

Chapter 2 — Quadratic functions

2.2 Solving quadratic equations with rational roots

2.2 Exercise

1 a $10x^2 + 23x = 21$

$$10x^2 + 23x - 21 = 0$$

$$\therefore (10x - 7)(x + 3) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{7}{10}, x = -3$$

b Zero of $x = -5 \Rightarrow (x - (-5)) = (x + 5)$ is a factor and zero of $x = 0 \Rightarrow (x - 0) = x$ is a factor

The quadratic takes the form $(x + 5)x = x^2 + 5x$.

2 $(5x - 1)^2 - 16 = 0$

$$\therefore (5x - 1)^2 = 16$$

$$\therefore 5x - 1 = \pm\sqrt{16}$$

$$\therefore 5x - 1 = 4 \quad \text{or} \quad 5x - 1 = -4$$

$$\therefore 5x = 5 \quad 5x = -3$$

$$\therefore x = 1, -\frac{3}{5}$$

3 a $(3x - 4)(2x + 1) = 0$

$$3x - 4 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x + 1 = 0$$

$$3x = 4 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x = -1$$

$$x = \frac{4}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{4}{3}, -\frac{1}{2}$$

b $x^2 - 7x + 12 = 0$

$$(x - 4)(x - 3) = 0$$

$$x = 4, 3$$

c $8x^2 + 26x + 21 = 0$

$$(2x + 3)(4x + 7) = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{7}{4}$$

d $10x^2 - 2x = 0$

$$2x(5x - 1) = 0$$

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

e $12x^2 + 40x - 32 = 0$

$$4(3x^2 + 10x - 8) = 0$$

$$4(3x - 2)(x + 4) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{2}{3}, -4$$

f $\frac{1}{2}x^2 - 5x = 0$

$$\frac{1}{2}x(x - 10) = 0$$

$$x = 0, 10$$

4 a $(x + 2)^2 = 9$

$$x + 2 = \pm\sqrt{9}$$

$$x = \pm 3 - 2$$

$$x = -5, 1$$

b $(x - 1)^2 - 25 = 0$

$$(x - 1)^2 = 25$$

$$x - 1 = \pm\sqrt{25}$$

$$x = \pm 5 + 1$$

$$x = -4, 6$$

c $(x - 7)^2 + 4 = 0$

$$(x - 7)^2 = -4$$

$$x - 7 = \pm\sqrt{-4}$$

No real solutions

d $(2x + 11)^2 = 81$

$$2x + 11 = \pm\sqrt{81}$$

$$2x + 11 = \pm 9$$

$$2x = \pm 9 - 11$$

$$2x = -20, -2$$

$$x = -\frac{20}{2}, -\frac{2}{2}$$

$$x = -10, -1$$

e $(7 - x)^2 = 0$

$$7 - x = \pm\sqrt{0}$$

$$7 - x = 0$$

$$x = 7$$

f $8 - \frac{1}{2}(x - 4)^2 = 0$

$$\frac{1}{2}(x - 4)^2 = 8$$

$$(x - 4)^2 = 16$$

$$x - 4 = \pm\sqrt{16}$$

$$x = \pm 4 + 4$$

$$x = 0, 8$$

5 a $3x(5 - x) = 0$.

$$\therefore 3x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 5 - x = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0, x = 5$$

b $(3 - x)(7x - 1) = 0$.

$$\therefore 3 - x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 7x - 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 3, x = \frac{1}{7}$$

c $(x + 8)^2 = 0$

$$\therefore x = -8$$

d $2(x + 4)(6 + x) = 0$

$$\therefore x = -4, x = -6$$

6 a $6x^2 + 5x + 1 = 0$

$$\therefore (3x + 1)(2x + 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore 3x + 1 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x + 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{1}{3}, x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

b $12x^2 - 7x = 10$

$$\therefore 12x^2 - 7x - 10 = 0$$

$$\therefore (4x - 5)(3x + 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore 4x - 5 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 3x + 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{5}{4}, x = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{c } 49 = 14x - x^2$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 14x + 49 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x-7)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 7$$

$$\text{d } 5x + 25 - 30x^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore -5(6x^2 - x - 5) = 0$$

$$\therefore 6x^2 - x - 5 = 0$$

$$\therefore (6x+5)(x-1) = 0$$

$$\therefore 6x+5=0 \text{ or } x-1=0$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{5}{6}, x = 1$$

$$\text{7 a } x^2 = 121$$

$$\therefore x = \pm 11$$

$$\text{b } 9x^2 = 16$$

$$\therefore x^2 = \frac{16}{9}$$

$$\therefore x = \pm \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\text{c } (x-5)^2 = 1$$

$$\therefore x-5 = \pm 1$$

$$\therefore x = 1+5 \text{ or } x = -1+5$$

$$\therefore x = 6, x = 4$$

$$\text{d } (5-2x)^2 - 49 = 0$$

$$\therefore [(5-2x)-7][(5-2x)+7] = 0$$

$$\therefore (-2-2x)(12-2x) = 0$$

$$\therefore -2-2x=0 \text{ or } 12-2x=0$$

$$\therefore -2=2x \text{ or } 12=2x$$

$$\therefore x = -1, x = 6$$

$$\text{e } 2(3x-1)^2 - 8 = 0$$

$$2(3x-1)^2 - 8 = 0$$

$$\therefore 2(3x-1)^2 = 8$$

$$\therefore (3x-1)^2 = 4$$

$$\therefore 3x-1 = \pm 2$$

$$\therefore 3x=3 \text{ or } 3x=-1$$

$$\therefore x = 1, x = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{f } (x^2+1)^2 = 100$$

$$\therefore (x^2+1) = \pm 10$$

$$\therefore x^2+1 = 10 \text{ or } x^2+1 = -10$$

$$\therefore x^2 = 9 \text{ or } x^2 = -11$$

Reject $x^2 = -11$, since x^2 cannot be negative.

$$\therefore x^2 = 9$$

$$\therefore x = \pm 3$$

$$\text{8 } (x-\alpha)(x-\beta) = 0$$

a If the roots are $x = 1, x = 7$, the equation must be

$$(x-1)(x-7) = 0.$$

b If the roots are $x = -5, x = 4$, the equation must be

$$(x+5)(x-4) = 0.$$

c If the roots are $x = 0, x = 10$, the equation must be

$$(x-0)(x-10) = 0.$$

$$\therefore x(x-10) = 0.$$

d If the quadratic equation has one root only of $x = 2$, the equation must be $(x-2)(x-2) = 0$.

$$\therefore (x-2)^2 = 0.$$

$$\text{9 } 9x^4 + 17x^2 - 2 = 0$$

Let $a = x^2$.

$$9a^2 + 17a - 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore (9a-1)(a+2) = 0$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{1}{9}, a = -2$$

Substitute back for x^2 .

$$x^2 = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\therefore x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{9}} \text{ or } x^2 = -2 \text{ no real solutions, therefore reject}$$

$$\therefore x = \pm \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{10 a } 18(x-3)^2 + 9(x-3) - 2 = 0$$

Let $x-3 = a$.

$$18a^2 + 9a - 2 = 0$$

$$(6a-1)(3a+2) = 0$$

Substitute $x-3 = a$

$$(6(x-3)-1)(3(x-3)+2) = 0$$

$$(6x-18-1)(3x-9+2) = 0$$

$$(6x-19)(3x-7) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{19}{6}, \frac{7}{3}$$

$$\text{b } 5(x+2)^2 + 23(x+2) + 12 = 0$$

Let $x+2 = a$.

$$5a^2 + 23a + 12 = 0$$

$$(a+4)(5a+3) = 0$$

Substitute $x+2 = a$

$$(x+2+4)(5(x+2)+3) = 0$$

$$(x+6)(5x+10+3) = 0$$

$$(x+6)(5x+13) = 0$$

$$x = -6, -\frac{13}{5}$$

$$\text{c } x + 6 + \frac{8}{x} = 0$$

$$x \times \left(x + 6 + \frac{8}{x} \right) = x \times 0$$

$$x^2 + 6x + 8 = 0$$

$$(x+2)(x+4) = 0$$

$$x = -2, -4$$

$$\text{d } 2x + \frac{3}{x} = 7$$

$$x \times \left(2x + \frac{3}{x} \right) = x \times 7$$

$$2x^2 + 3 = 7x$$

$$2x^2 - 7x + 3 = 0$$

$$(2x-1)(x-3) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}, 3$$

$$\text{11 a } (3x+4)^2 + 9(3x+4) - 10 = 0$$

Let $a = 3x+4$.

$$\therefore a^2 + 9a - 10 = 0$$

$$\therefore (a+10)(a-1) = 0$$

$$\therefore a = -10 \text{ or } a = 1$$

$$\therefore 3x+4 = -10 \text{ or } 3x+4 = 1$$

$$\therefore 3x = -14 \text{ or } 3x = -3$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{14}{3}, x = -1$$

b $2(1 + 2x)^2 + 9(1 + 2x) = 18$

Let $a = 1 + 2x$.

$$\therefore 2a^2 + 9a = 18$$

$$\therefore 2a^2 + 9a - 18 = 0$$

$$\therefore (2a - 3)(a + 6) = 0$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{3}{2} \text{ or } a = -6$$

$$\therefore 1 + 2x = \frac{3}{2} \text{ or } 1 + 2x = -6$$

$$\therefore 2x = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 2x = -7$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{1}{4}, x = -\frac{7}{2}$$

c $x^4 - 29x^2 + 100 = 0$

Let $a = x^2$.

$$\therefore a^2 - 29a + 100 = 0$$

$$\therefore (a - 25)(a - 4) = 0$$

$$\therefore a = 25 \text{ or } a = 4$$

$$\therefore x^2 = 25 \text{ or } x^2 = 4$$

$$\therefore x = \pm 5, x = \pm 2$$

d $2x^4 = 31x^2 + 16$

Let $a = x^2$.

$$\therefore 2a^2 = 31a + 16$$

$$\therefore 2a^2 - 31a - 16 = 0$$

$$\therefore (2a + 1)(a - 16) = 0$$

$$\therefore a = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } a = 16$$

$$\therefore x^2 = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } x^2 = 16$$

Reject $x^2 = -\frac{1}{2}$.

$$\therefore x^2 = 16$$

$$\therefore x = \pm 4$$

e $36x^2 = \frac{9}{x^2} - 77$

Let $a = x^2$.

$$\therefore 36a = \frac{9}{a} - 77$$

$$\therefore 36a^2 = 9 - 77a$$

$$\therefore 36a^2 + 77a - 9 = 0$$

$$\therefore (4a + 9)(9a - 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore a = -\frac{9}{4} \text{ or } a = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\therefore x^2 = -\frac{9}{4} \text{ or } x^2 = \frac{1}{9}$$

Reject $x^2 = -\frac{9}{4}$.

$$\therefore x^2 = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\therefore x = \pm \frac{1}{3}$$

f $(x^2 + 4x)^2 + 7(x^2 + 4x) + 12 = 0$

Let $a = x^2 + 4x$.

$$\therefore a^2 + 7a + 12 = 0$$

$$\therefore (a + 3)(a + 4) = 0$$

$$\therefore a = -3 \text{ or } a = -4$$

$$\therefore x^2 + 4x = -3 \text{ or } x^2 + 4x = -4$$

$$\therefore x^2 + 4x + 3 = 0 \text{ or } x^2 + 4x + 4 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x + 3)(x + 1) = 0 \text{ or } (x + 2)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -3, x = -1, x = -2$$

12 a $x(x - 7) = 8$

$$\therefore x^2 - 7x = 8$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 7x - 8 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x - 8)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 8, x = -1$$

b $4x(3x - 16) = 3(4x - 33)$

$$\therefore 12x^2 - 64x = 12x - 99$$

$$\therefore 12x^2 - 76x + 99 = 0$$

$$\therefore (6x - 11)(2x - 9) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{11}{6}, x = \frac{9}{2}$$

c $(x + 4)^2 + 2x = 0$

$$\therefore x^2 + 8x + 16 + 2x = 0$$

$$\therefore x^2 + 10x + 16 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x + 8)(x + 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -8, x = -2$$

d $(2x + 5)(2x - 5) + 25 = 2x$

$$\therefore 4x^2 - 25 + 25 = 2x$$

$$\therefore 4x^2 - 2x = 0$$

$$\therefore 2x(2x - 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0, x = \frac{1}{2}$$

13 a $2 - 3x = \frac{1}{3x}$

$$\therefore 3x(2 - 3x) = 1$$

$$\therefore 6x - 9x^2 = 1$$

$$\therefore 9x^2 - 6x + 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore (3x - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{1}{3}$$

b $\frac{4x + 5}{x + 125} = \frac{5}{x}$

$$\therefore x(4x + 5) = 5(x + 125)$$

$$\therefore 4x^2 + 5x = 5x + 625$$

$$\therefore 4x^2 - 625 = 0$$

$$\therefore (2x - 25)(2x + 25) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{25}{2}, x = -\frac{25}{2}$$

c $7x - \frac{2}{x} + \frac{11}{5} = 0$

$$\therefore \frac{35x^2 - 10 + 11x}{5x} = 0$$

$$\therefore 35x^2 + 11x - 10 = 0$$

$$\therefore (7x + 5)(5x - 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{5}{7}, x = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d } \frac{12}{x+1} - \frac{14}{x-2} &= 19 \\ \therefore \frac{12(x-2) - 14(x+1)}{(x+1)(x-2)} &= 19 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 12(x-2) - 14(x+1) = 19(x+1)(x-2)$$

$$\therefore 12x - 24 - 14x - 14 = 19(x^2 - x - 2)$$

$$\therefore -2x - 38 = 19x^2 - 19x - 38$$

$$\therefore 0 = 19x^2 - 17x$$

$$\therefore x(19x - 17) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0, x = \frac{17}{19}$$

$$14 \text{ a } 60x^2 + 113x - 63 = 0$$

Solve using Interactive → Equation/inequality on Standard mode.

$$\therefore x = -\frac{7}{3}, x = \frac{9}{20}$$

$$\text{b } 4x(x-7) + 8(x-3)^2 = x - 26$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{7}{4}, x = \frac{14}{3}$$

$$15 \text{ a } \text{The roots are the solutions.}$$

$$32x^2 - 96x + 72 = 0$$

$$\therefore 8(4x^2 - 12x + 9) = 0$$

$$\therefore 4x^2 - 12x + 9 = 0$$

$$\therefore (2x-3)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore 2x-3 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{b } 44 + 44x^2 = 250x$$

$$\therefore 44x^2 - 250x + 44 = 0$$

$$\therefore 2(22x^2 - 125x + 22) = 0$$

$$\therefore 22x^2 - 125x + 22 = 0$$

$$\therefore (11x-2)(2x-11) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{2}{11}, x = \frac{11}{2}$$

$$16 \text{ a } x^4 = 81$$

$$\therefore x^2 = \pm 9$$

$$\text{Reject } x^2 = -9.$$

$$\therefore x^2 = 9$$

$$\therefore x = \pm 3$$

$$\text{b } (9x^2 - 16)^2 = 20(9x^2 - 16)$$

$$\text{Let } a = 9x^2 - 16.$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 20a$$

$$\therefore a^2 - 20a = 0$$

$$\therefore a(a-20) = 0$$

$$\therefore a = 0 \text{ or } a = 20$$

$$\therefore 9x^2 - 16 = 0 \text{ or } 9x^2 - 16 = 20$$

$$\therefore (3x-4)(3x+4) = 0 \text{ or } 9x^2 = 36$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{4}{3}, x = -\frac{4}{3} \text{ or } x^2 = 4$$

$$\therefore x = \pm \frac{4}{3}, x = \pm 2$$

$$\text{c } \left(x - \frac{2}{x}\right)^2 - 2\left(x - \frac{2}{x}\right) + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } a = x - \frac{2}{x}.$$

$$\therefore a^2 - 2a + 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore (a-1)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore a = 1$$

$$\therefore x - \frac{2}{x} = 1$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 2 = x$$

$$\therefore x^2 - x - 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x-2)(x+1) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 2, x = -1$$

$$\text{d } 2\left(1 + \frac{3}{x}\right)^2 + 5\left(1 + \frac{3}{x}\right) + 3 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } a = 1 + \frac{3}{x}.$$

$$\therefore 2a^2 + 5a + 3 = 0$$

$$\therefore (2a+3)(a+1) = 0$$

$$\therefore a = -\frac{3}{2} \text{ or } a = -1$$

$$\therefore 1 + \frac{3}{x} = -\frac{3}{2} \text{ or } 1 + \frac{3}{x} = -1$$

$$\therefore \frac{3}{x} = -\frac{5}{2} \text{ or } \frac{3}{x} = -2$$

$$\therefore 6 = -5x \text{ or } 3 = -2x$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{6}{5}, x = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$17 \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 - 4\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) + 4 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } a = x + \frac{1}{x}.$$

$$\therefore a^2 - 4a + 4 = 0$$

$$\therefore (a-2)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore a = 2$$

