

# Objectives

Objectives for today:

- Introducing specific vocabulary.
- Quick revision of quadratic function.

## Factorising

Factorising a quadratic in brackets, and is useful in graph of a quadratic so It's pretty easy if  $a = 1$  (

- Factorising Quadratics.
- Proving Vieta's formulas.
- Carrying out gained knowledge by working out some word problems.

## Quick Revision

### Forms of Quadratic Function

- $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  is called the **standard form**.
- $f(x) = a(x - x_1)(x - x_2)$  is called the **factored form**, where  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are the roots of the quadratic function.
- $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$  is called the **vertex form**.

### Delta $\Delta$

$\Delta$  determines tells us how many solutions quadratic equation have:

$\begin{cases} 2 & \text{when } \Delta > 0 \end{cases}$

can be a real pain otherwise  
In order to factorise  
follow steps outlined below

- 1 Rearrange the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c$  form.
- 2 Write down two brackets
- 3 Find two numbers that add or subtract to give
- 4 Put the numbers in brackets.

It's commonly believed  
other previously established  
even better than simply

$$\text{number of solutions} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } \Delta = 0 \\ 0 & \text{when } \Delta < 0 \end{cases}$$

## The Quadratic Formula

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}$$

## Graph of Quadratic Function

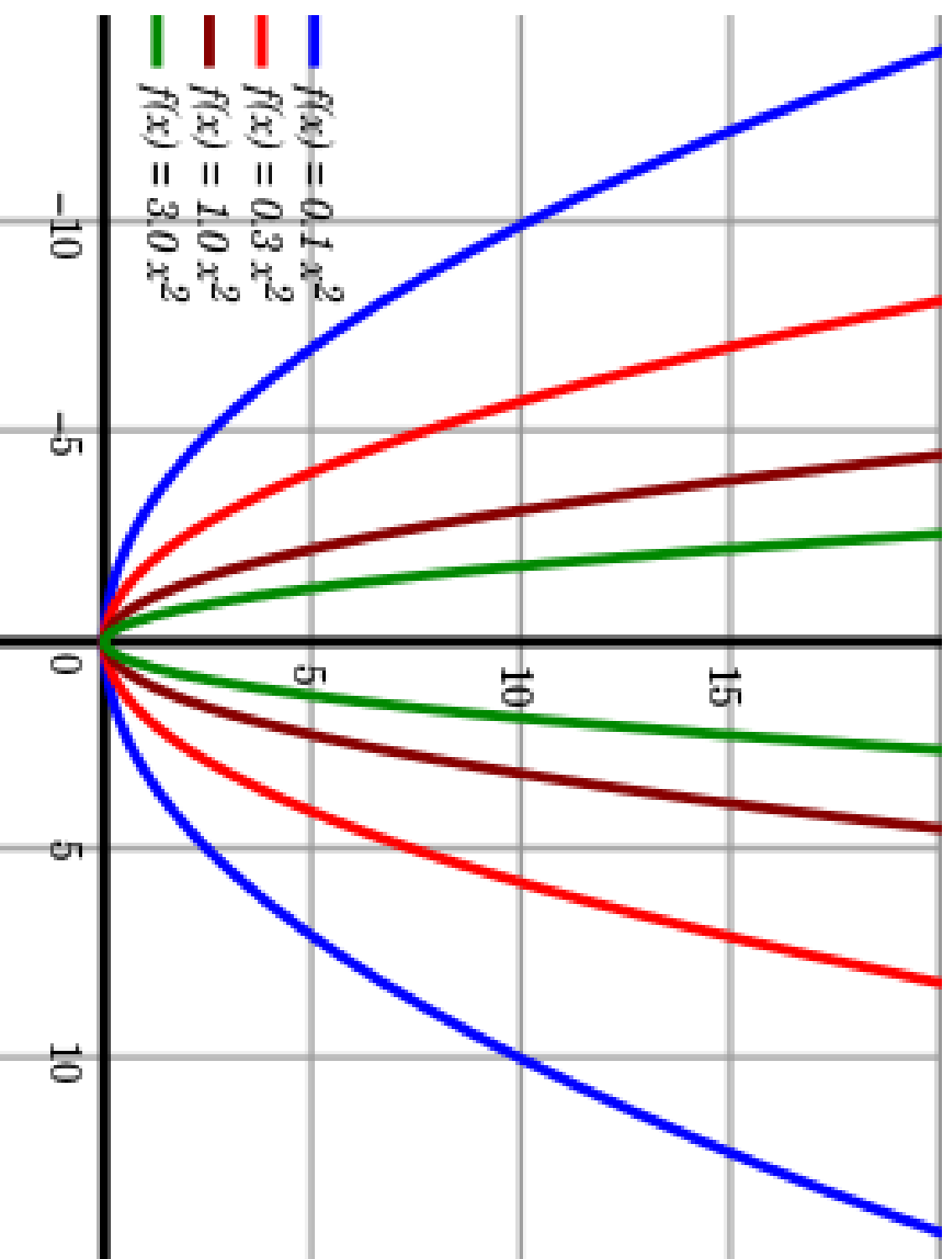


Figure 1: Graph of  $f(x) = ax^2$  |  $\{0.1, 0.3, 1.0, 3.0\}$

## Example of

Solve  $x^2 + 4x - 21 = 0$  by

$$x^2 + 4x - 21 =$$

1 and 21 multiply to give  
to give 22 and 20.  
3 and 7 multiply to give 2  
give 10 and 4.

$$x^2 + 4x + 21 =$$

And solving the equation

$$(x + 7)(x +$$

we get

$$x = -7$$

# Quadratic Function

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a Quadratic

Factorising- Tasks

means putting it into two  
if you're trying to draw a  
olve a quadratic equation.

1. Factorise  $x^2 - x - 12$ .

in  $ax^2 + bx + c$  form), but

ise.

a quadratic you should

