Glossary of Terms

- **abscissa** (p. 353): The first coordinate in an ordered pair of numbers associated with a point in a coordinate plane. Also called *x-coordinate*.
- **absolute value** (pp. 37, 482): The positive number of any pair of opposite nonzero real numbers is the absolute value of each number. The absolute value of 0 is 0. The absolute value of a number a is denoted by |a|.
- acute angle (p. 617): An angle with measure between 0° and 90°.
- **addition-or-subtraction method** (pp. 426–427): A method of solving a system of two equations; one variable is eliminated by adding or subtracting the equations.
- **additive inverses** (p. 50): A number and its opposite.
- **angle** (p. 616): A figure formed by two different rays that have the same endpoint.
- **area:** The area of a region is the number of square units it contains.
- arrow notation (p. 379): A notation used in defining a function; for example, $P: n \rightarrow 5n 500$.
- average (p. 85): The average of a set of numbers is the sum of the numbers divided by the number of numbers.
- axes (p. 354): See coordinate axes.
- axis of symmetry of a parabola (p. 384): The line containing the maximum or minimum point of the parabola.
- base of a power (p. 141): The number that is used as a factor a given number of times; in 2⁵, 2 is the base.
- **BASIC** (p. 111): A programming language. **binomial** (p. 146): A polynomial of only two terms.

- **boundary** (p. 490): A line that separates the coordinate plane into three sets of points: the points *on* the line; the points *above* the line; the points *below* the line.
- **box-and-whisker plot** (p. 612): A display of data useful for comparing two distributions.
- **closed half-plane** (p. 490): The graph of an open half-plane and its boundary.
- **coefficient** (p. 146): In the monomial $15a^2b^2$, 15 is the coefficient, or *numerical coefficient*.
- **collinear points** (p. 364): Points that lie on the same line.
- **combined variation** (p. 588): If a variable varies directly as one variable and inversely as another, the resulting relationship is a combined variation (expressed by zy = kx, k a nonzero constant).
- **common factor** (p. 186): A factor of two or more integers is called a common factor of the integers.
- complementary angles (p. 619): Two angles are complementary if the sum of their measures is 90°. Each angle is a *complement* of the other.
- completing the square (p. 564): A method of transforming a quadratic equation so that it is in the form "perfect square = k" $(k \ge 0)$.
- **complex fraction** (p. 278): A fraction whose numerator or denominator contains one or more fractions.
- **conjugates** (p. 544): If b and d are both nonnegative, then the binomials $a\sqrt{b} + c\sqrt{d}$ and $a\sqrt{b} c\sqrt{d}$ are conjugates of one another.
- **conjunction** (p. 478): A sentence formed by joining two open sentences by the word *and*.

- consecutive even integers (p. 75): Integers obtained by counting by twos, beginning with any even integer.
- **consecutive integers** (p. 75): Numbers obtained by counting by ones from any number in the set of integers.
- consecutive odd integers (p. 75): Integers obtained by counting by twos, beginning with any odd integer.
- constant (monomial) (pp. 146, 201): A monomial consisting of a numeral only; a term with no variable factor.
- constant of variation (pp. 391, 397): The nonzero constant k in a direct variation defined by y = kx or in an inverse variation defined by xy = k. Also called
- converse (p. 230): The converse of a statement in "if-then" form is obtained by interchanging the "if" and "then"
- parts of the statement. **coordinate axes** (p. 354): The *x* and *y*-axes in the coordinate plane.
- coordinate plane (p. 354): A plane in which an ordered pair can be located by reference to two intersecting number lines.
- coordinate of a point (p. 31): The number paired with that point on a number line. coordinates of a point (p. 353): The ab-
- scissa and ordinate of the point, written as an ordered pair of numbers.

 cosine (p. 627): The cosine of an acute
- angle A in a right triangle = $\frac{\text{length of leg adjacent to } \triangle A}{\text{length of hypotenuse}}.$
- **cubic equation** (p. 231): A polynomial equation with a term of degree 3 as its term of highest degree.
- **degree** (p. 617): A unit of angle measurement.
- **degree of a monomial** (p. 146): The sum of the degrees of the variables in the monomial.
- **degree of a polynomial** (p. 147): The greatest of the degrees of its terms after it has been simplified.