Substitute back.

$$\therefore x + \frac{1}{x} = 2$$

$$\therefore x^2 + 1 = 2x$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x-1)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 1$$

$$18 (px+q)^2 = r^2$$

$$\therefore (px+q) = \pm\sqrt{r^2}$$

$$\therefore px+q = r \text{ or } px+q = -r$$

$$\therefore px = r-q \quad px = -r-q$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{r-q}{p}, x = -\frac{r+q}{p}$$

$$19 \text{ a } (x-2b)(x+3a) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 2b, x = -3a$$

$$\text{b } 2x^2 - 13ax + 15a^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore (2x-3a)(x-5a) = 0$$

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

$$\text{c } (x-b)^4 - 5(x-b)^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } u = (x-b)^2.$$

$$\therefore u^2 - 5u + 4 = 0$$

$$\therefore (u-4)(u-1) = 0$$

$$\therefore u = 4 \text{ or } u = 1$$

$$\therefore (x-b)^2 = 4 \text{ or } (x-b)^2 = 1$$

$$\therefore x - b = \pm 2 \text{ or } x - b = \pm 1$$

$$\therefore x = 2 + b, x = -2 + b, x = 1 + b, x = -1 + b$$

$$\therefore x = b + 2, x = b - 2, x = b + 1, x = b - 1$$

$$\mathbf{d} \quad (x - a - b)^2 = 4b^2$$

$$x - a - b = \pm 2b$$

$$\therefore x = 2b + a + b \text{ or } x = -2b + a + b$$

$$\therefore x = a + 3b, x = a - b$$

$$\mathbf{e} \quad (x + a)^2 - 3b(x + a) + 2b^2 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } u = x + a.$$

$$\therefore u^2 - 3bu + 2b^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore (u - 2b)(u - b) = 0$$

$$\therefore u = 2b \text{ or } u = b$$

$$\therefore x + a = 2b \text{ or } x + a = b$$

$$\therefore x = 2b - a, x = b - a$$

$$\mathbf{f} \quad ab \left(x + \frac{a}{b} \right) \left(x + \frac{b}{a} \right) = (a + b)^2 x$$

$$\therefore ab \left(\frac{bx + a}{b} \right) \left(\frac{ax + b}{a} \right) = (a + b)^2 x$$

$$\therefore \frac{ab(bx + a)(ax + b)}{ab} = x(a^2 + 2ab + b^2)$$

$$\therefore (bx + a)(ax + b) = x(a^2 + 2ab + b^2)$$

$$\therefore abx^2 + b^2x + a^2x + ab = a^2x + 2abx + b^2x$$

$$\therefore abx^2 + ab = 2abx$$

$$\therefore abx^2 - 2abx + ab = 0$$

$$\therefore ab(x^2 - 2x + 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore ab(x - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 1$$

20 a As the zeros of $4x^2 + bx + c$ are $x = -4$ and $x = \frac{3}{4}$, then

$$(x + 4) \text{ and } \left(x - \frac{3}{4} \right) \text{ are factors of } 4x^2 + bx + c.$$

However, the coefficient of x^2 must be 4, so

$$4x^2 + bx + c = 4(x + 4) \left(x - \frac{3}{4} \right).$$

$$\therefore 4x^2 + bx + c = 4 \left(x - \frac{3}{4} \right) (x + 4)$$

$$= (4x - 3)(x + 4)$$

$$\therefore 4x^2 + bx + c = 4x^2 + 13x - 12$$

$$\text{Hence, } b = 13 \text{ and } c = -12.$$

$$\mathbf{b} \quad px^2 + (p + q)x + q = 0$$

$$\therefore px^2 + px + qx + q = 0$$

$$\therefore px(x + 1) + q(x + 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore (x + 1)(px + q) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -1, x = -\frac{q}{p}$$

$$\text{Consider } p(x - 1)^2 + (p + q)(x - 1) + q = 0.$$

$$\text{Let } a = x - 1.$$

$$\therefore pa^2 + (p + q)a + q = 0$$

Using the above roots for an equation in this form gives

$$a = -1, a = -\frac{q}{p}$$

$$\therefore x - 1 = -1 \text{ or } x - 1 = -\frac{q}{p}$$

$$\therefore x = 0 \text{ or } x = -\frac{q}{p} + 1$$

$$\therefore x = 0, x = \frac{p - q}{p}$$

2.3 Solving quadratics over R

2.3 Exercise

$$\mathbf{1 a} \quad x^2 + 10x + 25 = (x + 5)^2$$

$$\mathbf{b} \quad x^2 - 7x + \left(\frac{7}{2} \right)^2 = \left(x - \frac{7}{2} \right)^2$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 7x + \frac{49}{4} = \left(x - \frac{7}{2} \right)^2$$

$$\mathbf{c} \quad x^2 + x + \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^2 = \left(x + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2$$

$$\therefore x^2 + x + \frac{1}{4} = \left(x + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2$$

$$\mathbf{d} \quad x^2 - \frac{4}{5}x + \left(\frac{2}{5} \right)^2 = \left(x - \frac{2}{5} \right)^2$$

$$\therefore x^2 - \frac{4}{5}x + \frac{4}{25} = \left(x - \frac{2}{5} \right)^2$$

$$\mathbf{2 a} \quad x^2 - 10x - 7$$

$$= (x^2 - 10x + 25) - 25 - 7$$

$$= (x - 5)^2 - 32$$

$$= (x - 5 - \sqrt{32})(x - 5 + \sqrt{32})$$

$$= (x - 5 - 4\sqrt{2})(x - 5 + 4\sqrt{2})$$

$$\mathbf{b} \quad 3x^2 + 7x + 3$$

$$= 3 \left(x^2 + \frac{7}{3}x + 1 \right)$$

$$= 3 \left(x^2 + \frac{7}{3}x + \left(\frac{7}{6} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{7}{6} \right)^2 + 1 \right)$$

$$= 3 \left[\left(x + \frac{7}{6} \right)^2 - \frac{49}{36} + 1 \right]$$

$$= 3 \left[\left(x + \frac{7}{6} \right)^2 - \frac{49}{36} + \frac{36}{36} \right]$$

$$= 3 \left[\left(x + \frac{7}{6} \right)^2 - \frac{13}{36} \right]$$

$$= 3 \left(x + \frac{7}{6} - \sqrt{\frac{13}{36}} \right) \left(x + \frac{7}{6} + \sqrt{\frac{13}{36}} \right)$$

$$= 3 \left(x + \frac{7}{6} - \frac{\sqrt{13}}{6} \right) \left(x + \frac{7}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{13}}{6} \right)$$

$$= 3 \left(x + \frac{7 - \sqrt{13}}{6} \right) \left(x + \frac{7 + \sqrt{13}}{6} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{c} \quad 5x^2 - 9$$

$$= (\sqrt{5}x)^2 - 3^2$$

$$= (\sqrt{5}x - 3)(\sqrt{5}x + 3)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
3 \quad & -3x^2 + 8x - 5 \\
& = -3 \left(x^2 - \frac{8x}{3} + \frac{5}{3} \right) \\
& = -3 \left(\left(x^2 - \frac{8x}{3} + \left(\frac{4}{3} \right)^2 \right) - \left(\frac{4}{3} \right)^2 + \frac{5}{3} \right) \\
& = -3 \left(\left(x - \frac{4}{3} \right)^2 - \frac{16}{9} + \frac{5}{3} \right) \\
& = -3 \left(\left(x - \frac{4}{3} \right)^2 - \frac{16}{9} + \frac{15}{9} \right) \\
& = -3 \left(\left(x - \frac{4}{3} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{9} \right) \\
& = -3 \left[\left(x - \frac{4}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \right) \right] \left[\left(x - \frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \right) \right] \\
& = -3 \left(x - \frac{5}{3} \right) \left(x - \frac{3}{3} \right) \\
& = (-3x + 5)(x - 1)
\end{aligned}$$

Factorisation by inspection gives
 $-3x^2 + 8x - 5$
 $= -(3x^2 - 8x + 5)$, which is equivalent to $(-3x + 5)(x + 1)$
 $= -(3x - 5)(x - 1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
4 \quad \mathbf{a} \quad & x^2 - 6x + 7 = x^2 - 6x + \left(\frac{6}{2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{6}{2} \right)^2 + 7 \\
& = x^2 - 6x + (3)^2 - (3)^2 + 7 \\
& = (x - 3)^2 - 9 + 7 \\
& = (x - 3)^2 - 2 \\
& = (x - 3 - \sqrt{2})(x - 3 + \sqrt{2})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{b} \quad & x^2 + 4x - 3 = x^2 + 4x + \left(\frac{4}{2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{4}{2} \right)^2 - 3 \\
& = x^2 + 4x + (2)^2 - (2)^2 - 3 \\
& = (x + 2)^2 - 4 - 3 \\
& = (x + 2)^2 - 7 \\
& = (x + 2 - \sqrt{7})(x + 2 + \sqrt{7})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{c} \quad & x^2 - 2x + 6 = x^2 - 2x + \left(\frac{2}{2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{2}{2} \right)^2 + 6 \\
& = x^2 - 2x + (1)^2 - (1)^2 + 6 \\
& = (x - 1)^2 - 1 + 6 \\
& = (x - 1)^2 + 5
\end{aligned}$$

The sum of two squares cannot be factorised over R .

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{d} \quad & 2x^2 + 5x - 2 = 2 \left(x^2 + \frac{5}{2}x - 1 \right) \\
& = \left(x^2 + \frac{5}{2}x + \left(\frac{5}{4} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{5}{4} \right)^2 - 1 \right) \\
& = 2 \left(\left(x + \frac{5}{4} \right)^2 - \frac{25}{16} - \frac{16}{16} \right) \\
& = 2 \left(\left(x + \frac{5}{4} \right)^2 - \frac{41}{16} \right) \\
& = 2 \left(x + \frac{5}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{41}}{4} \right) \left(x + \frac{5}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{41}}{4} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{e} \quad & -x^2 + 8x - 8 = -(x^2 - 8x + 8) \\
& = - \left(x^2 - 8x + \left(\frac{8}{2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{8}{2} \right)^2 + 8 \right) \\
& = - \left(x^2 - 8x + (4)^2 - (4)^2 + 8 \right) \\
& = - \left((x - 4)^2 - 16 + 8 \right) \\
& = - \left((x - 4)^2 - 8 \right) \\
& = - \left(x - 4 - \sqrt{8} \right) \left(x - 4 + \sqrt{8} \right) \\
& = - \left(x - 4 - 2\sqrt{2} \right) \left(x - 4 + 2\sqrt{2} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{f} \quad & 3x^2 + 4x - 6 = 3 \left(x^2 + \frac{4}{3}x - 2 \right) \\
& = 3 \left(x^2 + \frac{4}{3}x + \left(\frac{4}{6} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{4}{6} \right)^2 - 2 \right) \\
& = 3 \left(\left(x + \frac{2}{3} \right)^2 - \frac{16}{36} - \frac{72}{36} \right) \\
& = 3 \left(\left(x + \frac{2}{3} \right)^2 - \frac{22}{9} \right) \\
& = 3 \left(x + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{22}}{3} \right) \left(x + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{\sqrt{22}}{3} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
5 \quad \mathbf{a} \quad & x^2 + 2x \\
& = x^2 + 2x + 1 - 1 \\
& = (x + 1)^2 - 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{b} \quad & x^2 + 7x \\
& = x^2 + 7x + \frac{49}{4} - \frac{49}{4} \\
& = \left(x + \frac{7}{2} \right)^2 - \frac{49}{4}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{c} \quad & x^2 - 5x \\
& = x^2 - 5x + \frac{25}{4} - \frac{25}{4} \\
& = \left(x - \frac{5}{2} \right)^2 - \frac{25}{4}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{d} \quad & x^2 + 4x - 2 \\
& = x^2 + 4x + 4 - 4 - 2 \\
& = (x + 2)^2 - 6
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
6 \quad \mathbf{a} \quad & 3(x - 8)^2 - 6 \\
& = 3[(x - 8)^2 - 2] \\
& = 3(x - 8 - \sqrt{2})(x - 8 + \sqrt{2})
\end{aligned}$$

$\mathbf{b} \quad (xy - 7)^2 + 9$ is the sum of two squares so does not factorise over R .

$$\begin{aligned}
7 \quad \mathbf{a} \quad & x^2 - 12 \\
& = (x - \sqrt{12})(x + \sqrt{12}) \\
& = (x - 2\sqrt{3})(x + 2\sqrt{3}) \\
\mathbf{b} \quad & x^2 - 12x + 4 \\
& = (x^2 - 12x + 36) - 36 + 4 \\
& = (x - 6)^2 - 32 \\
& = (x - 6 - \sqrt{32})(x - 6 + \sqrt{32}) \\
& = (x - 6 - 4\sqrt{2})(x - 6 + 4\sqrt{2})
\end{aligned}$$

c $x^2 + 9x - 3$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(x^2 + 9x + \left(\frac{9}{2} \right)^2 \right) - \left(\frac{9}{2} \right)^2 - 3 \\ &= \left(x + \frac{9}{2} \right)^2 - \frac{81}{4} - \frac{12}{4} \\ &= \left(x + \frac{9}{2} \right)^2 - \frac{93}{4} \\ &= \left(x + \frac{9}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{93}{4}} \right) \left(x + \frac{9}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{93}{4}} \right) \\ &= \left(x + \frac{9 - \sqrt{93}}{2} \right) \left(x + \frac{9 + \sqrt{93}}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

d $2x^2 + 5x + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2 \left(x^2 + \frac{5x}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ &= 2 \left(\left(x^2 + \frac{5x}{2} + \left(\frac{5}{4} \right)^2 \right) - \left(\frac{5}{4} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ &= 2 \left(\left(x + \frac{5}{4} \right)^2 - \frac{25}{16} + \frac{8}{16} \right) \\ &= 2 \left(\left(x + \frac{5}{4} \right)^2 - \frac{17}{16} \right) \\ &= 2 \left(x + \frac{5 - \sqrt{17}}{4} \right) \left(x + \frac{5 + \sqrt{17}}{4} \right) \end{aligned}$$

e $3x^2 + 4x + 3$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 3 \left(x^2 + \frac{4x}{3} + 1 \right) \\ &= 3 \left(\left(x^2 + \frac{4x}{3} + \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^2 \right) - \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^2 + 1 \right) \\ &= 3 \left(\left(x + \frac{2}{3} \right)^2 - \frac{4}{9} + \frac{9}{9} \right) \\ &= 3 \left(\left(x + \frac{2}{3} \right)^2 + \frac{5}{9} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Since the sum of two squares does not factorise over R , there are no linear factors.

f $1 + 40x - 5x^2$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -5 \left(x^2 - 8x - \frac{1}{5} \right) \\ &= -5 \left[\left(x^2 - 8x + 16 \right) - 16 - \frac{1}{5} \right] \\ &= -5 \left[(x-4)^2 - \frac{80}{5} - \frac{1}{5} \right] \\ &= -5 \left[(x-4)^2 - \frac{81}{5} \right] \\ &= -5 \left(x - 4 - \frac{9}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \left(x - 4 + \frac{9}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \\ &= -5 \left(x - 4 - \frac{9\sqrt{5}}{5} \right) \left(x - 4 + \frac{9\sqrt{5}}{5} \right) \end{aligned}$$

8 a $x^2 - 10x + 23 = 0$

$$x^2 - 10x + 25 - 25 + 23 = 0$$

$$(x-5)^2 - 2 = 0$$

$$(x-5-\sqrt{2})(x-5+\sqrt{2}) = 0$$

$$x = 5 + \sqrt{2}, x = 5 - \sqrt{2}$$

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

$$x^2 - 5x + \frac{25}{4} - \frac{25}{4} + 5 = 0$$

$$\left(x - \frac{5}{2} \right)^2 - \frac{5}{4} = 0$$

$$\left(x - \frac{5}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) \left(x - \frac{5}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{5}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}, x = \frac{5}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

c $x^2 + 14x + 43 = 0$

$$x^2 + 14x + 49 - 49 + 43 = 0$$

$$(x+7)^2 - 6 = 0$$

$$(x+7-\sqrt{6})(x+7+\sqrt{6}) = 0$$

$$x = -7 + \sqrt{6}, x = -7 - \sqrt{6}$$

d $x^2 + 9x + 19 = 0$

$$x^2 + 9x + \frac{81}{4} - \frac{81}{4} + 19 = 0$$

$$\left(x + \frac{9}{2} \right)^2 - \frac{5}{4} = 0$$

$$\left(x + \frac{9}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) \left(x + \frac{9}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{9}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}, x = -\frac{9}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

