

Factor the following.

$8x^2 + 34x - 9$
 $\begin{matrix} -7 & 2 \\ \wedge & \\ 36 & -2 \end{matrix}$
 $\begin{matrix} 2x & 9 \\ 4x & \begin{matrix} 8x^2 & 36x \\ -2x & -9 \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$
 $(4x-1)(2x+9)$

$3x^2 - 300$
 $\frac{3x^2}{3} - \frac{300}{3}$
 $3(x^2 - 100)$
 $\begin{matrix} x & x & 10 & -10 \end{matrix}$
 $3(x-10)(x+10)$

$4x^2 - 169 = 0$
 $\begin{matrix} 2x & 2x & 13 & -13 \end{matrix}$
 $(2x+13)(2x-13) = 0$
 $2x+13=0 \quad 2x-13=0$
 $x = 13/2$
 $x = -13/2$

Complete the square to solve for x.

1) $x^2 + 20x - 36 = 0$
 $+36 + 36$
 $x^2 + 20x + (10)^2 = 36 + 100$
 $(10)^2 = 100$
 $(x+10)(x+10) = 136$
 $(x+10)^2 = \sqrt{136}$
 $x+10 = \pm 2\sqrt{34}$
 $x = -10 \pm 2\sqrt{34}$

2) $x^2 - 20x + 6 = 0$
 $-10 = -10$
 $x^2 - 20x + (-10)^2 = -6 + 100$
 $(-10)^2 = 100$
 $(x-10)(x-10) = 94$
 $(x-10)^2 = \sqrt{94}$
 $x-10 = \pm \sqrt{94}$
 $x = 10 \pm \sqrt{94}$

3) $x^2 + 6x = -5$
 $x^2 + 6x + (3)^2 = -5 + 9$
 $(3)^2 = 9$
 $(x+3)^2 = 4$
 $x+3 = \pm 2$
 $x = -3 \pm 2$
 $-3+2 = -1$
 $-3-2 = -5$

Now let's complete the square when $a \neq 1$.

4) $3x^2 - 6x - 2 = 0$

$$\frac{3x^2 - 6x}{3} = \frac{-2}{3}$$

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

$$3(x-1)(x-1) = 5$$

$$3(x-1)^2 = 5$$

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

$$x-1 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}$$

$$x = 1 \pm \sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}$$

5) $4x^2 + 12x - 1 = 0$

$$\frac{4x^2 + 12x}{4} = \frac{-1}{4}$$

$$4(x^2 + 3x + (1.5)^2) = -1 + 4(2.25)$$

$$4(x+1.5)(x+1.5) = 10$$

$$4(x+1.5)^2 = 10$$

$$(x+1.5)^2 = 2.5$$

$$x+1.5 = \pm \sqrt{2.5}$$

$$x = -1.5 \pm \sqrt{2.5}$$

6) $2x^2 - 20x - 62 = 0$

$$\frac{2x^2 - 20x}{2} = \frac{-62}{2}$$

$$2(x^2 - 10x + (-5)^2) = -62 + 2(25)$$

$$2(x-5)(x-5) = 12$$

$$2(x-5)^2 = 12$$

$$(x-5)^2 = 6$$

$$x-5 = \pm \sqrt{6}$$

$$x = 5 \pm \sqrt{6}$$

7) $5x^2 - 10x - 21 = 0$

$$\frac{5x^2 - 10x}{5} = \frac{-21}{5}$$

$$5(x^2 - 2x + (-1)^2) = -21 + 5(1)$$

$$5(x-1)(x-1) = -20$$

$$5(x-1)^2 = -20$$

$$(x-1)^2 = -\frac{20}{5}$$

$$x-1 = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{20}{5}}$$

$$x = 1 \pm \sqrt{-\frac{20}{5}}$$

8) $7x^2 - 14x = 56$

$$\frac{7x^2 - 14x}{7} = \frac{56}{7}$$

$$7(x^2 - 2x + (-1)^2) = 56 + 7(1)$$

$$7(x-1)(x-1) = 63$$

$$7(x-1)^2 = 63$$

$$(x-1)^2 = 9$$

$$x-1 = \pm \sqrt{9}$$

$$x = 1 \pm 3$$

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9) $3x^2 - 9x - 1 = 0$

$$\frac{3x^2 - 9x}{3} = \frac{-1}{3}$$

$$3(x^2 - 3x + (1.5)^2) = -1 + 3(2.25)$$

$$3(x-1.5)(x-1.5) = 7.75$$

$$3(x-1.5)^2 = 7.75$$

$$(x-1.5)^2 = \frac{7.75}{3}$$

$$x-1.5 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{7.75}{3}}$$

$$x = 1.5 \pm \sqrt{\frac{7.75}{3}}$$