- (p. 146): The number of times that the variable occurs as a factor in the monomial.
- difference (p. 59): See subtraction.
 direct variation (p. 391): A function defined by an equation of the form y = kx, where k is a nonzero constant. We say that y is directly proportional to x. (See also quadratic direct variation.)
- **discriminant** (p. 573): For a quadratic equation in the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, the value of $b^2 4ac$ is called the discriminant.
- disjoint sets (p. 476): Two sets that have no members in common.disjunction (p. 478): A sentence formed by joining two open sentences by the
- word *or*. **distance formula** (p. 535): For any points $P_1(x_1, y_1)$ and $P_2(x_2, y_2)$,
- $P_1P_2 = \sqrt{(x_2 x_1)^2 + (y_2 y_1)^2}$. **divisible** (p. 195): One polynomial is (evenly) divisible by another polynomial if the quotient is also a polynomial
- mial. **division** (p. 83): For every real number a and every nonzero real number b, the quotient $a \div b$, or $\frac{a}{b}$, is defined by $a \div b = a \cdot \frac{1}{b}$.
- **domain of a function** (p. 374): See under function.
- domain of a variable (p. 10): The given set of numbers that the variable may represent.
- **double root** (p. 231): See multiple root.
- **empty set** (p. 117): The set with no members; the null set.
- **endpoint** (p. 616): The starting point of a ray.
- **equation** (p. 10): A statement formed by placing an equals sign between two numerical or variable expressions.
- equilateral triangle (p. 621): A triangle with all sides of equal length.

- **equivalent equations** (p. 96): Equations that have the same solution set over a given domain.
- equivalent expressions (p. 67): Expressions that represent the same number for all values of the variable that they contain.
- **equivalent inequality** (p. 463): An inequality that has the same solution set as a given inequality.
- **equivalent system** (p. 430): A system of equations having the same solution set as another system.
- **evaluating a variable expression** (p. 2): Replacing each variable in the expression by a given value and simplifying the result.
- **even integer** (p. 75): An integer that is the product of 2 and any integer.
- event (p. 600): Any possible subset of the sample space resulting from an experiment.
- **expanded notation** (p. 338): A way of writing numbers that uses powers of 10 to express place values.
- **exponent** (p. 141): In a power, the number that indicates how many times the base is used as a factor; in 6⁵, 5 is the exponent.
- **exponential form of a power** (p. 141): The expression n^4 is the exponential form of $n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n$.
- **extremes** (p. 293): In the proportion a:b=c:d, a and d are the extremes.
- **factor** (p. 46): When two or more numbers are multiplied, each of the numbers is a factor of the product.
- factor set (p. 185): The name given to the set over which a number is factored.
- factored completely (p. 227): A polynomial is factored completely when it is expressed as the product of a monomial and one or more prime polynomials.
- **factoring** (p. 185): Factoring a number over a given set is writing the number as a product of numbers in that set.

- factors (p. 46): Numbers that are multiplied together to produce a product.
- **finite decimal** (p. 512): *See* terminating decimal.
- **formula** (p. 15): An equation that states a rule about a relationship.
- **fraction** (pp. 83, 247): An expression in the form $\frac{a}{b}$, $b \neq 0$.
- **fractional equation** (p. 304): An equation with a variable in the denominator of one or more terms.
- frequency distribution (p. 606): A summary of data that displays the items according to frequency of occurrence.
- **function** (p. 374): A correspondence between two sets, the *domain* and the *range*, that assigns to each member of the domain *exactly one* member of the range.
- **functional notation** (p. 379): A notation used in defining a function; for example, P(n) = 5n 500.
- graph of an equation in two variables (p. 354): All the points that are the graphs of the solutions of the equation.
- **graph of a function** (p. 383): The graph of the equation that defines the function.
- **graph of an inequality** (p. 458): The graph representing all the numbers in the solution set of the sentence.
- **graph of a number** (p. 31): The point on a number line that is paired with the number.
- **graph of an ordered pair** (p. 353): The point in a coordinate plane associated with an ordered pair of real numbers.
- **graph of a relation** (p. 389): The graphs of all the ordered pairs that form the relation.
- **graphing method** (p. 414): A method of solving a system of equations in two variables.
- greatest common factor (GCF) of integers (p. 186): The greatest integer that is a factor of two or more given integers.