9 a $x^2 - 3x - 5 = 0$

$$x^2 - 3x + \frac{9}{4} - \frac{9}{4} - 5 = 0$$

$$\left(x - \frac{3}{2} \right)^2 - \frac{29}{4} = 0$$

$$\left(x - \frac{3}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{29}}{2} \right) \left(x - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{29}}{2} \right) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{29}}{2}, x = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{29}}{2}$$

$$x = 4.19, -1.19$$

b $x^2 - 6x + 4 = 0$

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 - 9 + 4 = 0$$

$$(x-3)^2 - 5 = 0$$

$$(x-3-\sqrt{5})(x-3+\sqrt{5}) = 0$$

$$x = 3 + \sqrt{5}, x = 3 - \sqrt{5}$$

$$x = 5.24, 0.76$$

c $x^2 + 7x + 12 = 0$

$$x^2 + 7x + \frac{49}{4} - \frac{49}{4} + 12 = 0$$

$$\left(x + \frac{7}{2} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{4} = 0$$

$$\left(x + \frac{7}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(x + \frac{7}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{7}{2} + \frac{1}{2}, x = -\frac{7}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = -3, -4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d} \quad & x^2 - 20x + 60 = 0 \\ & x^2 - 20x + 100 - 100 + 60 = 0 \\ & (x - 10)^2 - 40 = 0 \\ & (x - 10 - \sqrt{40})(x - 10 + \sqrt{40}) = 0 \\ & x = 10 + \sqrt{40}, x = 10 - \sqrt{40} \\ & x = 16.32, 3.68 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 10 \text{ a} \quad & x^2 - 10x + 21 \\ & a = 1, b = -10, c = 21 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b} \quad & 10x^2 - 93x + 68 \\ & a = 10, b = -93, c = 68 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c} \quad & x^2 - 9x + 20 \\ & a = 1, b = -9, c = 20 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d} \quad & 40x^2 + 32x + 6 \\ & a = 40, b = 32, c = 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 11 \text{ a} \quad & 3x^2 - 2x - 4 = 0 \\ & a = 3, b = -2, c = -4 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 48}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3} \pm \frac{2\sqrt{13}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3} \pm \frac{\sqrt{13}}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b} \quad & 2x^2 + 7x + 3 = 0 \\ & a = 2, b = 7, c = 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{49 - 24}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{-7}{4} \pm \frac{\sqrt{25}}{4}$$

$$x = -\frac{7}{4} \pm \frac{5}{4}$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}, -3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c} \quad & -3x^2 - 6x + 4 = 0 \\ & a = -3, b = -6, c = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 + 48}}{-6}$$

$$x = \frac{6}{-6} \pm \frac{\sqrt{84}}{-6}$$

$$x = -1 \pm \frac{2\sqrt{21}}{-6}$$

$$x = -1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{21}}{-3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d} \quad & 12x^2 - 8x - 5 = 0 \\ & a = 12, b = -8, c = -5 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{64 + 240}}{24}$$

$$x = \frac{8}{24} \pm \frac{\sqrt{304}}{24}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3} \pm \frac{4\sqrt{19}}{24}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3} \pm \frac{\sqrt{19}}{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 12 \text{ a} \quad & -2x^2 - 5x + 4 = 0 \\ & a = -2, b = -5, c = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25 + 32}}{-4}$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{57}}{-4}$$

$$x = -3.14, 0.64$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b} \quad & 22x^2 - 11x - 20 = 0 \\ & a = 22, b = -11, c = -20 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{11 \pm \sqrt{121 + 1760}}{44}$$

$$x = \frac{11 \pm \sqrt{1881}}{44}$$

$$x = 1.24, -0.74$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c} \quad & 4x^2 - 29x + 19 = 0 \\ & a = 4, b = -29, c = 19 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{29 \pm \sqrt{841 - 304}}{8}$$

$$x = \frac{29 \pm \sqrt{537}}{8}$$

$$x = 6.52, 0.73$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d} \quad & -12x^2 + 2x + 15 = 0 \\ & a = -12, b = 2, c = 15 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 720}}{-24}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{724}}{8}$$

$$x = -1.04, 1.20$$

13 $15x^2 - 28x - 20 = 0$

$a = 15, b = -28, c = -20$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{28 \pm \sqrt{784 + 1200}}{30}$$

$$x = \frac{28 \pm \sqrt{1984}}{30}$$

$\therefore C$

14 $-6x^2 - 29x + 6 = 0$

$a = -6, b = -29, c = 6$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{29 \pm \sqrt{841 + 144}}{-12}$$

$$x = \frac{29 \pm \sqrt{985}}{-12}$$

$x = -5.03, 0.20$

$\therefore A$

15 a $3x^2 - 5x + 1 = 0$

$a = 3, b = -5, c = 1$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4 \times 3 \times 1}}{2(3)}$$

$$= \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 12}}{6}$$

$$= \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{13}}{6}$$

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

$a = -5, b = 1, c = 5$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-(1) \pm \sqrt{(1)^2 - 4 \times (-5) \times 5}}{2(-5)}$$

$$= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - (-100)}}{-10}$$

$$= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{101}}{-10}$$

$$= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{101}}{10}$$

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

$a = 2, b = 3, c = 4$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-(3) \pm \sqrt{(3)^2 - 4 \times 2 \times 4}}{2(2)}$$

$$= \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 32}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{-23}}{4}$$

There are no real solutions. since $\Delta < 0$.

d $x(x + 6) = 8$

First express the equation in the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$.

$$x^2 + 6x = 8$$

$$x^2 + 6x - 8 = 0$$

$a = 1, b = 6, c = -8$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-(6) \pm \sqrt{(6)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (-8)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36 + 32}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{68}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{4 \times 17}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-6 \pm 2\sqrt{17}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2(-3 \pm \sqrt{17})}{2}$$

$$= -3 \pm \sqrt{17}$$

16 $(2x + 1)(x + 5) - 1 = 0$

$$\therefore 2x^2 + 11x + 5 - 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore 2x^2 + 11x + 4 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}, a = 2, b = 11, c = 4$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-11 \pm \sqrt{(11)^2 - 4 \times (2) \times (4)}}{2 \times (2)}$$

$$= \frac{-11 \pm \sqrt{121 - 32}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{-11 \pm \sqrt{89}}{4}$$

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

Let $a = x^2 - 3$.

$$\therefore a^2 - 4a + 4 = 0$$

$$\therefore (a - 2)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore a = 2$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 3 = 2$$

$$\therefore x^2 = 5$$

$$\therefore x = \pm\sqrt{5}$$

b $5x^4 - 39x^2 - 8 = 0$

Let $a = x^2$.

$$\therefore 5a^2 - 39a - 8 = 0$$

$$\therefore (5a + 1)(a - 8) = 0$$

$$\therefore a = -\frac{1}{5} \text{ or } a = 8$$

$$\therefore x^2 = -\frac{1}{5} \text{ (reject) or } x^2 = 8$$

$$\therefore x^2 = 8$$

$$\therefore x = \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

c $x^2(x^2 - 12) + 11 = 0$

Let $a = x^2$.

$\therefore a(a - 12) + 11 = 0$

$\therefore a^2 - 12a + 11 = 0$

$\therefore (a - 1)(a - 11) = 0$

$\therefore a = 1 \text{ or } a = 11$

$\therefore x^2 = 1 \text{ or } x^2 = 11$

$\therefore x = \pm 1, x = \pm \sqrt{11}$

d $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + 2\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) - 3 = 0$

Let $a = x + \frac{1}{x}$.

$\therefore a^2 + 2a - 3 = 0$

$\therefore (a + 3)(a - 1) = 0$

$\therefore a = -3 \text{ or } a = 1$

$\therefore x + \frac{1}{x} = -3 \text{ or } x + \frac{1}{x} = 1$

$\therefore x^2 + 1 = -3x \text{ or } x^2 + 1 = x$

$\therefore x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0 \text{ or } x^2 - x + 1 = 0$

$\therefore x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4(1)(1)}}{2} \text{ or } x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(1)(1)}}{2}$

$\therefore x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ or } x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2}$

$\therefore x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$

(since $x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2}$ is not real).

e $(x^2 - 7x - 8)^2 = 3(x^2 - 7x - 8)$

Let $a = x^2 - 7x - 8$.

$\therefore a^2 = 3a$

$\therefore a^2 - 3a = 0$

$\therefore a(a - 3) = 0$

$\therefore a = 0 \text{ or } a = 3$

$\therefore x^2 - 7x - 8 = 0 \text{ or } x^2 - 7x - 8 = 3$

$\therefore (x + 1)(x - 8) = 0 \text{ or } x^2 - 7x - 11 = 0$

$\therefore x = -1, x = 8 \text{ or } x = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{49 - 4(1)(-11)}}{2}$

$\therefore x = -1, x = 8 \text{ or } x = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{93}}{2}$

18 $3(2x + 1)^4 - 16(2x + 1)^2 - 35 = 0$

Let $a = (2x + 1)^2$.

$3a^2 - 16a - 35 = 0$

$\therefore (3a + 5)(a - 7) = 0$

$\therefore a = -\frac{5}{3}, a = 7$

$\therefore (2x + 1)^2 = -\frac{5}{3}$, which is not possible since a perfect square cannot be negative

or $(2x + 1)^2 = 7$

$\therefore 2x + 1 = \pm \sqrt{7}$

$\therefore 2x = -1 \pm \sqrt{7}$

$\therefore x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{7}}{2}$

19 $\sqrt{2}x^2 + 4\sqrt{3}x - 8\sqrt{2} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{-4\sqrt{3} \pm \sqrt{(4\sqrt{3})^2 - 4 \times \sqrt{2} \times -8\sqrt{2}}}{2 \times \sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{-4\sqrt{3} \pm \sqrt{48 + 64}}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{-4\sqrt{3} \pm \sqrt{112}}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{-4\sqrt{3} \pm 4\sqrt{7}}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{-2\sqrt{3} \pm 2\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{-2\sqrt{6} \pm 2\sqrt{14}}{2} \\ &= -\sqrt{6} \pm \sqrt{14} \end{aligned}$$

20 i $x^2 + 6\sqrt{2}x + 18 = 0$

$\therefore x^2 + 6\sqrt{2}x + (3\sqrt{2})^2 - (3\sqrt{2})^2 + 18 = 0$

$\therefore (x^2 + 6\sqrt{2}x + (3\sqrt{2})^2) - 18 + 18 = 0$

$\therefore (x + 3\sqrt{2})^2 = 0$

$\therefore x = -3\sqrt{2}$

ii $2\sqrt{5}x^2 - 3\sqrt{10}x + \sqrt{5} = 0$

Divide both sides by $\sqrt{5}$.

$\therefore 2x^2 - 3\sqrt{2}x + 1 = 0$

$\therefore x = \frac{3\sqrt{2} \pm \sqrt{(3\sqrt{2})^2 - 4 \times 2 \times 1}}{4}$

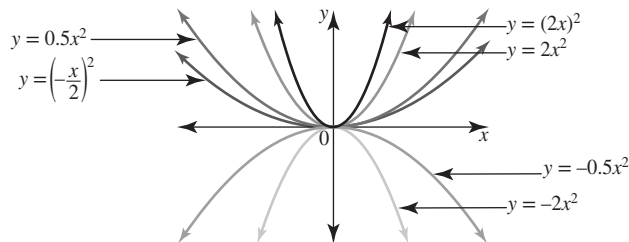
$\therefore x = \frac{3\sqrt{2} \pm \sqrt{18 - 8}}{4}$

$\therefore x = \frac{3\sqrt{2} \pm \sqrt{10}}{4}$

2.4 Graphs of quadratic polynomials

2.4 Exercise

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2 A i $y = x^2 - 2$

B ii $y = -2x^2$

C iii $y = -(x + 2)^2$

3 a $y = x^2 + 8$

The equation represents a parabola formed by translating $y = x^2$ vertically upwards 8 units. Its turning point is (0, 8).

b $y = x^2 - 8$

The equation represents a parabola formed by translating $y = x^2$ vertically downwards 8 units. Its turning point is $(0, -8)$.

c $y = 1 - 5x^2$

$$y = -5x^2 + 1$$

Parabolas with equations $y = ax^2 + k$ have a turning point at $(0, k)$.

Therefore, the turning point is $(0, 1)$.

d $y = \frac{x^2}{4} - 7$

$$y = \frac{1}{4}x^2 - 7$$

This is in the form $y = ax^2 + k$, so the turning point is $(0, -7)$.

e $y = (x - 8)^2$

The equation represents a parabola formed by translating $y = x^2$ horizontally 8 units to the right. Its turning point is $(8, 0)$.

f $y = (x + 8)^2$

The equation represents a parabola formed by translating $y = x^2$ horizontally 8 units to the left. Its turning point is $(-8, 0)$.

g $y = 7(x - 4)^2$

Parabolas with equations $y = a(x - h)^2$ have a turning point at $(h, 0)$.

Therefore, the turning point is $(4, 0)$.

h $y = -\frac{1}{2}(x + 12)^2$

The equation can be written as $y = -\frac{1}{2}(x - (-12))^2$, which is in the form $y = a(x - h)^2$.

The turning point is $(-12, 0)$.

4 $y = \frac{1}{3}x^2 + x - 6$

Axis of symmetry equation:

$$x = -\frac{1}{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Turning point: Substitute $x = -\frac{3}{2}$.

$$\therefore y = \frac{1}{3} \times \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + -\frac{3}{2} - 6$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{2} - 6$$

$$\therefore y = -\frac{27}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1.5, -6.75)$$

y-intercept: $(0, -6)$

x-intercepts: Put $y = 0$.

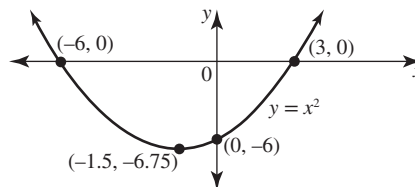
$$\therefore \frac{1}{3}x^2 + x - 6 = 0$$

$$\therefore x^2 + 3x - 18 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x + 6)(x - 3) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -6, 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (-6, 0), (3, 0)$$



5 a $y = 9x^2 + 18x + 8$

y-intercept: Let $x = 0$.

$$y = 9(0)^2 + 18(0) + 8$$

$$y = 8$$

The y-intercept is $(0, 8)$.

x-intercepts: Let $y = 0$.

$$0 = 9x^2 + 18x + 8$$

$$0 = (3x + 2)(3x + 4)$$

$$x = -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{4}{3}$$

The x-intercepts are $\left(-\frac{4}{3}, 0\right)$ and $\left(-\frac{2}{3}, 0\right)$.

The axis of symmetry gives the x-coordinate of the turning point.

$$x_{TP} = \frac{-b}{2a}, \quad a = 9, \quad b = 18$$

$$= \frac{-18}{18}$$

$$= -1$$

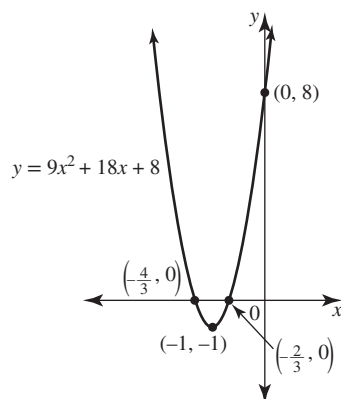
$$y_{TP} = 9x^2 + 18x + 8$$

$$= 9(-1)^2 + 18(-1) + 8$$

$$= 9 - 18 + 8$$

$$= -1$$

The turning point is $(-1, -1)$.



b $y = -x^2 + 7x - 10$

y-intercept:

When $x = 0$, $y = -10$.

The y-intercept is $(0, -10)$.

x-intercept: Let $y = 0$.

$$0 = -x^2 + 7x - 10$$

$$x^2 - 7x + 10 = 0$$

$$(x - 2)(x - 5) = 0$$

$$x = 2, 5$$

The x-intercepts are $(2, 0)$ and $(5, 0)$.

