

## 7.7 - Using the Quadratic Formula

The quadratic equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ ,  $a \neq 0$  has the roots

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

Before we get started, a few helpful hints:

**Example 1:** Solve the quadratic equation  $4x^2 - 3 = 7x$ . Give an exact answer and an approximate answer to 3 decimal places.

**Example 2:** Solve the quadratic equation  $2x^2 + 8x - 5 = 0$

**Example 3:** Solve the quadratic equation  $x^2 + 9x + 23 = 0$ . Draw a really quick sketch to demonstrate what you found out.

One that works:  $x^2 + 5x - 6 = 0$

Factoring:

QF:

Working with a partner, write the steps to solve this problem.

A store rents an average of 750 video games each month at a current rate of \$4.50. The owners of the store want to raise the rental rate to increase the revenue to \$7000 per month. However, for every \$1 increase, they know that they will rent 30 fewer games each month. The following function relates the price increase,  $p$ , to the revenue,  $r$ .

$$(4.5 + p)(750 - 30p) = r$$

Can the owners increase the rental rate enough to generate revenue of \$7000 per month?