

Quadratic Equations

Questions are generally asked in the format of two equations, where we have to find equality of the roots in the two equations.

$$x^2 + ax + b = 0$$

$$y^2 + cx + d = 0$$

Then two roots of both equations that is X_1, X_2 and Y_1, Y_2 are compared to determine if:

- $X > Y$
- $X < Y$
- $X \leq Y$
- $X \geq Y$
- No relation or $X = Y$

How to solve:

Don't solve it conventionally

For $kx^2 + ax + b = 0$ type of equations:

1. Product of k and b
2. Find two numbers which on addition give a and their product is b.
3. Since there is a positive sign before a the two roots will have negative sign.

Ex: $3x^2 + 7x + 4 = 0$

- $3 \times 4 = 12$
- $3 + 4 = 7$
- So roots are $-3/3 = -1$ and $-4/3 = -1.33$
- We have divided by 3 because the coefficient of x^2 is 3

For $kx^2 - ax + b = 0$ type of equations:

- Product of b and k
- Addition of two numbers to give a which give product b
- Since there is a negative sign before coefficient of x; the two roots will have positive sign.

Ex: $3x^2 - 7x + 4 = 0$

- $3 \times 4 = 12$
- $3 + 4 = 7$
- So roots are $-3/3 = -1$ and $-4/3 = -1.33$

For $kx^2 + ax - b = 0$ type of equations:

- Product of $[-b]$ and k
- Find two numbers which on subtraction give a and their product is $[-bk]$
- Now while assigning signs to the roots the bigger number will get a negative sign, because the middle term of equation has positive sign (+).

Ex: $2x^2 + 7x - 4 = 0$

- $-4 \times 2 = -8$
- Which gives 8 and 1 as $[8-1=7]$ and $[8 \times 1 = 8]$ {not considering sign just now}
- Since $8 > 1$, so we get $[-8/2 = -4]$ and $[1/2 = 0.5]$

For $kx^2 - ax - b = 0$ type of equations:

- Product of $[-b]$ and k
- Find two numbers which on subtraction gives $[-a]$ and their product is $[-bk]$

- While assigning signs to roots the bigger root will get a positive sign, because the middle term is negative.

Ex: $x^2 - x - 6 = 0$:

- $-6 \times 1 = -6$
- Which gives 3 and 2 as the roots; $[3-2=1]$ and $[3 \times 2 = 6]$ {Not considering sign just now}
- Out of 3 and 2; 3 will get the positive sign since the middle term is negative.