The axis of symmetry gives the x-coordinate of the turning point.

$$x_{TP} = \frac{-b}{2a}, a = -1, b = 7$$

$$= \frac{-7}{-2}$$

$$= \frac{7}{2}$$

$$y_{TP} = -x^2 + 7x - 10$$

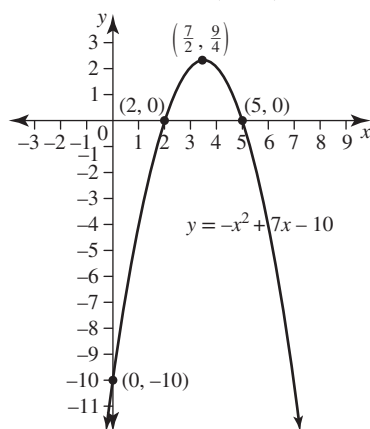
$$= -\left(\frac{7}{2}\right)^2 + 7 \times \frac{7}{2} - 10$$

$$= -\frac{49}{4} + \frac{49}{2} - 10$$

$$= -\frac{49}{4} + \frac{98}{4} - \frac{40}{4}$$

$$= \frac{9}{4}$$

The turning point is $\left(\frac{7}{2}, \frac{9}{4}\right)$.



c $y = -x^2 - 2x - 3$

y-intercept: When $x = 0$, $y = -3$.

The y-intercept is $(0, -3)$.

x-intercept: Let $y = 0$.

$$0 = -x^2 - 2x - 3$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}, a = -1, b = -2, c = -3$$

$$= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(-1)(-3)}}{2(-1)}$$

$$= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-8}}{-2}$$

There are no real solutions and hence no x-intercepts.

The axis of symmetry gives the x-coordinate of the turning point.

$$x_{TP} = \frac{-b}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{2}{-2}$$

$$= -1$$

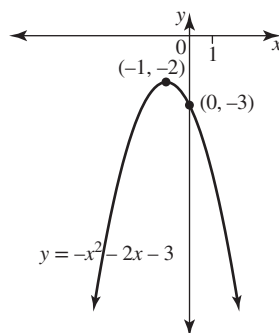
$$y_{TP} = -x^2 - 2x - 3$$

$$= -(-1)^2 - 2(-1) - 3$$

$$= -1 + 2 - 3$$

$$= -2$$

The turning point is $(-1, -2)$.



d $y = x^2 - 4x + 2$

y-intercept: When $x = 0$, $y = 2$.

The y-intercept is $(0, 2)$.

x-intercept: Let $y = 0$.

$$0 = x^2 - 4x + 2$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}, a = 1, b = -4, c = 2$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(1)(2)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{8}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2(2 \pm \sqrt{2})}{2}$$

$$= 2 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

The x-intercepts are $(2 - \sqrt{2}, 0)$ and $(2 + \sqrt{2}, 0)$.

The axis of symmetry gives the x-coordinate of the turning point.

$$x_{TP} = \frac{-b}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{4}{2}$$

$$= 2$$

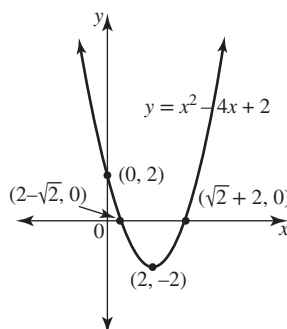
$$y_{TP} = x^2 - 4x + 2$$

$$= (2)^2 - 4(2) + 2$$

$$= 4 - 8 + 2$$

$$= -2$$

The turning point is $(2, -2)$.



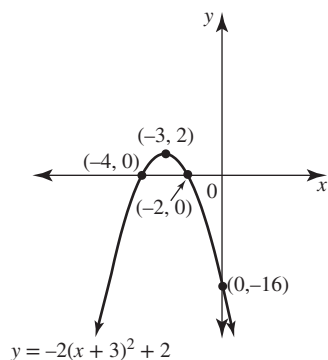
6 $y = -2(x + 3)^2 + 2$

Turning point: $(-3, 2)$ Type: maximum

y-intercept: Put $x = 0 \therefore y = -16 \Rightarrow (0, -16)$

x-intercepts: Put $y = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore -2(x+3)^2 + 2 &= 0 \\ \therefore (x+3)^2 &= 1 \\ \therefore x+3 &= \pm 1 \\ \therefore x &= -4, x = -2 \\ \Rightarrow &(-4, 0), (-2, 0)\end{aligned}$$



7 a $y = 4 - 3x^2$
 $\therefore y = -3x^2 + 4$
 Maximum turning point at $(0, 4)$.

b $y = (4 - 3x)^2$
 $(4 - 3x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{4}{3}$ Therefore, minimum turning point
 at $\left(\frac{4}{3}, 0\right)$
 or
 $y = (4 - 3x)^2$
 $= (3x - 4)^2$
 $= \left(3\left(x - \frac{4}{3}\right)\right)^2$
 $= 9\left(x - \frac{4}{3}\right)^2$

Minimum turning point at $\left(\frac{4}{3}, 0\right)$.

8 $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$ has turning point (h, k) .

Testing each option:

A $y = -5x^2 + 2$ has turning point $(0, 2)$. Incorrect.

B $y = 2 - (x - 5)^2$ rearranged is $y = -(x - 5)^2 + 2$. The turning point is $(5, 2)$. Incorrect.

C $y = (x + 2)^2 - 5$ has turning point $(-2, -5)$. Incorrect.

D $y = -(x + 5)^2 + 2$ has turning point $(-5, 2)$. Correct.

E $y = (x + 5)^2 - 2$ has turning point $(-5, -2)$. Incorrect.

The correct answer is D.

9 $y = 2x(4 - x)$
 x -intercepts: $2x(4 - x) = 0$
 $\therefore x = 0, x = 4$

$\Rightarrow (0, 0), (4, 0)$

Turning point:

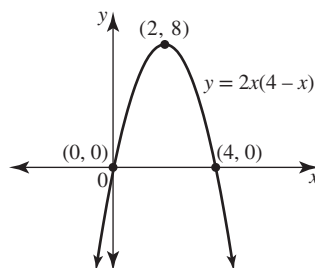
$$x = \frac{0+4}{2}$$

$\therefore x = 2$

$\therefore y = 4(2)$

$\therefore y = 8$

$\Rightarrow (2, 8)$



10 a $y = (x + 1)(x - 3)$
 y -intercept: Let $x = 0$.
 $y = (0 + 1)(0 - 3)$
 $y = -3$
 The y -intercept is $(0, -3)$.
 x -intercepts: Let $y = 0$
 $(x + 1)(x - 3) = 0$
 $x = -1, 3$
 The x -intercepts are $(-1, 0)$ and $(3, 0)$.

The axis of symmetry lies halfway between the x -intercepts. It gives the x -coordinate of the turning point.

$$x_{\text{TP}} = \frac{-1 + 3}{2}$$

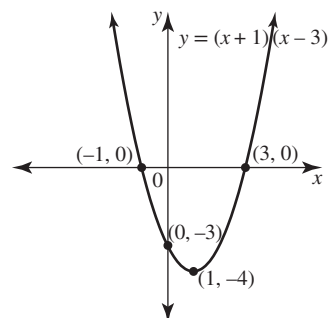
$$= 1$$

$$y_{\text{TP}} = (x + 1)(x - 3)$$

$$= (1 + 1)(1 - 3)$$

$$= -4$$

The turning point is $(1, -4)$.



b $y = (x - 5)(2x + 1)$
 y -intercept: Let $x = 0$.
 $y = (0 - 5)(2 \times 0 + 1)$
 $y = -5$
 The y -intercept is $(0, -5)$.
 x -intercepts: Let $y = 0$.
 $(2x + 1)(x - 5) = 0$
 $x = -\frac{1}{2}, 5$

The x -intercepts are $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$ and $(5, 0)$.

The axis of symmetry lies halfway between the x -intercepts. It gives the x -coordinate of the turning point.

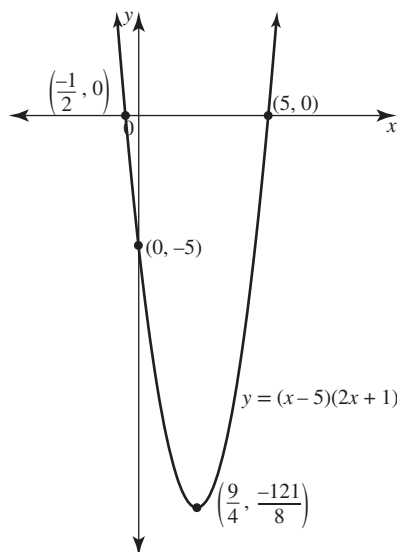
$$x_{\text{TP}} = \frac{-\frac{1}{2} + 5}{2}$$

$$= \frac{9}{4}$$

$$= \frac{9}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{TP} &= (2x + 1)(x - 5) \\
 &= \left(2 \times \frac{9}{4} + 1\right) \left(\frac{9}{4} - 5\right) \\
 &= \frac{11}{2} \times -\frac{11}{4} \\
 &= -\frac{121}{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

The turning point is $\left(\frac{9}{4}, -\frac{121}{8}\right)$.



c $y = -\frac{1}{2}(2x - 7)(2x - 9)$
 y-intercept: Let $x = 0$.
 $y = -\frac{1}{2}(2 \times 0 - 7)(2 \times 0 - 9)$
 $= -\frac{1}{2}(-7)(-9)$
 $= -\frac{63}{2}$

The y-intercept is $\left(0, -\frac{63}{2}\right)$.

x-intercepts: Let $y = 0$.

$$-\frac{1}{2}(2x - 7)(2x - 9) = 0$$

$$(2x - 7)(2x - 9) = 0$$

$$2x - 7 = 0 \text{ or } 2x - 9 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{7}{2}, \frac{9}{2}$$

The x-intercepts are $\left(\frac{7}{2}, 0\right)$ and $\left(\frac{9}{2}, 0\right)$.

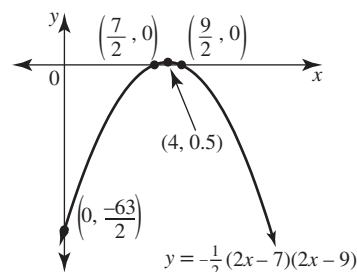
The axis of symmetry lies halfway between the x-intercepts. It gives the x-coordinate of the turning point.

$$x_{TP} = \frac{\frac{7}{2} + \frac{9}{2}}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{8}{2} \\
 &= 4
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{TP} &= -\frac{1}{2}(2x - 7)(2x - 9) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2}(2 \times 4 - 7)(2 \times 4 - 9) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times -1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

The turning point is $\left(4, \frac{1}{2}\right)$.



d $y = (1 - 3x)(4 + x)$

y-intercept: Let $x = 0$.

$$y = (1 - 3 \times 0)(4 + 0)$$

$$= 4$$

The y-intercept is $(0, 4)$.

x-intercepts: Let $y = 0$.

$$(1 - 3x)(4 + x) = 0$$

$$1 - 3x = 0 \text{ or } 4 + x = 0$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3}, -4$$

The x-intercepts are $(-4, 0)$ and $\left(\frac{1}{3}, 0\right)$.

The axis of symmetry lies halfway between the x-intercepts. It gives the x-coordinate of the turning point.

$$x_{TP} = \frac{-4 + \frac{1}{3}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-\frac{11}{3}}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{11}{6}$$

$$y_{TP} = (1 - 3x)(4 + x)$$

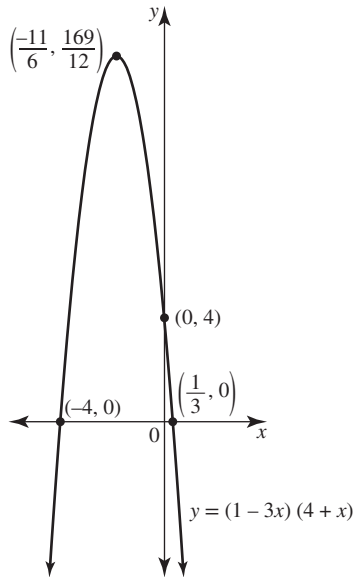
$$= \left(1 - 3 \times -\frac{11}{6}\right) \left(4 + -\frac{11}{6}\right)$$

$$= \left(1 + \frac{11}{2}\right) \left(4 - \frac{11}{6}\right)$$

$$= \frac{13}{2} \times \frac{13}{6}$$

$$= \frac{169}{12}$$

The turning point is $\left(-\frac{11}{6}, \frac{169}{12}\right)$.



11 a $y = x^2 - 9$

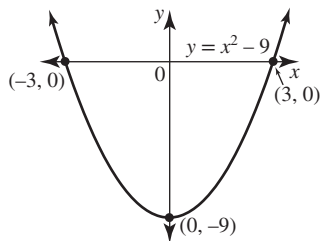
Min TP $(0, -9)$ and this is also the y -intercept.

x -intercepts: $0 = x^2 - 9$

$\therefore 0 = (x - 3)(x + 3)$

$\therefore x = 3, x = -3$

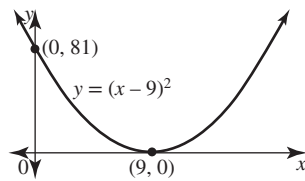
$(3, 0), (-3, 0)$



b $y = (x - 9)^2$

Min TP $(9, 0)$ and this is also the x -intercept.

y -intercept: $y = (-9)^2 \Rightarrow (0, 81)$



c $y = 6 - 3x^2$

$\therefore y = -3x^2 + 6$

Max TP $(0, 6)$, which is also the y -intercept.

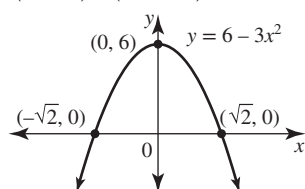
x -intercept: $0 = 6 - 3x^2$

$\therefore 3x^2 = 6$

$\therefore x^2 = 2$

$\therefore x = \pm\sqrt{2}$

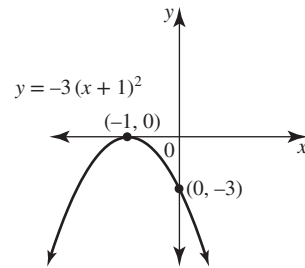
$(\sqrt{2}, 0), (-\sqrt{2}, 0)$



d $y = -3(x + 1)^2$

Max TP $(-1, 0)$ and this is also the x -intercept.

y -intercept: $y = -3(1)^2 \Rightarrow (0, -3)$



e $y = \frac{1}{4}(1 - 2x)^2$

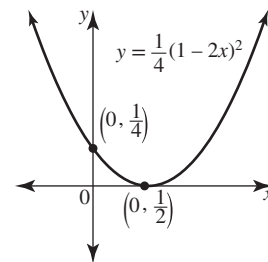
TP occurs when

$1 - 2x = 0$

$\therefore x = \frac{1}{2}$

Min TP $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$ is also the x -intercept.

y -intercept: $y = \frac{1}{4}(1)^2 \Rightarrow (0, \frac{1}{4})$



f $y = -0.25(1 + 2x)^2$

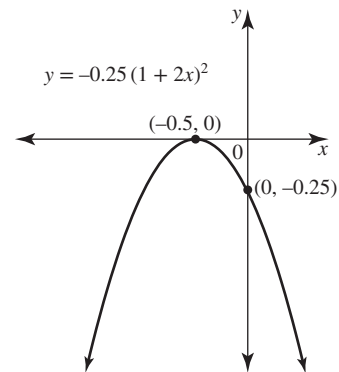
TP occurs when

$1 + 2x = 0$

$\therefore x = -0.5$

Max TP $(-0.5, 0)$ is also the x -intercept.