more monomials (p. 190): The common factor with the greatest coefficient and the greatest degree in each variable. greatest monomial factor of a polynomial (p. 195): The GCF of the terms of the polynomial.

greatest common factor (GCF) of two or

greatest value of a function (p. 384): The y-coordinate of the highest point of the graph of the function.
grouping symbol (p. 6): A device used to enclose an expression that should be simplified before other operations are

enclose an expression that should be simplified before other operations are performed. Examples: parentheses, brackets, fraction bar.

half-plane (p. 490): See closed half-plane and open half-plane.histogram (p. 606): A graph that describes

a frequency distribution. **horizontal axis** (p. 353): The horizontal number line in a coordinate plane.

Also called the *x-axis*. **hyperbola** (pp. 397–398): The graph of xy = k for any nonzero value of k. **hypotenuse** (p. 529): In a right triangle, the

side opposite the right angle.

identity (p. 117): An equation that is true for every value of the variable(s). **identity element for addition** (p. 50):

Zero (0). identity element for multiplication (p. 70):

One (1). **imaginary numbers** (p. 570): Numbers that involve the imaginary unit i, defined as $\sqrt{-1}$.

inequality (p. 458): A statement formed by placing an inequality symbol between numerical or variable expressions.

inequality symbols (pp. 32, 457): Symbols used to show the order of two real numbers. The symbol ≠ means "is not equal to."

infinite decimal (p. 513): *See* nonterminating decimal.

integers (p. 31): The set consisting of the positive integers, the negative integers, and zero.

intersection of sets (p. 476): For any two sets *A* and *B*, the set consisting of those members and only those mem-

bers common to *A* and *B*. **inverse operations** (p. 107): Operations that "undo" each other — for example, multiplication and division.

inverse variation (p. 397): A function defined by an equation of the form xy = k, where k is a pergere constant

xy = k, where k is a nonzero constant. **inverse variation as the square** (p. 585): A function defined by an equation of

the form $x^2y = k$, where k is a nonzero

constant. **irrational numbers** (p. 521): Real numbers that cannot be expressed in the form $\frac{a}{b}$, where a and b are integers.

irreducible polynomial (p. 214): A polynomial that cannot be expressed as a product of polynomials of lower degree.

isosceles triangle (p. 621): A triangle having two sides of equal length. The third side is called the *base*. The angles opposite the equal sides are the *base angles*.

joint variation (p. 588): If a variable varies directly as the product of two or more other variables, the resulting relationship is a joint variation (expressed by z = kxy, k a nonzero constant).

least common denominator (LCD)

(p. 260): The least positive common multiple of the denominators of two or

more given fractions. **least value of a function** (p. 384): The y-coordinate of the lowest point of the graph of the function.

legs of a right triangle (p. 529): The sides that form the right angle.

like terms (p. 146): See similar terms.

line segment (p. 616): The part of a line that consists of two points and all points between them. Also called segment.

linear equation (pp. 231, 354): A polynomial equation of degree one. linear equation in two variables (p. 354): Any equation equivalent to one of the form ax + by = c, where a, b, and c are real numbers with a and b not both

zero. Its graph is a line. linear function (p. 383): A function de-

fined by f(x) = mx + b. linear programming (p. 499): A branch of mathematics concerned with problems that involve maximizing or minimizing a quantity.

linear term (p. 201): A term of degree one.

maximum point of a parabola (p. 384): The highest point; the point whose v-coordinate is the greatest value of the corresponding function.

mean (p. 606): The sum of the data in a collection divided by the number of items.

mean proportional (p. 296): When the means of a proportion are equal, each mean is called the mean proportional between the two extremes.

means (p. 293): In the proportion a:b=c:d, b and c are the means.

median (p. 607): In a frequency distribution, the middle number or the average of the two middle numbers when the data are arranged in order.

minimum point of a parabola (p. 384): The lowest point; the point whose v-coordinate is the least value of the

corresponding function. mixed expression (p. 270): The sum or difference of a polynomial and a fraction.

mixed number (p. 270): The sum of an integer and a fraction.

mode (p. 607): The most frequently occurring number in a frequency distribution.

monomial (p. 146): An expression that is either a numeral, a variable, or the product of a numeral and one or more variables.

