

Exercise 2D

1 a $x^2 + 6x + 1 = 0$
 $x^2 + 6x = -1$
 $(x + 3)^2 - 3^2 = -1$
 $(x + 3)^2 = -1 + 9$
 $(x + 3)^2 = 8$
 $x + 3 = \pm\sqrt{8}$
 $x = -3 \pm \sqrt{8}$
 $x = -3 \pm \sqrt{4 \times 2}$
 $x = -3 \pm 2\sqrt{2}$
 $x = -3 + 2\sqrt{2} \text{ or } x = -3 - 2\sqrt{2}$

b $x^2 + 12x + 3 = 0$
 $x^2 + 12x = -3$
 $(x + 6)^2 - 6^2 = -3$
 $(x + 6)^2 = -3 + 36$
 $(x + 6)^2 = 33$
 $x + 6 = \pm\sqrt{33}$
 $x = -6 \pm \sqrt{33}$
 $x = -6 + \sqrt{33} \text{ or } x = -6 - \sqrt{33}$

c $x^2 + 4x - 2 = 0$
 $x^2 + 4x = 2$
 $(x + 2)^2 - 2^2 = 2$
 $(x + 2)^2 = 2 + 4$
 $(x + 2)^2 = 6$
 $x + 2 = \pm\sqrt{6}$
 $x = -2 \pm \sqrt{6}$
 $x = -2 + \sqrt{6} \text{ or } x = -2 - \sqrt{6}$

d $x^2 - 10x = 5$
 $(x - 5)^2 - 5^2 = 5$
 $(x - 5)^2 = 5 + 25$
 $(x - 5)^2 = 30$
 $x - 5 = \pm\sqrt{30}$
 $x = 5 \pm \sqrt{30}$
 $x = 5 + \sqrt{30} \text{ or } x = 5 - \sqrt{30}$

2 a $2x^2 + 6x - 3 = 0$
 $x^2 + 3x - \frac{3}{2} = 0$
 $x^2 + 3x = \frac{3}{2}$
 $\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{3}{2}$

2 a $\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{9}{4}$
 $\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{15}{4}$
 $x + \frac{3}{2} = \pm\sqrt{\frac{15}{4}}$
 $x = -\frac{3}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{15}{2}}$
 $x = -\frac{3}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2} \text{ or } x = -\frac{3}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}$

b $5x^2 + 8x - 2 = 0$
 $x^2 + \frac{8}{5}x - \frac{2}{5} = 0$
 $x^2 + \frac{8}{5}x = \frac{2}{5}$
 $\left(x + \frac{4}{5}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 = \frac{2}{5}$
 $\left(x + \frac{4}{5}\right)^2 = \frac{2}{5} + \frac{16}{25}$
 $\left(x + \frac{4}{5}\right)^2 = \frac{26}{25}$
 $x + \frac{4}{5} = \pm\sqrt{\frac{26}{25}}$
 $x = -\frac{4}{5} \pm \frac{\sqrt{26}}{5}$

c $4x^2 - x - 8 = 0$
 $x^2 - \frac{1}{4}x - 2 = 0$

$x^2 - \frac{1}{4}x = 2$
 $\left(x - \frac{1}{8}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^2 = 2$
 $\left(x - \frac{1}{8}\right)^2 = 2 + \frac{1}{64}$
 $\left(x - \frac{1}{8}\right)^2 = \frac{129}{64}$

2 c

$$x - \frac{1}{8} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{129}{64}}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{8} \pm \frac{\sqrt{129}}{8}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{129}}{8} \text{ or } x = \frac{1}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{129}}{8}$$

d

$$15 - 6x - 2x^2 = 0$$

$$-2x^2 - 6x + 15 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 3x - \frac{15}{2} = 0$$

$$x^2 + 3x = \frac{15}{2}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{15}{2}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{15}{2} + \frac{9}{4}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{39}{4}$$

$$x + \frac{3}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{39}{4}}$$

$$x = -\frac{3}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{39}}{2}$$

$$x = -\frac{3}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{39}}{2} \text{ or } x = -\frac{3}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{39}}{2}$$

3 a

$$x^2 - 14x + 1 = (x - 7)^2 - 7^2 + 1$$

$$= (x - 7)^2 - 49 + 1$$

$$= (x - 7)^2 - 48$$

$$p = -7 \text{ and } q = -48$$

b

$$x^2 - 14x + 1 = 0$$

$$(x - 7)^2 - 48 = 0$$

$$(x - 7)^2 = 48$$

$$x - 7 = \pm \sqrt{48}$$

$$x = 7 \pm \sqrt{16 \times 3}$$

$$x = 7 \pm 4\sqrt{3}$$

$$r = 7 \text{ and } s = 4$$

4

$$x^2 + 2bx + c = 0$$

$$(x + b)^2 - b^2 + c = 0$$

$$(x + b)^2 = b^2 - c$$

$$x + b = \pm \sqrt{b^2 - c}$$

$$x = -b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - c}$$

Challenge

a

$$ax^2 + 2bx + c = 0$$

$$x^2 + \frac{2b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} = 0$$

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

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

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{b^2}{a^2} - \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{b^2 - ac}{a^2}$$

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

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

b

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} = 0$$

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

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \frac{b^2}{4a^2} + \frac{c}{a} = 0$$

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}$$

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

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

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