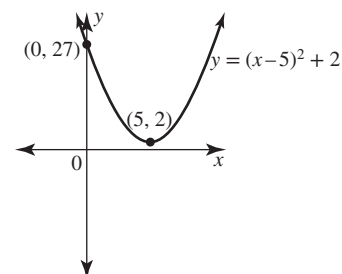
y -intercept: $y = -0.25(1)^2 \Rightarrow (0, -0.25)$



12 a $y = (x - 5)^2 + 2$

Min TP $(5, 2)$ so there are no x -intercepts.

y -intercept $(0, 27)$



b $y = 2(x+1)^2 - 2$

Min TP $(-1, -2)$

y-intercept $(0, 0)$

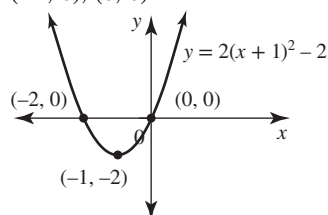
x-intercepts: $0 = 2(x+1)^2 - 2$

$$\therefore (x+1)^2 = 1$$

$$\therefore x+1 = \pm 1$$

$$\therefore x = -2, x = 0$$

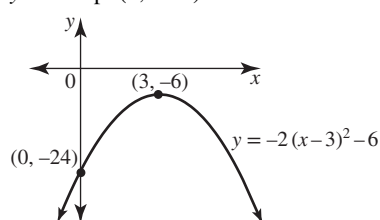
$(-2, 0), (0, 0)$



c $y = -2(x-3)^2 - 6$

Max TP $(3, -6)$ so no x-intercepts

y-intercept $(0, -24)$



d $y = -(x-4)^2 + 1$

Max TP $(4, 1)$

y-intercept $(0, -15)$

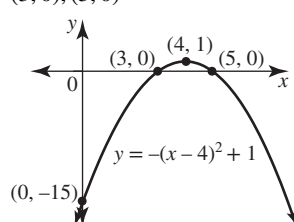
x-intercepts: $0 = -(x-4)^2 + 1$

$$\therefore (x-4)^2 = 1$$

$$\therefore x-4 = \pm 1$$

$$\therefore x = 3, x = 5$$

$(3, 0), (5, 0)$



e $y + 2 = \frac{(x+4)^2}{2}$

$$\therefore y = \frac{1}{2}(x+4)^2 - 2$$

Min TP $(-4, -2)$

y-intercept $(0, 6)$

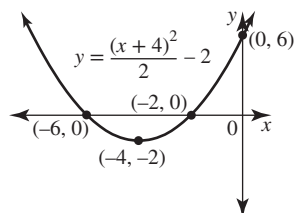
x-intercepts: $2 = \frac{(x+4)^2}{2}$

$$\therefore (x+4)^2 = 4$$

$$\therefore x+4 = \pm 2$$

$$\therefore x = -6, x = -2$$

$(-6, 0), (-2, 0)$



f $9y = 1 - \frac{1}{3}(2x-1)^2$

$$\therefore y = -\frac{1}{27}(2x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{9}$$

Max TP $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{9}\right)$

y-intercept: $y = -\frac{1}{27} + \frac{1}{9} \Rightarrow \left(0, \frac{2}{27}\right)$

x-intercepts: $0 = 1 - \frac{1}{3}(2x-1)^2$

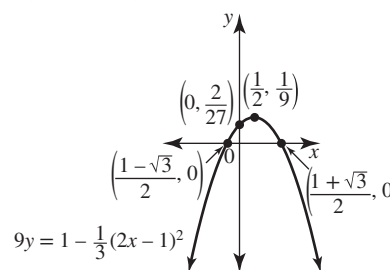
$$\therefore (2x-1)^2 = 3$$

$$\therefore 2x-1 = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore 2x = 1 \pm \sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\left(\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{3}}{2}, 0\right)$$



13 a $y = x^2 + c$

Substitute the given point $(1, 5)$ in the equation.

$$5 = 1^2 + c$$

$$5 = 1 + c$$

$$c = 4$$

The equation is $y = x^2 + 4$.

b $y = ax^2$

Substitute the given point $(6, -2)$ in the equation.

$$-2 = a(6)^2$$

$$-2 = 36a$$

$$a = -\frac{2}{36}$$

$$a = -\frac{1}{18}$$

The equation is $y = -\frac{1}{18}x^2$.

c $y = a(x-2)^2$

Substitute the given point $(0, -12)$.

$$-12 = a(0-2)^2$$

$$-12 = 4a$$

$$a = -3$$

The equation is $y = -3(x-2)^2$.

- 14 a** For an x -intercept at $x = 3$, $x - 3$ would be a factor of the equation.
 For an x -intercept at $x = 8$, $x - 8$ would be a factor of the equation.
 A possible equation is $y = (x - 3)(x - 8)$, but any answer in the form $y = a(x - 3)(x - 8)$ would be correct.
- b** For an x -intercept at $x = -11$, $x + 11$ would be a factor of the equation.
 For an x -intercept at $x = 2$, $x - 2$ would be a factor of the equation.
 A possible equation is $y = (x + 11)(x - 2)$, but any answer in the form $y = a(x + 11)(x - 2)$ would be correct.
- 15 a** Given information: minimum turning point $(-2, 1)$ and point $(0, 5)$
 Let $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$.
 $\therefore y = a(x + 2)^2 + 1$
 Substitute $(0, 5)$.
 $\therefore 5 = a(2)^2 + 1$
 $\therefore a = 1$
 Therefore, the equation of the parabola is $y = (x + 2)^2 + 1$.
- b** Given information: x -intercepts at $x = 0$, $x = 2$ and point $(-1, 6)$
 Let $y = a(x - x_1)(x - x_2)$.
 Since x -intercepts at $x = 0$, $x = 2$,
 $\therefore y = ax(x - 2)$
 Substitute $(-1, 6)$.
 $\therefore 6 = a(-1)(-1 - 2)$
 $\therefore 6 = 3a$
 $\therefore a = 2$
 Therefore, the equation of the parabola is $y = 2x(x - 2)$.
- 16** Let $y = ax^2 + bx + c$.
 $(-1, -7) \Rightarrow -7 = a(-1)^2 + b(-1) + c$
 $\therefore a - b + c = -7 \dots\dots\dots (1)$
 $(2, -10) \Rightarrow -10 = a(2)^2 + b(2) + c$
 $\therefore 4a + 2b + c = -10 \dots\dots\dots (2)$
 $(4, -32) \Rightarrow -32 = a(4)^2 + b(4) + c$
 $\therefore 16a + 4b + c = -32 \dots\dots\dots (3)$
 Eliminating c ,
 $(2) - (1)$
 $\therefore 3a + 3b = -3$
 $\therefore a + b = -1 \dots\dots\dots (4)$
 $(3) - (1)$
 $\therefore 15a + 5b = -25$
 $\therefore 3a + b = -5 \dots\dots\dots (5)$
 Solving equations (4) and (5):
 $(5) - (4)$
 $\therefore 2a = -4$
 $\therefore a = -2$
 $\therefore b = 1$
 In equation (1),
 $-2 - 1 + c = -7$
 $\therefore c = -4$
 Therefore, the equation of the parabola is $y = -2x^2 + x - 4$.
- 17 a** From the diagram, the maximum turning point is $(0, 6)$.
 $\therefore y = ax^2 + 6$
 The point $(1, 4)$ lies on the graph.

$$\therefore 4 = a(1)^2 + 6$$

$$\therefore a = -2$$

$$\text{The equation is } y = -2x^2 + 6.$$

- b** From the diagram, the x -intercepts are $x = -6$ and $x = -1$.

$$\therefore y = a(x + 6)(x + 1)$$

The point $(-9, 4.8)$ lies on the graph.

$$\therefore 4.8 = a(-9 + 6)(-9 + 1)$$

$$\therefore 4.8 = 24a$$

$$\therefore a = 0.2$$

$$\text{The equation is } y = 0.2(x + 6)(x + 1).$$

- 18 a** Equation A

- b** Equation A

- c** Equation A

- 19** The axis of symmetry at $x = 4$ means the equation is of the form $y = a(x - 4)^2 + k$.

$$\text{Point } (0, 6) \Rightarrow 6 = 16a + k \quad [1]$$

$$\text{Point } (6, 0) \Rightarrow 0 = 4a + k \quad [2]$$

Equation [1] - equation [2]:

$$6 = 12a$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{1}{2}$$

Substitute $a = \frac{1}{2}$ in equation [2]:

$$\therefore k = -2$$

$$\text{The equation is } y = \frac{1}{2}(x - 4)^2 - 2.$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 8x + 16) - 2$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 4x + 6$$

- 20** The point $(p, 0)$ is the turning point.

$$\therefore y = a(x - p)^2$$

$$\text{Point } (2, 9) \Rightarrow 9 = a(2 - p)^2 \quad [1]$$

$$\text{Point } (0, 36) \Rightarrow 36 = a(-p)^2$$

$$\therefore 36 = ap^2 \quad [2]$$

Equation [2] \div equation [1]:

$$\frac{36}{9} = \frac{ap^2}{a(2 - p)^2}$$

$$\therefore 4 = \frac{p^2}{(2 - p)^2}$$

$$\therefore 4(4 - 4p + p^2) = p^2$$

$$\therefore 3p^2 - 16p + 16 = 0$$

$$\therefore (3p - 4)(p - 4) = 0$$

$$\therefore p = \frac{4}{3}, p = 4$$

Therefore, there are two possible values for p .

$$\text{If } p = \frac{4}{3}, \text{ equation [2]} \Rightarrow 36 = a \times \frac{16}{9}$$

$$36 = a \times \frac{16}{9}$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{36 \times 9}{16}$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{81}{4}$$

The equation of the parabola $y = a(x - p)^2$ becomes

$$y = \frac{81}{4} \left(x - \frac{4}{3} \right)^2.$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{81}{4} \left(\frac{3x-4}{3} \right)^2$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{81}{4} \times \frac{(3x-4)^2}{9}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{9}{4}(3x-4)^2$$

If $p = 4$, equation [2] $\Rightarrow 36 = a \times 16$

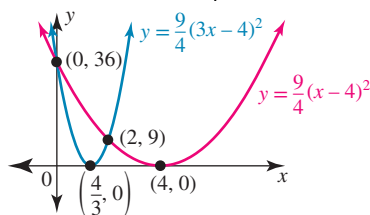
$$\therefore a = \frac{9}{4}$$

The equation of the parabola would be $y = \frac{9}{4}(x-4)^2$.

The graphs of both these parabolas contain the points (2, 9) and (0, 10).

The turning point of $y = \frac{9}{4}(3x-4)^2$ is $\left(\frac{4}{3}, 0\right)$ and the

turning point of $y = \frac{9}{4}(x-4)^2$ is (4, 0).



2.5 The discriminant

2.5 Exercise

1 a $4x^2 + 5x + 10$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac, a = 4, b = 5, c = 10$$

$$\therefore \Delta = (5)^2 - 4 \times 4 \times 10$$

$$= 25 - 160$$

$$= -135$$

b $169x^2 - 78x + 9$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac, a = 169, b = -78, c = 9$$

$$\therefore \Delta = (-78)^2 - 4 \times 169 \times 9$$

$$= 6084 - 6084$$

$$= 0$$

c $-3x^2 + 11x - 10$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac, a = -3, b = 11, c = -10$$

$$\therefore \Delta = (11)^2 - 4 \times (-3) \times (-10)$$

$$= 121 - 120$$

$$= 1$$

d $\frac{1}{3}x^2 - \frac{8}{3}x + 2$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac, a = \frac{1}{3}, b = -\frac{8}{3}, c = 2$$

$$\therefore \Delta = \left(-\frac{8}{3}\right)^2 - 4 \times \frac{1}{3} \times 2$$

$$= \frac{64}{9} - \frac{8}{3}$$

$$= \frac{64 - 24}{9}$$

$$= \frac{40}{9}$$

2 a $3x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0$

$$a = 3, b = -4, c = 1$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (-4)^2 - 4(3)(1)$$

$$= 16 - 12$$

$$= 4$$

b Since the discriminant is positive and a perfect square, the equation has 2 solutions, both of which are rational.

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

$$a = -1, b = -4, c = 3$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (-4)^2 - 4(-1)(3)$$

$$= 16 + 12$$

$$= 28$$

This equation has two irrational solutions as the discriminant is positive but not a perfect square.

b $2x^2 - 20x + 50 = 0$

$$a = 2, b = -20, c = 50$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (-20)^2 - 4(2)(50)$$

$$= 400 - 400$$

$$= 0$$

This equation has 1 rational solution.

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

$$a = 1, b = 4, c = 7$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= 4^2 - 4(1)(7)$$

$$= 16 - 28$$

$$= -12$$

This equation has no real solutions as the discriminant is negative.

d $1 = x^2 + 5x$

$$0 = x^2 + 5x - 1$$

$$a = 1, b = 5, c = -1$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= 5^2 - 4(1)(-1)$$

$$= 25 + 4$$

$$= 29$$

This equation has two irrational solutions as the discriminant is positive but not a perfect square.

4 a $5x^2 + 9x - 2$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$a = 5, b = 9, c = -2$$

$$\therefore \Delta = (9)^2 - 4 \times 5 \times (-2)$$

$$= 81 + 40$$

$$\therefore \Delta = 121$$

Since Δ is a perfect square, there are 2 rational factors.

b $12x^2 - 3x + 1$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$a = 12, b = -3, c = 1$$

$$\therefore \Delta = (-3)^2 - 4 \times 12 \times 1$$

$$= 9 - 48$$

$$\therefore \Delta = -39$$

Since $\Delta < 0$, there are no real linear factors.

c $121x^2 + 110x + 25$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$a = 121, b = 110, c = 25$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \Delta &= (110)^2 - 4 \times 121 \times 25 \\ &= 12\,100 - 12\,100\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \Delta = 0$$

Since $\Delta = 0$ there is one repeated rational factor.

d $x^2 + 10x + 23$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$a = 1, b = 10, c = 23$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \Delta &= (10)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times 23 \\ &= 100 - 92\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \Delta = 8$$

Since $\Delta > 0$ but is not a perfect square, there are two irrational factors.

5 a $0.2x^2 - 2.5x + 10 = 0$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac, a = 0.2, b = -2.5, c = 10$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \Delta &= (-2.5)^2 - 4 \times (0.2) \times (10) \\ &= 6.25 - 8 \\ &= -1.75\end{aligned}$$

Since $\Delta < 0$, there are no real roots to the equation.

b $kx^2 - (k+3)x + k = 0$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac, a = k, b = -(k+3), c = k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \Delta &= (-(k+3))^2 - 4 \times (k) \times (k) \\ &= (k+3)^2 - 4k^2 \\ &= (k+3-2k)(k+3+2k) \\ &= (3-k)(3k+3)\end{aligned}$$

For one real solution, $\Delta = 0$.

$$\therefore (3-k)(3k+3) = 0$$

$$\therefore k = 3, k = -1$$

6 a $-5x^2 - 8x + 9 = 0$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac, a = -5, b = -8, c = 9$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \Delta &= (-8)^2 - 4 \times (-5) \times 9 \\ &= 64 + 180\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \Delta = 244$$

Since $\Delta > 0$ but is not a perfect square, there are two irrational roots.

b $4x^2 + 3x - 7 = 0$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac, a = 4, b = 3, c = -7$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \Delta &= (3)^2 - 4 \times 4 \times (-7) \\ &= 9 + 112\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \Delta = 121$$

Since Δ is a perfect square, there are two rational roots.

c $4x^2 + x + 2 = 0$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac, a = 4, b = 1, c = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \Delta &= (1)^2 - 4 \times 4 \times 2 \\ &= 1 - 32\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \Delta = -31$$

Since $\Delta < 0$ there are no real roots.

d $28x - 4 - 49x^2 = 0$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac, a = -49, b = 28, c = -4$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \Delta &= (28)^2 - 4 \times (-49) \times (-4) \\ &= 784 - 784\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \Delta = 0$$

Since $\Delta = 0$, there is one rational root (or two equal roots).

e $4x^2 + 25 = 0$

As $4x^2 \geq 0$, then the sum $4x^2 + 25$ cannot equal zero.

Therefore, there are no real roots.

f $3\sqrt{2}x^2 + 5x + \sqrt{2} = 0$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac, a = 3\sqrt{2}, b = 5, c = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \Delta &= (5)^2 - 4 \times 3\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2} \\ &= 25 - 24\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \Delta = 1$$

Since $\Delta > 0$, there are two roots. However, despite Δ being a perfect square, the coefficient of x^2 in the quadratic equation is irrational, so the two roots are irrational.