multiple (p. 78): The product of any real number and an integer is a multiple of the real number.

multiple root (p. 231): A solution of an equation that occurs more than once. multiplicative inverses (p. 79): See recipro-

cals.

natural order of integers (p. 75): Order from least to greatest.

negative integers (p. 31): The numbers -1, -2, -3, -4, and so on.

negative number (p. 31): A number paired with a point on the negative side of a number line.

negative side (p. 31): On a horizontal number line, the side to the left of the origin.

nonterminating decimal (p. 513): When a common fraction is written as a decimal by dividing the numerator by the denominator, the result is a nonterminating decimal if a digit or block of digits repeats endlessly as the remainder. Also called unending, infinite, repeating, or periodic decimal.

null set (p. 117): The set with no members; the empty set.

numeral (p. 1): An expression that names a particular number; a numerical expression.

numerical coefficient (p. 146): See coeffi-

numerical expression (p. 1): An expression that names a particular number; a numeral.

obtuse angle (p. 617): An angle with measure between 90° and 180°.

odd integer (p. 75): An integer that is not even.

open half-plane (p. 490): Either of the two regions into which a boundary line separates the coordinate plane.

- **open sentence** (p. 10): A sentence containing one or more variables.
- **opposite of a number** (p. 36): Each of the numbers in a pair such as 6 and -6 or -2.5 and 2.5. Also called *additive inverse*.
- **ordered pair** (p. 349): A pair of numbers for which the order of the numbers is important; (2, -3) is an ordered pair.
- ordinate (p. 353): The second coordinate in an ordered pair of numbers associated with a point in a coordinate plane.

 Also called *y-coordinate*.
- **origin** (pp. 31, 353): The zero point on a number line. The intersection of the axes on a coordinate plane.
- **parabola** (p. 384): The graph of $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$, where the domain is the set of real numbers and $a \ne 0$. **parallel lines** (p. 367): Lines in the same
- plane that do not intersect; nonvertical lines that have the same slope.

 percent (p. 309): Another way of saying hundredths, or divided by 100. Usually
- denoted by the symbol %. **perfect square** (p. 562): An expression such as x^2 , $(x + 1)^2$, or $(5x 3)^2$.
- perfect square trinomial (p. 209): An expression with three terms that is the square of a binomial.
- **perimeter:** The perimeter of a plane figure is the distance around it.
- **periodic decimal** (p. 513): *See* nonterminating decimal.
- perpendicular lines (p. 370): Any two lines that intersect to form right angles. plot a point (p. 353): Locate the graph of
- plot a point (p. 353): Locate the graph of an ordered pair of real numbers in a coordinate plane.
- **polynomial** (p. 146): A sum of monomials. **polynomial equation** (p. 231): An equation whose sides are both polynomials.
- **positive integers** (p. 31): The numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and so on.
- **positive number** (p. 31): A number paired with a point on the positive side of a number line.

- **positive side** (p. 31): On a horizontal number line, the side to the right of the origin.
- **power of a number** (p. 141): The product when a number is multiplied by itself a given number of times; $4 \times 4 \times 4$, or 4^3 , is the third power of 4.
- **prime factorization** (p. 185): Expressing a positive integer as a product of primes.
- **prime number (prime)** (p. 185): An integer greater than 1 that has no positive integral factor other than itself and 1.
- polynomial with integral coefficients whose greatest monomial factor is 1. **principal square root** (p. 517): The positive square root of a positive number:

prime polynomial (p. 214): An irreducible

- denoted by the symbol $\sqrt{\ }$. **probability** (p. 600): The branch of mathematics that deals with the possibility that an event will happen.
- **probability of an event** (p. 603): The ratio of the number of outcomes favoring the event to the total number of outcomes.
- **proof** (p. 130): Logical reasoning that uses given facts, definitions, properties, and previously proved theorems to show that a theorem is true.
- **proportion** (p. 293): An equation that states that two ratios are equal.
- **Pythagorean theorem** (p. 529): In any right triangle, the square of the length of the hypotenuse equals the sum of the squares of the lengths of the legs. (The converse is also true.)
- **quadrant** (p. 354): One of the four regions into which the coordinate axes separate the plane.
- **quadratic direct variation** (p. 584): A function defined by an equation of the form $y = kx^2$, where k is a nonzero constant.
- **quadratic equation** (p. 231): A polynomial equation whose term of highest degree is quadratic.

