

Lesson 6 The Quadratic Formula...again

Example 1

Solve, using the quadratic formula:

a) $(2x + 1)(x - 1) = 5x$

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

change to trinomial form/general form
 $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$2x^2 - x - 1 = 5x$ ← has to be 0

$2x^2 - 6x - 1 = 0$

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

$x = \frac{-(-6) \pm \sqrt{(-6)^2 - 4(2)(-1)}}{2(2)}$ ← discriminant $b^2 - 4ac$

$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{44}}{4}$ ← complex radical
∴ simplify

$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{4 \cdot 11}}{4}$

$x = \frac{6 \pm 2\sqrt{11}}{4}$

divide each term by 2
 $x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{11}}{2}$

b) $\frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{5}{4}x = 3$

$2x^2 - 5x = 12$

$2x^2 - 5x - 12 = 0$
↑ $a=2$ ↑ $b=-5$ ↑ $c=-12$

$x = \frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4(2)(-12)}}{2(2)}$

$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{121}}{4}$ ← perfect square.

$x = \frac{5 \pm 11}{4}$

$x = \frac{5+11}{4}$
 $x = 4$

$x = \frac{5-11}{4}$
 $x = -\frac{3}{2}$

← separate into 2 roots
simplify