7 a $y = 42x - 18x^2$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac, a = -18, b = 42, c = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \Delta &= 42^2 - 4 \times (-18) \times 0 \\ &= 42^2\end{aligned}$$

Since the discriminant is a perfect square, there are 2 rational x -intercepts. (Obvious from the factors of the equation)

b The factorised form is $y = 6x(7 - 3x)$.

$$x\text{-intercepts: } (0, 0), \left(\frac{7}{3}, 0\right)$$

Turning point:

$$x = \frac{0 + \frac{7}{3}}{2}$$

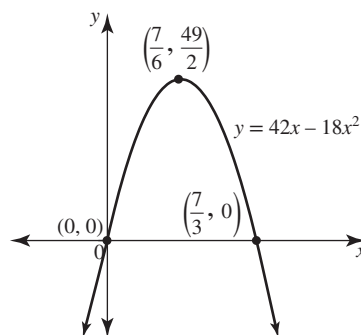
$$\therefore x = \frac{7}{6}$$

$$\therefore y = 6 \times \frac{7}{6} \left(7 - 3 \times \frac{7}{6}\right)$$

$$\therefore y = 7 \left(\frac{7}{2}\right)$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{49}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{7}{6}, \frac{49}{2}\right)$$



8 a $y = 9x^2 + 17x - 12$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac, a = 9, b = 17, c = -12$$

$$\therefore \Delta = 289 - 4 \times 9 \times (-12)$$

$$\therefore \Delta = 721$$

Since $\Delta > 0$ but is not a perfect square, there are two irrational intercepts with the x axis.

b $y = -5x^2 + 20x - 21$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac, a = -5, b = 20, c = -21$$

$$\therefore \Delta = 400 - 4 \times (-5) \times (-21)$$

$$\therefore \Delta = -20$$

Since $\Delta < 0$, there are no intercepts with the x -axis.

$$c \ y = -3x^2 - 30x - 75$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac \quad a = -3, b = -30, c = -75$$

$$\therefore \Delta = 900 - 4 \times (-3) \times (-75)$$

$$\therefore \Delta = 0$$

Since $\Delta = 0$, there is one rational intercept with the x -axis.

$$d \ y = 0.02x^2 + 0.5x + 2$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac \quad a = 0.02, b = 0.5, c = 2$$

$$\therefore \Delta = 0.25 - 4 \times 0.02 \times 2$$

$$\therefore \Delta = 0.09$$

$$\therefore \Delta = (0.3)^2$$

Since $\Delta > 0$ and it is a perfect square, there are two rational intercepts with the x -axis.

$$9 \ y = 5x^2 + 10x - k$$

a For one x -intercept, $\Delta = 0$.

$$\Delta = (10)^2 - 4 \times (5) \times (-k)$$

$$= 100 + 20k$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 100 + 20k = 0 \Rightarrow k = -5$$

b For two x -intercepts, $\Delta > 0$.

$$\text{Therefore, } 100 + 20k > 0 \Rightarrow k > -5$$

c For no x -intercepts, $\Delta < 0$.

$$\text{Therefore, } 100 + 20k < 0 \Rightarrow k < -5.$$

$$10 \ a \ y = x^2 + 3x - 10 \dots (1)$$

$$y + x = 2 \dots (2)$$

From equation (2), $y = 2 - x$.

Substitute in (1).

$$2 - x = x^2 + 3x - 10$$

$$\therefore x^2 + 4x - 12 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x + 6)(x - 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -6, x = 2$$

If $x = -6$, $y = 8$, and if $x = 2$, $y = 0$.

The points of intersection are $(-6, 8)$ and $(2, 0)$.

$$b \ y = 6x + 1 \text{ and } y = -x^2 + 9x - 5$$

For intersection,

$$6x + 1 = -x^2 + 9x - 5$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 3x + 6 = 0$$

$$\Delta = (-3)^2 - 4(1)(6)$$

$$= 9 - 24$$

$$= -15$$

Since $\Delta < 0$, there are no intersections.

$$11 \ y = 4x \text{ and } y = x^2 + 4$$

At intersection,

$$4x = x^2 + 4$$

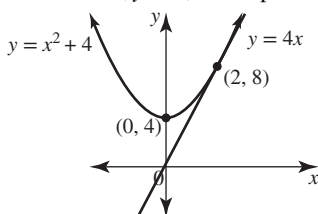
$$\therefore 0 = x^2 - 4x + 4$$

$$\therefore (x - 2)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 2$$

Since there is only one value, the line is a tangent to the parabola.

When $x = 2$, $y = 8$, so the point of contact is $(2, 8)$.



$$12 \ a \ y = 5x + 2 \dots (1)$$

$$y = x^2 - 4 \dots (2)$$

Substitute (1) in (2).

$$\therefore 5x + 2 = x^2 - 4$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 5x - 6 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x - 6)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 6, x = -1$$

In (1), when $x = 6$, $y = 32$, and when $x = -1$, $y = -3$.

Answer $x = 6$, $y = 32$ or $x = -1$, $y = -3$.

$$b \ 4x + y = 3 \dots (1)$$

$$y = x^2 + 3x - 5 \dots (2)$$

From (1), $y = 3 - 4x$. Substitute in (2).

$$\therefore 3 - 4x = x^2 + 3x - 5$$

$$\therefore x^2 + 7x - 8 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x - 1)(x + 8) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 1, x = -8$$

In (1), when $x = 1$, $y = -1$, and when $x = -8$, $y = 35$.

Answer $x = 1$, $y = -1$ or $x = -8$, $y = 35$.

$$c \ 2y + x - 4 = 0 \dots (1)$$

$$y = (x - 3)^2 + 4 \dots (2)$$

From (1), $x = 4 - 2y$. Substitute in (2).

$$\therefore y = (4 - 2y - 3)^2 + 4$$

$$\therefore y = (1 - 2y)^2 + 4$$

$$\therefore y = 1 - 4y + 4y^2 + 4$$

$$\therefore 4y^2 - 4y + 5 = 0$$

Test the discriminant.

$$\Delta = (-4)^2 - 4 \times 4 \times 5$$

$$= -64$$

Since $\Delta < 0$, there are no solutions.

$$d \ \frac{x}{3} + \frac{y}{5} = 1 \dots (1)$$

$$x^2 - y + 5 = 0 \dots (2)$$

From (2), $y = x^2 + 5$. Substitute in (1).

$$\therefore \frac{x}{3} + \frac{x^2 + 5}{5} = 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{5x + 3(x^2 + 5)}{15} = 1$$

$$\therefore 3x^2 + 5x + 15 = 15$$

$$\therefore 3x^2 + 5x = 0$$

$$\therefore x(3x + 5) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0, x = -\frac{5}{3}$$

In (2) when $x = 0$, $y = 5$, and when $x = -\frac{5}{3}$, $y = \frac{25}{9} + 5$.

Answer $x = 0$, $y = 5$ or $x = -\frac{5}{3}$, $y = \frac{70}{9}$

$$13 \ a \ y = 2x + 5 \dots (1)$$

$$y = -5x^2 + 10x + 2 \dots (2)$$

At intersection, $2x + 5 = -5x^2 + 10x + 2$.

$$\therefore 5x^2 - 8x + 3 = 0$$

$$\therefore (5x - 3)(x - 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{3}{5}, x = 1$$

In (1) when $x = \frac{3}{5}$, $y = \frac{6}{5} + 5$.

$$\therefore x = \frac{3}{5}, y = \frac{31}{5}$$

In (1) when $x = 1$, $y = 7$.

The points of intersection are $\left(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{31}{5}\right), (1, 7)$.

b $y = -5x - 13 \dots (1)$

$$y = 2x^2 + 3x - 5 \dots (2)$$

At intersection, $-5x - 13 = 2x^2 + 3x - 5$.

$$\therefore 2x^2 + 8x + 8 = 0$$

$$\therefore x^2 + 4x + 4 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x + 2)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -2$$

In (1) when $x = -2$, $y = -3$.

The point of intersection is $(-2, -3)$.

c $y = 10 \dots (1)$

$$y = (5 - x)(6 + x) \dots (2)$$

At intersection, $10 = (5 - x)(6 + x)$.

$$\therefore 10 = 30 - x - x^2$$

$$\therefore x^2 + x - 20 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x - 4)(x + 5) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 4, x = -5$$

The points of intersection are $(4, 10), (-5, 10)$.

d $19x - y = 46 \dots (1)$

$$y = 3x^2 - 5x + 2 \dots (2)$$

From (1), $y = 19x - 46$. Substitute in (2).

$$\therefore 19x - 46 = 3x^2 - 5x + 2$$

$$\therefore 3x^2 - 24x + 48 = 0$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 8x + 16 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x - 4)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 4$$

Substitute $x = 4$ in (1).

$$\therefore y = 19 \times 4 - 46$$

$$\therefore y = 30$$

The point of intersection is $(4, 30)$.

14 a $y = 4 - 2x \dots (1)$

$$y = 3x^2 + 8 \dots (2)$$

At intersection, $4 - 2x = 3x^2 + 8$

$$\therefore 3x^2 + 2x + 4 = 0$$

$$\Delta = 2^2 - 4 \times 3 \times 4$$

$$\therefore \Delta = -44$$

Since $\Delta < 0$, there are no intersections.

b $y = 2x + 1 \dots (1)$

$$y = -x^2 - x + 2 \dots (2)$$

At intersection, $2x + 1 = -x^2 - x + 2$.

$$\therefore x^2 + 3x - 1 = 0$$

$$\Delta = 3^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (-1)$$

$$\therefore \Delta = 13$$

Since $\Delta > 0$, there are two intersections.

c $y = 0 \dots (1)$

$$y = -2x^2 + 3x - 2 \dots (2)$$

At intersection, $0 = -2x^2 + 3x - 2$

$$\Delta = 3^2 - 4 \times (-2) \times (-2)$$

$$\therefore \Delta = -7$$

Since $\Delta < 0$, there are no intersections.

15 a $2y - 3x = 6 \dots (1)$

$$y = x^2 \dots (2)$$

Substitute (2) in (1).

$$\therefore 2x^2 - 3x = 6$$

$$\therefore 2x^2 - 3x - 6 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{(-3)^2 - 4 \times 2 \times (-6)}}{4}$$

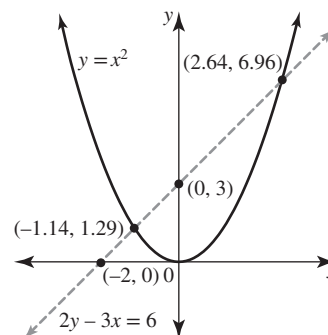
$$\therefore x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{57}}{4}$$

Therefore, $x = -1.137 \dots$ or $x = 2.637 \dots$

Substitute each into equation (2) to obtain $y = 1.29$ or $y = 6.96$ respectively.

To 2 decimal places, the points of intersection are $(-1.14, 1.29), (2.64, 6.96)$.

b The line $2y - 3x = 6$ intersects the axes at $(-2, 0), (0, 3)$. The parabola $y = x^2$ has a minimum turning point at $(0, 0)$. Both graphs contain the points $(-1.14, 1.29), (2.64, 6.96)$.



16 a $mx^2 - 2x + 4$ is positive definite if $\Delta < 0$ and $m > 0$.

$$\Delta = (-2)^2 - 4 \times m \times 4$$

$$= 4 - 16m$$

$$\Delta < 0 \Rightarrow 4 - 16m < 0$$

$$\therefore m > \frac{1}{4}$$

Positive definite for $m > \frac{1}{4}$

b i $px^2 + 3x - 9$ is positive definite if $\Delta < 0$ and $p > 0$.

$$\Delta = (3)^2 - 4 \times p \times (-9)$$

$$= 9 + 36p$$

$$\Delta < 0 \Rightarrow 9 + 36p < 0$$

$$\therefore p < -\frac{1}{4}$$

There is no positive value of p for which $\Delta < 0$. Hence, there is no real value of p for which $px^2 + 3x - 9$ is positive definite.

ii If $p = 3$, $y = 3x^2 + 3x - 9$.

The equation of the axis of symmetry is $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$.

$$\therefore x = -\frac{3}{6}$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

The axis of symmetry has equation $x = -\frac{1}{2}$.

17 a $x^2 + (m + 2)x - m + 5 = 0$

For one root, $\Delta = 0$.

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac, a = 1, b = m + 2, c = -m + 5$$

$$\therefore \Delta = (m + 2)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (-m + 5)$$

$$= m^2 + 4m + 4 + 4m - 20$$

$$\therefore \Delta = m^2 + 8m - 16$$

Therefore, for one root, $m^2 + 8m - 16 = 0$.

$$\therefore (m^2 + 8m + 16) - 16 - 16 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m + 4)^2 = 32$$

$$\therefore m + 4 = \pm\sqrt{32}$$

$$\therefore m = -4 \pm 4\sqrt{2}$$

b $(m + 2)x^2 - 2mx + 4 = 0$

For one root, $\Delta = 0$.

$$\therefore (-2m)^2 - 4(m + 2)(4) = 0$$

$$\therefore 4m^2 - 16m - 32 = 0$$

$$\therefore m^2 - 4m - 8 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m^2 - 4m + 4) - 4 - 8 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m - 2)^2 - 12 = 0$$

$$\therefore m - 2 = \pm\sqrt{12}$$

$$\therefore m = 2 \pm 2\sqrt{3}$$

c $3x^2 + 4x - 2(p - 1) = 0$

For no roots, $\Delta < 0$.

$$\therefore 16 - 4(3)(-2(p - 1)) < 0$$

$$\therefore 16 + 24(p - 1) < 0$$

$$\therefore 24p - 8 < 0$$

$$\therefore 24p < 8$$

$$\therefore p < \frac{1}{3}$$

18 $kx^2 - 4x - k = 0$

The discriminant determines the number of solutions.

$$\Delta = (-4)^2 - 4(k)(-k)$$

$$= 16 + 4k^2$$

Since $k \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, $k^2 > 0$.

$$\therefore 16 + 4k^2 > 16$$

Thus, Δ is always positive. Therefore, the equation always has two solutions.

19 $px^2 + (p + q)x + q = 0$

$$\Delta = (p + q)^2 - 4pq$$

$$= p^2 + 2pq + q^2 - 4pq$$

$$= p^2 - 2pq + q^2$$

$$= (p - q)^2$$

As Δ is a perfect square and $p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$, the roots are always rational.

20 $mx^2 + (m - 4)x = 4$

$$\therefore mx^2 + (m - 4)x - 4 = 0$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac, a = m, b = (m - 4), c = -4$$

$$\Delta = (m - 4)^2 - 4 \times (m) \times (-4)$$

$$= (m - 4)^2 + 16m$$

$$= m^2 - 8m + 16 + 16m$$

$$= m^2 + 8m + 16$$

$$= (m + 4)^2$$

Since $\Delta \geq 0$ for all m , the equation will always have real roots.

Area of rectangle = length \times width

$$A = x(x - 8)$$

$$200 = x(x - 8)$$

$$x^2 - 8x - 200 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 8x + 4^2 - 4^2 - 200 = 0$$

$$(x - 4)^2 - 216 = 0$$

$$(x - 4)^2 = 216$$

$$x - 4 = \pm\sqrt{216}$$

$$x = 4 \pm \sqrt{36 \times 6}$$

$$x = 4 \pm 6\sqrt{6}$$

Reject $x = 4 - 6\sqrt{6}$, since x must be positive since it is a length.

$$\text{Width} = 4 + 6\sqrt{6} - 8 = -4 + 6\sqrt{6}$$

Therefore, the dimensions of the rectangle would be

$$(4 + 6\sqrt{6}) \text{ m and } (-4 + 6\sqrt{6}) \text{ m.}$$

2 Let the area of a sphere of radius r cm be A cm².

$$A = kr^2$$

Substitute $r = 5, A = 100\pi$.

$$\therefore 100\pi = k(25)$$

$$\therefore k = \frac{100\pi}{25}$$

$$\therefore k = 4\pi$$

$$\therefore A = 4\pi r^2$$

When $A = 360\pi$,

$$360\pi = 4\pi r^2$$

$$\therefore r^2 = 90$$

$$\therefore r = \pm 3\sqrt{10}$$

$$r > 0, \therefore r = 3\sqrt{10}$$

The radius is $3\sqrt{10}$ cm.

3 a $A = kx^2$ where A is the area of an equilateral triangle of side length x and k is the constant of proportionality.

$$\text{When } x = 2\sqrt{3}, A = 3\sqrt{3}.$$

$$\therefore 3\sqrt{3} = k(2\sqrt{3})^2$$

$$\therefore 3\sqrt{3} = 12k$$

$$\therefore k = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

$$\text{Hence, } A = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}x^2.$$

$$\text{If } A = 12\sqrt{3},$$

$$12\sqrt{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}x^2$$

$$\therefore x^2 = 48$$

$$\therefore x = 4\sqrt{3}$$

(The negative square root is not appropriate for the length.)

The side length is $4\sqrt{3}$ cm.

b $d = kt^2$ where d is the distance fallen after time t and k is the constant of proportionality.

Replace t with $2t$.

$$\therefore d \rightarrow k(2t)^2$$

$$\therefore d = 4(kt^2)$$

The distance is quadrupled.

c $H = kV^2$ where H is the number of joules of heat in a wire with voltage V and k is the constant of proportionality.

If the voltage is reduced by 20%, then 80% of it remains.

