Mr. Nolfi also explained that it is a *very bad idea to memorize formulas blindly* (i.e. without understanding). Instead, he suggested that we remember and understand some basic concepts that will help us to derive relationships quickly and easily whenever necessary. For example,

for equations of lines, we only need to remember Slope = Slopefor the midpoint of a line segment, we only need to remember average of two numbers, at be and for the length of a line segment, we only need to remember <math>the Pythagorean Theorem

2. When Ronald M. was asked to factor the expression  $a^2 + 4a - 5$ , he wrote the "solution" shown below. Is it correct? Explain. (2 COM)

$$a^2 + 4a - 5 = (a - 1)(a + 5)$$
  
 $a - 1 = 0 \text{ or } a + 5 = 0$ 

$$\therefore a = 1 \text{ or } a = -5$$

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Ronald needed to show,

He was asked to FACTOR an expression NOT to

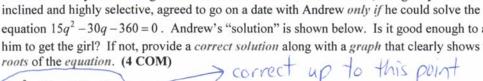
solve an equation.

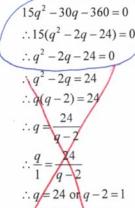
Boy that was so easy! Eating a lot of Big Macs makes you so smart!



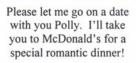
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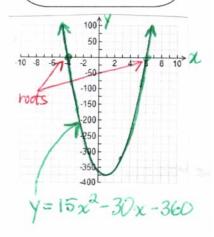
3. After solving a challenging math problem, Andrew E. finally gathered the courage to ask the curvaceous Polly Nomial to go to McDonald's with him. Miss Nomial, being very mathematically inclined and highly selective, agreed to go on a date with Andrew only if he could solve the equation  $15q^2 - 30q - 360 = 0$ . Andrew's "solution" is shown below. Is it good enough to allow him to get the girl? If not, provide a correct solution along with a graph that clearly shows the





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- Solve. Show all steps.
  - (a) Solve the following linear equation. (5 APP, 2 COM)

$$\frac{4}{3}(2x-7)+\frac{3}{2}x=-7-\frac{11}{10}x$$

$$\frac{10}{5}\left(-\frac{4}{5}(-2x-7)+\frac{3}{2}x\right)=\frac{10}{5}\left(-7-\frac{11}{10}x\right)$$

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(b) Solve the following quadratic equation. (5 APP, 2 COM) 2(6y-1)(y-1) = -6(y-1)(2y-5) + 3y + 25 $(2(6y^2-7y+1) = -6(2y^2-7y+5)+3y+25$  $(-12y^2 - 14y + 2) = -12y^2 + 42y - 30 + 3y + 25$ 

$$\frac{12y^2 - 14y + 2}{12y^2 + 45y - 5} = -12y^2 + 45y - 5$$

$$\frac{12y^2 - 14y + 2}{124x7 - 168} = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 34y^2 - 56y - 3y + 7 = 0 \\ -56(-3) = -59 \\ -56(-3) = 168 \end{array}$$

$$(3y-7)(8y-1)=0$$

$$3y-7=0$$
 or  $8y-1=0$   
 $y=\frac{7}{3}$  or  $y=\frac{1}{8}$ 

