natural numbers whose:

- a) sum is 4 and product is 3?(show your work)

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- b) sum is 12 and product is 5?(show your work)

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I- Consider the quadratic equation: $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c = 0$.

- 1) Complete the following: α & β are two distinct roots of $f(x)$, if: $f(\alpha) = \dots$ &

- 2) Find for these roots their:

i. Sum: $S = \dots = \dots$

ii. Product: $P = \dots = \dots$

- 3) What do the factors $(x - \alpha)$ & $(x - \beta)$ represent for $f(x)$?

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- 4) Deduce the factorized form of $f(x)$:

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- 5) Write the expanded form of $f(x)$ in terms of α & β :

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- 6) Express the quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ in terms of S & P :

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- 7) If $f(x)$ can be written in the form: $x^2 - Sx + P = 0$, then specify the condition for which $f(x)$ admits two real roots:

Conclusion:

A second degree equation can be written in the form: $x^2 - Sx + P = 0$.
 And it admits two real roots iff: $\Delta \geq 0$
 That is to say if: $S^2 - 4P \geq 0$

Evident root of a second degree trinomial

II- Answer the following:

a) Complete the following table:

Expression	Sum: $a + b + c$	$f_i(1)$	$f_i\left(\frac{c}{a}\right)$
$f_1(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3$			
$f_2(x) = x^2 + 6x - 7$			
$f_3(x) = 3x^2 - 5x + 2$			
$f_4(x) = x^2 - 2x + 2$			
$f_5(x) = 2x^2 - 3x + 5$			
$f_6(x) = x^2 + x - 3$			

b) Which of the above admits:

a. A zero sum?

b. 1 & $\frac{c}{a}$ as roots?

c) What do you conclude?

III- Determine in simplest way possible the roots of the following quadratic equations:

a) $x^2 + 3x - 4 = 0$

b) $2x^2 - 5x + 3 = 0$

c) $3x^2 + 7x + 4 = 0$

Conclusion:

In a second degree equation of the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$:

✓ If $a + b + c = 0$ then the given equation admits:

☞ $x_1 = 1$ as an evident root.

☞ And $x_2 = P = \frac{c}{a}$ as a 2nd root.

✓ If $b = a + c$ then the given equation admits:

☞ $x_1 = -1$ as an evident root.

☞ And $x_2 = -P = -\frac{c}{a}$ as a 2nd root.