Replace V with $0.80V$.

2.6 Modelling with quadratic functions

2.6 Exercise

- 1** Let x metres be the length of the rectangle.
The width is $(x - 8)$ metres.

$$\therefore H \rightarrow k(0.80V)^2$$

$$\therefore H = 0.64(kV^2)$$

This means H is now 64% of what it was, so the effect of reducing the voltage by 20% is to reduce the number of joules of heat by 36%.

- 4 Cost in dollars, $C = 20 + 5x$

$$\text{Revenue in dollars, } R = 1.5x^2$$

$$\text{Profit in dollars, } P = R - C$$

$$\therefore P = 1.5x^2 - 5x - 20$$

$$\text{If } P = 800,$$

$$800 = 1.5x^2 - 5x - 20$$

$$\therefore 1.5x^2 - 5x - 820 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4 \times 1.5 \times (-820)}}{2 \times 1.5}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25 + 4920}}{3}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{4945}}{3}$$

$$\therefore x \approx 25.107, x \approx -21.773$$

Reject the negative value, so $x \approx 25.107$.

The number of litres is $100x = 2510.7$. To the nearest litre, 2511 litres must be sold.

- 5 Let the natural numbers be n and $n + 2$.

$$n(n + 2) = 440$$

$$\therefore n^2 + 2n = 440$$

$$\therefore n^2 + 2n - 440 = 0$$

$$\therefore (n + 22)(n - 20) = 0$$

$$\therefore n = -22 \text{ (reject), } n = 20$$

$$\therefore n = 20$$

The two consecutive even natural numbers are 20 and 22.

- 6 Let the natural numbers be n and $n + 1$.

$$n^2 + (n + 1)^2 + (n + (n + 1))^2 = 662$$

$$\therefore n^2 + (n + 1)^2 + (2n + 1)^2 = 662$$

$$\therefore n^2 + n^2 + 2n + 1 + 4n^2 + 4n + 1 = 662$$

$$\therefore 6n^2 + 6n - 660 = 0$$

$$\therefore n^2 + n - 110 = 0$$

$$\therefore (n + 11)(n - 10) = 0$$

$$\therefore n = -11 \text{ (reject), } n = 10$$

$$\therefore n = 10$$

The two consecutive natural numbers are 10 and 11.

- 7 Using Pythagoras's theorem,

$$(3x + 3)^2 = (3x)^2 + (x - 3)^2$$

$$\therefore 9x^2 + 18x + 9 = 9x^2 + x^2 - 6x + 9$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 24x = 0$$

$$\therefore x(x - 24) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0, x = 24$$

Reject $x = 0$ because $3x$ would be zero and $x - 3$ would be negative.

$$\therefore x = 24$$

The three side lengths are 72 cm, 21 cm and 75 cm, so the perimeter is 168 cm.

- 8 30 metres of edging using the back fence as one edge

- a Width x metres, length $30 - 2x$ metres

$$\therefore A = x(30 - 2x)$$

$$\therefore A = 30x - 2x^2$$

- b $A = 0 \Rightarrow x(30 - 2x) = 0$

$$\therefore x = 0, x = 15$$

Therefore, the turning point is

$$x = 7.5, A = 7.5(30 - 15)$$

$$\Rightarrow (7.5, 112.5)$$

The dimensions of the garden for maximum area are width 7.5 m, length 15 m.

- c The greatest area is 112.5 square metres.

$$9 \quad h = 100 + 38t - \frac{19}{12}t^2$$

- a At turning point, $t = -\frac{b}{2a}$.

$$\therefore t = -\frac{38}{2 \left(-\frac{19}{12}\right)}$$

$$\therefore t = 12$$

$$\therefore h = 100 + 38(12) - \frac{19}{12} \times 12^2$$

$$\therefore h = 100 + 19 \times 12$$

$$\therefore h = 328$$

Therefore, the greatest height the missile reaches is 328 metres

- b It reaches its greatest height after 12 seconds

- c Time to return to the ground: $0 = 100 + 38t - \frac{19}{12}t^2$

$$\therefore 19t^2 - 456t - 1200 = 0$$

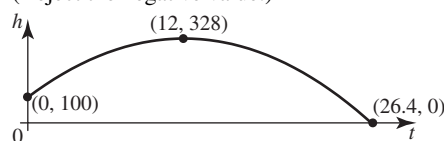
$$\therefore t = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$\therefore t = \frac{456 \pm \sqrt{456^2 - 4 \times 19 \times (-1200)}}{38}$$

$$\therefore t = -2.39, 26.39$$

$$\therefore t = 26.4$$

(Reject the negative value.)



$$10 \quad 10h = 16t + 4 - 9t^2$$

- a The ball reaches the ground when $h = 0$.

$$\therefore 0 = 16t + 4 - 9t^2$$

$$\therefore 9t^2 - 16t - 4 = 0$$

$$\therefore (9t + 2)(t - 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore t = -\frac{2}{9}, t = 2$$

Reject $t = -\frac{2}{9}$ since $t > 0$.

$$\therefore t = 2$$

It takes the ball 2 seconds to reach the ground.

- b Let $h = 1.6$.

$$\therefore 10 \times 1.6 = 16t + 4 - 9t^2$$

$$\therefore 9t^2 - 16t + 12 = 0$$

$$\Delta = (-16)^2 - 4 \times 9 \times 12$$

$$\therefore \Delta = -176$$

Since $\Delta < 0$, there is no value of t for which $h = 1.6$.

The ball does not strike the overhanging foliage.

- c $10h = 16t + 4 - 9t^2$

$$10h = 16t + 4 - 9t^2$$

$$\therefore h = 1.6t + 0.4 - 0.9t^2$$

$$\therefore h = -0.9t^2 + 1.6t + 0.4$$

At the turning point, $t = -\frac{b}{2a}$.

$$\therefore t = -\frac{1.6}{2 \times (-0.9)}$$

$$\therefore t = \frac{1.6}{1.8}$$

$$\therefore t = \frac{8}{9} \text{ of a second.}$$

$$\text{When } t = \frac{8}{9},$$

$$10h = -9 \times \frac{64}{81} + 16 \times \frac{8}{9} + 4$$

$$\therefore 10h = \frac{100}{9}$$

$$\therefore h = \frac{10}{9}$$

The greatest height the ball reaches is $\frac{10}{9}$ metres.

11 a $y = 1.2 + 2.2x - 0.2x^2$

$$a = -0.2, b = 2.2 \text{ and } c = 1.2.$$

The highest point reached by the volleyball occurs at the turning point of its parabola of motion.

$$\begin{aligned} x_{TP} &= \frac{-b}{2a} \\ &= \frac{-2.2}{2(-0.2)} \\ &= 5.5 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting into the original equation, y_{TP} can be determined:

$$\begin{aligned} y_{TP} &= 1.2 + 2.2(5.5) - 0.2(5.5)^2 \\ &= 7.25 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the volleyball reaches a height of 7.25 metres.

- b** The court is 18 metres in length so the net is 9 metres horizontally from the back of the court.

When $x = 9$, the height of the volleyball is

$$y = 1.2 + 2.2 \times 9 - 0.2 \times 81$$

$$\therefore y = 4.8$$

The volleyball is 4.8 metres high and the net is 2.43 metres high. Therefore, the ball clears the net by 2.37 metres.

- 12** Let C dollars be the cost of hire for t hours.

$$C = 10 + kt^2$$

$$t = 3, C = 32.50$$

$$\Rightarrow 32.5 = 10 + k(9)$$

Solving,

$$\therefore 9k = 22.5$$

$$\therefore k = 2.5$$

$$\therefore C = 10 + 2.5t^2$$

When $C = 60$,

$$60 = 10 + 2.5t^2$$

$$\therefore 2.5t^2 = 50$$

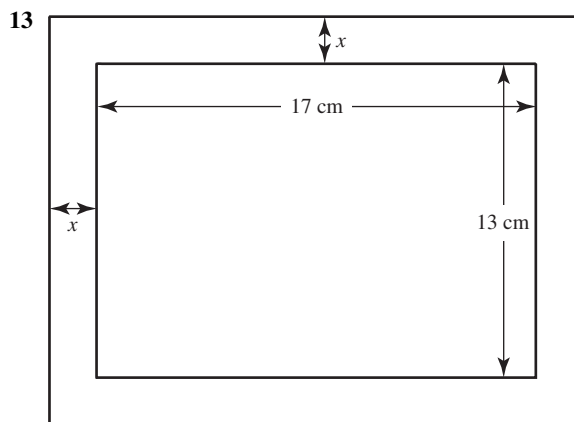
$$\therefore t^2 = \frac{50}{2.5}$$

$$\therefore t^2 = 20$$

Since $t > 0$, $t = \sqrt{20}$.

$$\therefore t \approx 4.472$$

The chainsaw was hired for approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours.



Let the width of the border be x cm.

The frame has length $(17 + 2x)$ cm and width $(13 + 2x)$.

The area of the border is the difference between the area of the frame and the area of the photo.

$$\therefore 260 = (17 + 2x)(13 + 2x) - 17 \times 13$$

$$\therefore 260 = 221 + 60x + 4x^2 - 221$$

$$\therefore 4x^2 + 60x - 260 = 0$$

$$\therefore x^2 + 15x - 65 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-15 \pm \sqrt{15^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (-65)}}{2}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-15 \pm \sqrt{225 + 260}}{2}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-15 \pm \sqrt{485}}{2}$$

$$\therefore x = 3.511, x \approx -18.51$$

Reject the negative value.

$$\therefore x \approx 3.511$$

Length of the frame is $17 + 2 \times 3.511 = 24.0$ cm or 240 mm.

Width of the frame is $13 + 2 \times 3.511 = 20.0$ cm or 200 mm.

- 14** Cost: $C = 15 + 10x$

$$\text{Revenue: } R = vx$$

$$\therefore R = (50 - x)x$$

Profit = revenue - cost

$\therefore P = (50 - x)x - (15 + 10x)$, where P dollars is the profit from a sale of x kg of fertiliser.

$$\therefore P = 50x - x^2 - 15 - 10x$$

$$\therefore P = -x^2 + 40x - 15$$

Completing the square,

$$P = -[(x^2 - 40x + 400) - 400 + 15]$$

$$\therefore P = -[(x - 20)^2 - 385]$$

$$\therefore P = -(x - 20)^2 + 385$$

The maximum turning point is $(20, 385)$. The profit is greatest when $x = 20$.

If $x = 20$, the cost per kilogram, v , equals 30.

For maximum profit, the cost is \$30 per kilogram.

- 15 a** The total length of hosing for the edges is 120 metres.

$$\therefore 2l + 4w = 120$$

$$\therefore l + 2w = 60$$

$$\therefore l = 60 - 2w$$

The total area of the garden is $A = l \times w$.

$$\therefore A = (60 - 2w) \times w$$

$$\therefore A = 60w - 2w^2$$

Completing the square,

$$A = -2(w^2 - 30w)$$

$$\therefore A = -2[(w^2 - 30w + 15^2) - 15^2]$$

$$\therefore A = -2[(w - 15)^2 - 225]$$

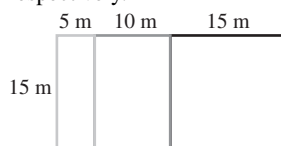
$$\therefore A = -2(w - 15)^2 + 450$$

Maximum area of 450 sq m when $w = 15$, and if $w = 15$ then $l = 30$.

- b** The total area is divided into three sections in the ratio 1 : 2 : 3.

Dividing the length $l = 30$ into 6 parts gives each part 5.

The lengths of each section are 5, 10, 15 metres respectively.



The smallest section has width 15 metres and length 5 metres with area 75 sq m. The amount of hosing required for its four sides is its perimeter of 40 m.

The middle section has width 15 metres and length 10 metres with area 150 sq m. The amount of hosing required is for three sides since it shares one side with the smallest section. Therefore, the amount of hosing is $2 \times 10 + 15 = 35$ metres.

The largest section has width 15 metres and length 15 metres with area 225 sq m. The amount of hosing required is for three sides since it shares one side with the middle section. Therefore, the amount of hosing is $2 \times 15 + 15 = 45$ metres.

- 16 a** $N = 100 + 46t + 2t^2$

Initially, $t = 0 \Rightarrow N = 100$

When $N = 200$,

$$200 = 100 + 46t + 2t^2$$

$$\therefore 2t^2 + 46t - 100 = 0$$

$$\therefore t^2 + 23t - 50 = 0$$

$$\therefore (t + 25)(t - 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore t = -25 \text{ (reject) or } t = 2$$

$$\therefore t = 2$$

It takes 2 hours for the initial number of bacteria to double.

- b** At 1 pm, $t = 5$

$$\therefore N = 100 + 46 \times 5 + 2 \times 25$$

$$\therefore N = 380$$

At 1 pm there are 380 bacteria present.

- c** $N = 380 - 180t + 30t^2$ where t is the time since 1 pm.

The minimum number of bacteria occurs at the minimum turning point.

At the turning point,

$$t = -\frac{-180}{2 \times 30}$$

$$\therefore t = 3$$

$$N = 380 - 180 \times 3 + 30 \times 9$$

$$\therefore N = 110$$

The minimum number of bacteria is 110 reached at 4 pm.

- 17** Let the width of the garden bed be x m

and let the length be l m.

The edging = $x + l + x$.

$$16 = 2x + l$$

$$l = 16 - 2x$$

Area of garden bed = length \times width

$$A = (16 - 2x) \times x$$

The gardener has decided the area will be 15 square metres.

Area of garden bed = length \times width

$$15 = (16 - 2x) \times x$$

$$15 = 16x - 2x^2$$

$$2x^2 - 16x + 15 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 8x + 7.5 = 0$$

$$(x^2 - 8x + 16) - 16 + 7.5 = 0$$

$$(x - 4)^2 - 8.5 = 0$$

$$x - 4 = \pm\sqrt{8.5}$$

$$x = 4 \pm \sqrt{8.5}$$

$$\therefore x \approx 6.91 \text{ or } x \approx 1.08$$

If $x = 6.91$, width is 6.91 m and length is

$$16 - 2 \times 6.91 = 2.18 \text{ m}$$

If $x = 1.08$, width is 1.08 m and length is

$$16 - 2 \times 1.08 = 13.84 \text{ m.}$$

To use as much of the back fence as possible, $x = 1.08$.

The dimensions of the rectangle are width 1.1 metres and length 13.8 metres.

- 18** Form an equation relating C and n .

$C = c + k_1n + k_2n^2$ where k_1 and k_2 are the constants of proportionality.

$$n = 5, C = 195 \Rightarrow 195 = c + 5k_1 + 25k_2 \dots (1)$$

$$n = 8, C = 420 \Rightarrow 420 = c + 8k_1 + 64k_2 \dots (2)$$

$$n = 10, C = 620 \Rightarrow 620 = c + 10k_1 + 100k_2 \dots (3)$$

Eliminate c .

Equation (2) – equation (1):

$$225 = 3k_1 + 39k_2$$

$$\therefore 75 = k_1 + 13k_2 \dots (4)$$

Equation (3) – equation (2):

$$200 = 2k_1 + 36k_2$$

$$\therefore 100 = k_1 + 18k_2 \dots (5)$$

Equation (5) – equation (4):

$$25 = 5k_2$$

$$\therefore k_2 = 5$$

Substitute $k_2 = 5$ in equation (4):

$$\therefore 75 = k_1 + 65$$

$$\therefore k_1 = 10$$

Substitute $k_1 = 10$ and $k_2 = 5$ in equation (1):

$$\therefore 195 = c + 50 + 125$$

$$\therefore c = 20$$

The relationship is $C = 20 + 10n + 5n^2$.

For the cost to not exceed \$1000, $C \leq 1000$.

$$\therefore 20 + 10n + 5n^2 \leq 1000$$

$$\therefore n^2 + 2n + 4 \leq 200$$

$$\therefore n^2 + 2n - 196 \leq 0$$

Consider $n^2 + 2n - 196 = 0$
 $\therefore (n^2 + 2n + 1) - 1 - 196 = 0$
 $\therefore (n + 1)^2 = 197$
 $\therefore n + 1 = \pm\sqrt{197}$
 $\therefore n = -1 \pm \sqrt{197}$

Sign diagram of $n^2 + 2n - 196$



Since $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $-1 + \sqrt{197} \simeq 13.04$, $n^2 + 2n - 196 \leq 0$ when $0 < n < -1 + \sqrt{197}$.

$$\therefore 1 \leq n \leq 13$$

Therefore, 13 is the maximum number of tables that can be manufactured if the costs are not to exceed \$1000.

