

7.3 Solving Equations Using Quadratic Techniques

Objective: Write expressions in Quadratic Form

Quadratic Form: $au^2 + bu + c$

for any a, b, c where $a \neq 0$ and u is some expression in x .

I. Write each Expression in Quadratic Form, if possible.

Ex1) $x^4 + 13x^2 + 36$

$$(x^2)^2 + 13(x^2) + 36$$

Ex2) $2x^6 + x^3 + 9$

$$2(x^3)^2 + (x^3) + 9$$

Ex3) $10b^4 + 3b^2 - 11$

$$10(b^2)^2 + 3(b^2) - 11$$

Ex4) $16x^6 - 625$

$$16(x^3)^2 - 625$$

$$\text{or} \\ (4x^3)^2 - 625$$

Ex5) $7x^{10} + 6$

$$7(x^5)^2 + 6$$

Ex6) $12x^8 - x^2 + 10$

$$12(x^4)^2 - (x^4) + 10$$

Does not match

Not Possible

Ex7) $x^4 + 2x^3 - 1$

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

Not Possible

Ex8) $x - 9x^{1/2} + 8$

$$(x^{1/2})^2 - 9(x^{1/2}) + 8$$

Ex9) $x^{2/3} + 2x^{1/3} - 4$

$$(x^{1/3})^2 + 2(x^{1/3}) - 4$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{1} = \frac{2}{3}$$