quadratic formula (p. 567): The solutions of a quadratic equation in the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, $a \ne 0$ and $b^2 - 4ac \ge 0$, are given by the formula

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

quadratic function (p. 384): A function defined by $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ $(a \ne 0)$.

quadratic polynomial (p. 201): A trinomial whose term of greatest degree is quadratic.

quadratic term (p. 201): A term of degree two.

quotient (p. 83): See division.

radical (p. 517): An expression in the form \sqrt{a} .

radical equation (p. 547): An equation containing a radical with a variable in the radicand.

radical sign (p. 517): The symbol √.
radicand (p. 517): The symbol written beneath a radical sign.

random experiment (p. 600): An activity whose outcome can't be predicted when the activity is repeated under essentially the same conditions.

range of a frequency distribution (p. 607): The difference between the highest and the lowest values.

range of a function (p. 374): See under function.

rate (p. 302): A ratio that compares the amounts of two different kinds of measurements, for example, meters per second.

ratio (p. 287): The ratio of one number to another is the quotient when the first number is divided by the second number (not zero).

rational expression (p. 507): An expression for a rational number.

rational number (p. 507): A real number that can be expressed as the quotient of two integers.

rationalizing the denominator (p. 537): The process of eliminating a radical from the denominator of a fraction.

ray (p. 616): The part of a line that consists of a point *A* and all points of the line on one side of *A*.

real number (p. 32): Any number that is either positive, negative, or zero.

reciprocals (p. 79): Two numbers whose product is 1; also called *multiplicative inverses*.

relation (p. 389): Any set of ordered pairs. The set of first coordinates of the ordered pairs is the *domain* of the relation; the set of second coordinates is the *range*.

repeating decimal (p. 513): *See* nonterminating decimal.

right angle (p. 617): An angle with measure 90°.

right triangle (p. 621): A triangle having one right angle.

root of a sentence: See solution of a sentence.

sample space (p. 600): The set of all possible outcomes of a random experiment.

satisfy an open sentence (p. 10): Any solution of the sentence satisfies the sentence.

scientific notation (p. 336): A positive number in scientific notation is expressed as the product of a number greater than or equal to 1 but less than 10, and an integral power of 10.

sides of an angle (p. 616): The two rays that form the angle.

sides of an equation (p. 10): The two expressions joined by the equals sign.

sides of an inequality (p. 458): The expressions joined by an inequality symbol.

sides of a triangle (p. 621): The three segments that form the triangle.

similar terms (p. 146): Two monomials that are exactly alike or are the same except for their numerical coefficients. Also called *like terms*.

similar triangles (p. 624): Two triangles are similar if the measures of two angles of one triangle equal the measures of two angles of the other. Angles with equal measures are called *corresponding angles*. Sides opposite corresponding angles are called *corresponding sides*.

ing angles are called *corresponding s* **simple event** (p. 600): An event that involves a single member of a sample space.

simplest form of an algebraic fraction

(p. 247): A form of the fraction in which the numerator and denominator have no common factor other than 1 and -1.

simplest form of an expression having a

simplest form of an expression having a square-root radical (p. 537): The form of the expression in which no integral radicand has a square factor other than 1; no fractions are under a radical sign; no radicals are in a denominator.

simplest form of a polynomial (p. 146): A polynomial is in simplest form when no two of its terms are similar.
 simplifying an expression (p. 67): Replacing an expression containing variables

by an equivalent expression with as few terms as possible.

simplifying a numerical expression (p. 2): Replacing the expression by the simplest name for its value.

simultaneous equations (p. 413): *See under* system of (simultaneous) equations.

sine (p. 627): The sine of an acute angle A in a right triangle =

 $\frac{\text{length of leg opposite } \angle A}{\text{length of hypotenuse}}.$

slope of a line (p. 361): If (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) are two different points on a line, the slope of the line is given by $\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$. A horizontal line has slope 0;

a vertical line has no slope. slope-intercept form of an equation

(p. 366): The equation of a line in the form y = mx + b, where m is the slope and b is the y-intercept.