- 19 Let the two non-zero numbers be x and y .

$$x + y = k, \text{ so } y = k - x.$$

$$\text{Product, } P = x(k - x).$$

$$\text{The sum of squares, } S = x^2 + (k - x)^2.$$

$$\text{If } S = P, \text{ then } x^2 + (k - x)^2 = x(k - x) \dots (1)$$

$$\therefore x^2 + k^2 - 2kx + x^2 = kx - x^2$$

$$\therefore 3x^2 - 3kx + k^2 = 0$$

Use the discriminant to test if there are solutions.

$$\Delta = (-3k)^2 - 4 \times 3 \times k^2$$

$$= 9k^2 - 12k^2$$

$$= -3k^2$$

$$\Delta < 0 \text{ unless } k = 0.$$

Substitute $k = 0$ in equation (1).

$$2x^2 = -x^2$$

$$\therefore 3x^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0$$

But the numbers were non-zero, so $k \neq 0$.

There are no non-zero numbers for which the sum of their squares and their product are equal.

- 20 When $y = 1.5$,

$$\frac{3}{2} = -\frac{5}{16}(x - 7)^2 + 5$$

$$\therefore 24 = -5(x - 7)^2 + 80$$

$$\therefore 5(x - 7)^2 = 56$$

$$\therefore (x - 7)^2 = \frac{56}{5}$$

$$\therefore x - 7 = \pm\sqrt{\frac{56}{5}}$$

$$\therefore x \simeq 7 \pm 3.35$$

$$\therefore x = 3.65, x = 10.35$$

The width of the water level is $10.35 - 3.65 = 6.7$ metres, to 1 decimal place.

2.7 Review

2.7 Exercise

1 $(x - 2)(x + 1) = 4$

$$\therefore x^2 - x - 2 = 4$$

$$\therefore x^2 - x - 6 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x - 3)(x + 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 3, x = -2$$

The correct answer is **D**.

- 2 The correct answer is **C**.

3 $4 - 2x - x^2$

Completing the square,

$$= -(x^2 + 2x - 4)$$

$$= -((x^2 + 2x + 1) - 1 - 4)$$

$$= -((x + 1)^2 - 5)$$

$$= -(x + 1)^2 + 5$$

The greatest value is 5.

The correct answer is **A**.

- 4 x intercepts at $x = -6$ and $x = 4$ mean the equation is of the form $y = a(x + 6)(x - 4)$.

Substitute the given point $(3, -4.5)$

$$\therefore -4.5 = a(9)(-1)$$

$$\therefore -9a = -4.5$$

$$\therefore a = 0.5$$

The equation is $y = 0.5(x + 6)(x - 4)$.

Expanding,

$$y = 0.5(x^2 + 2x - 24)$$

$$= 0.5x^2 + x - 12$$

The correct answer is **B**.

- 5 Since the graph touches the x -axis at $x = -6$, $(-6, 0)$ is its turning point.

Its equation is of the form $y = a(x + 6)^2$.

The point $(0, -10)$ lies on the graph.

$$\therefore -10 = a(36)$$

$$\therefore a = -\frac{5}{18}$$

The equation is $y = -\frac{5}{18}(x + 6)^2$.

The correct answer is **D**.

- 6 a $(x^2 + 4)^2 - 7(x^2 + 4) - 8 = 0$

$$\text{Let } a = x^2 + 4.$$

$$\therefore a^2 - 7a - 8 = 0$$

$$\therefore (a - 8)(a + 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore a = 8 \text{ or } a = -1$$

$$\therefore x^2 + 4 = 8 \text{ or } x^2 + 4 = -1$$

$$\therefore x^2 = 4 \text{ or } x^2 = -5 \text{ (reject)}$$

$$\therefore x^2 = \pm 2$$

b $2x^2 = 3x(x - 2) + 1$

$$\therefore 2x^2 = 3x^2 - 6x + 1$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 6x + 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x^2 - 6x + 9) - 9 + 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x - 3)^2 = 8$$

$$\therefore x - 3 = \pm\sqrt{8}$$

$$\therefore x = 3 \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

c $x = \frac{12}{x - 2} - 2$

$$\therefore x + 2 = \frac{12}{x - 2}$$

$$\therefore (x - 2)(x + 2) = 12$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 4 = 12$$

$$\therefore x^2 = 16$$

$$\therefore x = \pm 4$$

d $3 + \sqrt{x} = 2x$

Let $a = \sqrt{x}$.

$\therefore 3 + a = 2a^2$

$\therefore 2a^2 - a - 3 = 0$

$\therefore (2a - 3)(a + 1) = 0$

$\therefore a = \frac{3}{2}$ or $a = -1$

$\therefore \sqrt{x} = \frac{3}{2}$ or $\sqrt{x} = -1$

$\therefore x = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2$ or $x = (-1)^2$

$\therefore x = \frac{9}{4}$ or $x = 1$

7 a $y = 2(x - 3)(x + 1)$

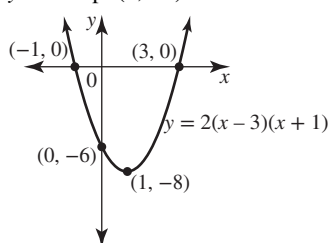
x -intercepts: $(3, 0)$, $(-1, 0)$

TP: $x = \frac{3 + (-1)}{2} \Rightarrow x = 1$, $y = 2(-2)(2) \Rightarrow y = -8$

Min TP $(1, -8)$

y -intercept: $y = 2(-3)(1) \Rightarrow y = -6$

y -intercept $(0, -6)$



b $y = 1 - (x + 2)^2$

Max TP $(-2, 1)$

y -intercept $(0, -3)$

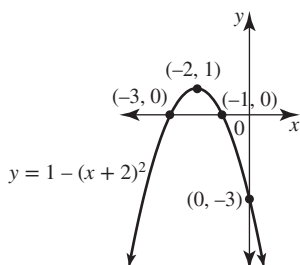
x -intercepts: $0 = 1 - (x + 2)^2$

$\therefore (x + 2)^2 = 1$

$\therefore x + 2 = \pm 1$

$\therefore x = -3, x = -1$

$(-3, 0), (-1, 0)$



c $y = x^2 + x + 9$

y -intercept $(0, 9)$

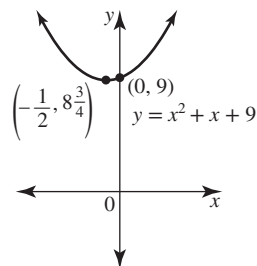
TP: $x = -\frac{1}{2 \times 1} \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2}$

$y = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} + 9$

$= 8\frac{3}{4}$

Min TP $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, 8\frac{3}{4}\right)$

No x -intercepts



8 $y = 3x^2 - 10x + 2 \dots (1)$

$2x - y = 1 \dots (2)$

From equation (2), $y = 2x - 1$. Substitute in equation (1).

$\therefore 2x - 1 = 3x^2 - 10x + 2$

$\therefore 3x^2 - 12x + 3 = 0$

This equation determines the number of intersections.

The correct answer is **B**.

9 $x^2 + 4x - 6$

$= (x^2 + 4x + 4) - 4 - 6$

$= (x + 2)^2 - 10$

$\therefore h = -2, k = -10$

The correct answer is **A**.

10 As the parabola has no x -intercepts, its discriminant is negative. Its shape is concave up, so $a > 0$.

The correct answer is **B**.

11 $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$

For $-4x^2 - x - 3$, $a = -4$, $b = -1$, $c = -3$.

$\Delta = (-1)^2 - 4(-4)(-3)$

$\Delta = -47$

Δ is negative, so there is no x -intercept.

The correct answer is **A**.

12 Let $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) = a$.

$a^2 + 4a + 4 = 0$

$(a + 2)^2 = 0$

$a = -2$

Substituting back,

$x + \frac{1}{x} = -2$

$x^2 + 1 = -2x$

$x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$

$(x + 1)^2 = 0$

$x = -1$

13 $-5x^2 + 8x + 3 = 0$

$x = \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 4 \times (-5) \times 3}}{-10}$

$= \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{124}}{-10}$

$\approx -0.31, 1.91$

The correct answer is **C**.

14 a $-x^2 + 20x + 24$

$= -(x^2 - 20x - 24)$

$= -[(x^2 - 20x + 100) - 100 - 24]$

$= -(x - 10)^2 - 124$

$= -(x - 10 - \sqrt{124})(x - 10 + \sqrt{124})$

$= -(x - 10 - 2\sqrt{31})(x - 10 + 2\sqrt{31})$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b } 4x^2 - 2x - 9 &= 4 \left[x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{9}{4} \right] \\
 &= 4 \left[\left(x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{16} \right) - \frac{1}{16} - \frac{9}{4} \right] \\
 &= 4 \left[\left(x - \frac{1}{4} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{16} - \frac{36}{16} \right] \\
 &= 4 \left[\left(x - \frac{1}{4} \right)^2 - \frac{37}{16} \right] \\
 &= 4 \left(x - \frac{1}{4} - \sqrt{\frac{37}{16}} \right) \left(x - \frac{1}{4} + \sqrt{\frac{37}{16}} \right) \\
 &= 4 \left(x - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{37}}{4} \right) \left(x - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{37}}{4} \right) \\
 &= 4 \left(x - \frac{1 + \sqrt{37}}{4} \right) \left(x - \frac{1 - \sqrt{37}}{4} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$15 \quad kx^2 - 4x(k+2) + 36 = 0$$

No real roots if $\Delta < 0$

$$\Delta = (-4(k+2))^2 - 4 \times k \times 36$$

$$= 16(k+2)^2 - 144k$$

$$= 16[k^2 + 4k + 4 - 9k]$$

$$= 16(k^2 - 5k + 4)$$

$$= 16(k-1)(k-4)$$

For no real roots, $16(k-1)(k-4) < 0$.



$$\therefore 1 < k < 4$$

$$16 \quad \text{a } y = x^2 + 2x \dots (1)$$

$$y = x + 2 \dots (2)$$

At intersection, $x^2 + 2x = x + 2$.

$$\therefore x^2 + x - 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x+2)(x-1) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -2, x = 1$$

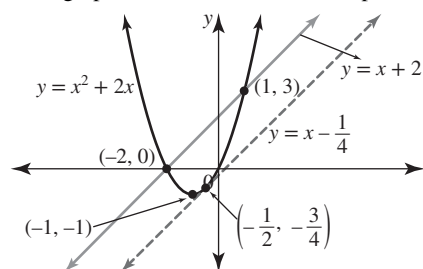
In equation (2), when $x = -2$, $y = 0$ and when $x = 1$, $y = 3$.

The points of intersection are $(-2, 0)$, $(1, 3)$.

$$\text{b } y = x + 2 \text{ has axial intercepts of } (0, 2) \text{ and } (-2, 0).$$

$y = x^2 + 2x$ or $y = x(x+2)$ or $y = (x+1)^2 - 1$ has axial intercepts of $(0, 0)$ and $(-2, 0)$ and a minimum turning point $(-1, -1)$.

Both graphs contain the intersection points $(-2, 0)$, $(1, 3)$.



$$17 \quad h = -\frac{1}{35}(x^2 - 60x - 700)$$

$$\text{When } x = 0, h = -\frac{1}{35}(-700).$$

$$\therefore h = 20 \text{ and the point S is } (0, 20).$$

Therefore, S is 20 metres above O.

When $h = 0$,

$$0 = -\frac{1}{35}(x^2 - 60x - 700)$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 60x - 700 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x-70)(x+10) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 70 \text{ or } x = -10 \text{ (reject)}$$

$$\therefore x = 70$$

The Canadian skier jumps 70 metres.

TP is $(30, 35)$, so the equation of the path is of the form

$$h = a(x-30)^2 + 35.$$

Substitute the point S $(0, 20)$.

$$\therefore 20 = a(-30)^2 + 35$$

$$\therefore -15 = 900a$$

$$\therefore a = -\frac{15}{900}$$

$$\therefore a = -\frac{1}{60}$$

The path of the Japanese competitor is

$$h = -\frac{1}{60}(x-30)^2 + 35.$$

To find how far the Japanese skier jumps, let $h = 0$.

$$\therefore 0 = -\frac{1}{60}(x-30)^2 + 35$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{60}(x-30)^2 = 35$$

$$\therefore (x-30)^2 = 2100$$

$$\therefore x-30 = \pm 10\sqrt{21}$$

$$\therefore x = 30 \pm 10\sqrt{21}$$

Hence, $x \approx -15.8$ (reject) or 75.83 .

The Canadian competitor jumped 70 metres and the Japanese competitor jumped 75.83 metres, so the Japanese competitor wins the event.

$$18 \quad \text{The arch of the bridge has the equation } y = 2.5x - 0.3125x^2.$$

The span, OB, is the length of the intercept this curve cuts off on the x -axis.

Let $y = 0$.

$$\therefore 0 = 2.5x - 0.3125x^2$$

$$\therefore 0 = x(2.5 - 0.3125x)$$

$$\therefore x = 0 \text{ or } x = \frac{2.5}{0.3125}$$

$$\therefore x = 0 \text{ or } x = 8$$

O $(0, 0)$ and B $(8, 0)$ are 8 units apart.

The span of the bridge is 8 metres.

Point A is the turning point of the curve. The x -coordinate of A is midway between the x -coordinates of O and N, so it is $x = 4$.

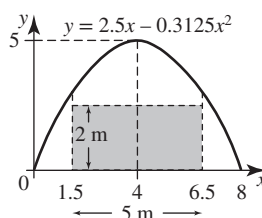
When $x = 4$,

$$y = 2.5(4) - 0.3125(4)^2$$

$$= 5$$

Therefore, A has coordinates $(4, 5)$.

The point A is 5 metres above the road.

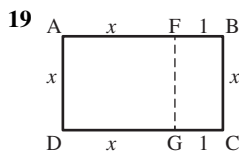


If the caravan is 5 metres wide, the height above the road when $x = 4 - 2.5$ or $x = 4 + 2.5$ would need to be greater than 2 metres, the height of the caravan, for the caravan to fit under the bridge.

When $x = 6.5$,

$$y = 2.5(6.5) - 0.3125(6.5)^2 \\ \approx 3.05$$

There is room for the caravan to fit under the bridge.



The length measure is $x + 1$, which is one more than the width. Therefore, the width is x units.

The area measure of rectangle AFGD is x^2 .

The area measure of rectangle FBCG is $1 \times x = x$.

$$\therefore x^2 = x + 1$$

$$\therefore x^2 - x - 1 = 0$$

Solving $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$,

$$x = \frac{-(-1) \pm \sqrt{(-1)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (-1)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

Since $x > 0$, reject the negative square root.

$$\therefore x = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

- 20 As the horizontal speed is 28 m/s, in 1 second the ball travels 28 metres horizontally.

The turning point of the paths of the ball is (28, 4.9).

Let the equation be $y = a(x - 28)^2 + 4.9$.

Point (0, 0) $\Rightarrow 0 = a(-28)^2 + 4.9$

$$\therefore a = -\frac{4.9}{28 \times 28}$$

$$\therefore a = -\frac{0.1}{4 \times 4}$$

$$\therefore a = -\frac{1}{160}$$

The equation of the path of the ball is

$$y = -\frac{1}{160}(x - 28)^2 + 4.9.$$

Calculate the horizontal distance the ball has travelled when its height is 1.3 metres.

Let $y = 1.3$.

$$\therefore 1.3 = -\frac{1}{160}(x - 28)^2 + 4.9$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{160}(x - 28)^2 = 3.6$$

$$\therefore (x - 28)^2 = 3.6 \times 160 \\ = 36 \times 16$$

$$\therefore x - 28 = \pm 6 \times 4$$

$$\therefore x = 4 \text{ or } x = 52$$

The ball is caught after it reaches its maximum height, so reject $x = 4$.

$$\therefore x = 52$$

The ball travels a horizontal distance of 52 metres to reach the position where the ball is caught. At a horizontal speed of

28 m/s, this would take $\frac{52}{28} = \frac{13}{7}$ seconds.

It takes the fielder $\frac{13}{7}$ seconds to reach the ball.

Initially the fielder was 65 metres from where the ball was hit.

The fielder catches the ball at the position $x = 52$.

Thus, the fielder runs a distance of 13 metres in $\frac{13}{7}$ seconds.

The uniform speed of the fielder is $\frac{13}{\frac{13}{7}} = 7$ m/s.

Therefore, it takes the fielder $\frac{13}{7}$ seconds to reach the ball running at an average speed of 7 m/s.