ow:

into the standard

2. Solve  $x^2 - 8 = 2x$  by factorising.

ts:  $(x - 4)(x + 2)$

multiply to give 'c' and

'b' (ignoring signs).

ackets and choose their

## Myth of Delta $\Delta$

that in order to work out roots of a quadratic function you must count  $\Delta$  and use  
shed formulas. However this is untrue since factorising in many cases is as good or  
counting  $\Delta$ .

# Factorisation

# Proof of Vieta's Formulas

by factorising.

$$= (x - 7)(x - 3)$$

21 - and add or subtract

21 - and add or subtract to

$$= (x + 7)(x - 3)$$

$$x - 3 = 0$$

$$x = 3$$

Let's prove that:

$$x_1 + x_2 = -\frac{b}{a}$$

When  $\Delta$  is positive we have two roots:

$$x_1 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}, \quad x_2 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}$$

Substituting for  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  respectively, we receive:

$$x_1 + x_2 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a} + \frac{-b + \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a} =$$

$$= \frac{(-b - \sqrt{\Delta}) + (-b + \sqrt{\Delta})}{2a} = \frac{-2b}{2a} = -\frac{b}{a}$$

The same we could do with another pattern, which state that  $x_1 x_2 = \frac{c}{a}$ , but proving this is going to be your task in next section.

# Vieta's Formulas- Task

1. Prove that

$$x_1x_2 = -\frac{c}{a}$$

# Glossary

verb	noun	meaning
add	addition	+
subtract	subtraction	−
multiply	multiplication	⋅
divide	division	÷
solve	solution	getting answer
substitute	substitution	$t = x^2$

Table 1: Word Formation



# Some Necessary and Useful Vocabulary

- (n.) sign  $\rightarrow$  + or  $-$
- (n.) equation  $\rightarrow$  *something*  $= 0$
- (n.) factor  $\rightarrow$  two multiplied factors give result
- (v.) factorise  $\rightarrow$  putting into brackets
- (n.) coefficient  $\rightarrow$  a constant number i.e.  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  in a pattern  $ax^2 + bx + c$
- (n.) quadratic function  $\rightarrow$   $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$
- (n.) root  $\rightarrow$   $\sqrt{sth}$  or solution of quadratic equation
- (n.) formula = pattern