solution of an equation in two variables (p. 349): An ordered pair of numbers that make the sentence true.

solution of a sentence (pp. 10, 458): Any value of a variable that turns an open sentence into a true statement.

solution of a system of two equations in two variables (p. 413): An ordered pair that satisfies both equations at the same time.

solution set of an open sentence (pp. 10, 458): The set of all solutions of the sentence.

solve a conjunction (p. 478): To find the values of the variable for which both open sentences in the conjunction are true.

solve a disjunction (p. 478): To find the values of the variable for which at least one of the open sentences in the disjunction is true.

solve an equation (p. 349): To find the set of all solutions of the equation. **solve an open sentence** (p. 10): To find the

solution set of the sentence.

solve a system of two equations in x and

y (p. 413): To find all ordered pairs (x, y) that make both equations true. **square root** (p. 517): If $a^2 = b$, then a is a

square root of *b*. **standard deviation** (p. 609): In a frequency distribution, the principal square root of the variance.

standard form of a linear equation (p. 354): ax + by = c, where a, b, and c are integers and a and b are not both zero.

standard form of a polynomial equation (p. 231): A form of the equation in which one side is zero and the other is a simplified polynomial arranged in order of decreasing degree of the variable.

stem-and-leaf plot (p. 611): A way of displaying a frequency distribution.

straight angle (p. 617): An angle with measure 180°.

substitution method (p. 418): A method of solving a system of linear equations in two variables.

subtraction (p. 59): For all real numbers a and b, the difference a - b is defined by a - b = a + (-b).

supplementary angles (p. 619): Two angles are supplementary if the sum of their measures is 180°. Each angle is a supplement of the other.

system of (simultaneous) equations (p. 413): Two or more equations in the same variables.

tangent (p. 627): The tangent of an acute angle A in a right triangle = length of leg opposite $\angle A$ length of leg adjacent to $\angle A$.

terminating decimal (p. 512): When a common fraction is written as a decimal by dividing the numerator by the denominator, the result is a terminating decimal if the remainder is zero. Also

called ending decimal or finite decimal.

terms (p. 46): In the sum a + b, a and b are called terms.

theorem (p. 130): A statement that is shown to be true by use of a logically developed argument.

transformations (pp. 96, 102, 463): Operations on an equation or an inequality that produce a simpler equivalent statement.

triangle (p. 621): A figure formed by three segments joining three points not on the same line. Each segment is a side, and each point is a vertex, of the triangle.

trigonometric functions (p. 628): The functions sine, cosine, and tangent, each having the set of acute angles as domain.

trigonometric ratios (p. 627): Ratios of the lengths of the sides of a right triangle.

trinomial (p. 146): A polynomial of only three terms.

uniform motion (p. 167): Motion without change in speed, or rate.

union of sets (p. 476): For any two sets A and B, the set whose members belong to at least one of the sets A and B.

unit price (p. 302): The price of one unit of a given item.

value of a numerical expression (p. 1):

The number named by the expression. values of a function (p. 379): Members of the range of the function.

values of a variable (p. 1): The numbers that can be represented by the variable. variable (p. 1): A symbol used to represent one or more numbers.

variable expression (p. 1): An expression that contains a variable.

variance (p. 609): In a frequency distribution, the mean of the squares of the distance of each score from the mean.

vertex of an angle (p. 616): The common endpoint of the rays forming the angle. vertex of a parabola (p. 384): The maxi-

mum or minimum point of the graph. vertical angles (p. 619): Two angles whose sides are rays in the same line, but in opposite directions.

vertical axis (p. 353): The vertical number line in a coordinate plane.

vertices of a triangle (p. 621): See under triangle.

whole numbers (p. 31): The set consisting of zero and all the positive integers. work rate (p. 326): The fractional part of a

job done in a given unit of time.

x-axis (p. 353): The horizontal axis in the coordinate plane.

x-coordinate (p. 353): See abscissa. x-intercept (pp. 371, 572): The x-coordi-

nate of a point where a graph intersects the x-axis.

y-axis (p. 353): See vertical axis. y-coordinate (p. 353): See ordinate. y-intercept (p. 366): The y-coordinate of a point where a graph crosses the y-axis.

zeros of a quadratic function (p. 581): The members of the solution set of the related quadratic equation.