

1.5 Quadratic Equations

GOALS:

Find Solutions to quadratic equations by:

1. using Zero Product Principle
2. using the Square Root Property
3. Completing the Square [Link to Complete Square](#)
4. applying the Quadratic Formula [Link to Quadratic Formula](#)

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1,5,9,13,... 105

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General Form for Quadratic Equation in 1 Variable:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

where a, b, c are real #s, $a \neq 0$

Find Solution to quadratic equation by:

1. factoring & Zero Product Principle
2. u^2 & Square Root Property
3. Completing the Square
4. Quadratic Formula

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in factored form:

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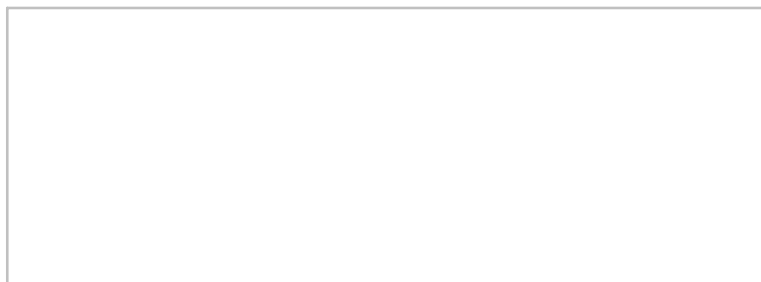
can solve

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can't solve:
infinitely many

$$\begin{aligned} u u &= 9 \\ u^2 &= 9 \\ u &= \pm 3 \end{aligned}$$

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(1)(8) = 8	(-1)(-8) = 8
(2)(4) = 8	(-2)(-4) = 8
(1/2)(16) = 8	(-1/2)(-16) = 8
(1/3)(24) = 8	(-1/3)(-24) = 8
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1.5 Quadratic Equations

Solve: $x^2 - 16 = 0$

$b=0$

Can use different approaches to solving.

Factoring

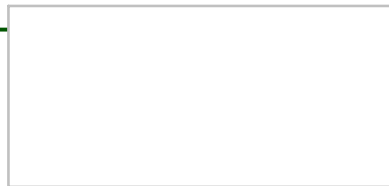
$$(x + 4)(x - 4) = 0$$

$x + 4 = 0$	$x - 4 = 0$
$x = -4$	$x = 4$

Find Square Roots

$$x^2 = 16$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{16}$$

$$x = \pm 4$$


$x = -4$ and $x = 4$ are both solutions.

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Solve: $x^2 - 19 = 0$

$b=0$

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Solve: $x^2 - 19 = 0$

$x^2 = 19$

$x = \pm\sqrt{19}$

$x = -\sqrt{19}$ and $x = \sqrt{19}$
are both solutions.

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1.5 Quadratic Equations

Solve:

$$(x - 3)^2 = 36$$

$b \neq 0$, but left member is a perfect square

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1.5 Quadratic Equations

Solve: $(x - 3)^2 = 36$

$b \neq 0$, but left member is a perfect square

$$x^2 + 2x(-3) + 9 = 36$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 = 36$$

$$-36 = -36$$

$$x^2 - 6x - 27 = 0$$

$$(x - 9)(x + 3) = 0$$

$$x - 9 = 0$$

$$x = 9$$

$$x + 3 = 0$$

$$x = -3$$

Expand, \rightarrow general form,
factor, solve

$$x - 3 = \pm 6$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x - 3 = \pm 6 \\ +3 \quad +3 \\ \hline x = 3 \pm 6 = \begin{cases} 3 + 6 \\ 3 - 6 \end{cases} \end{array}$$

$$x = 9, -3$$

$$(3)(-9) = -27$$

$$(3) + (-9) = -6$$

Square root property

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Solve:

$$(x-3)^2 = 36$$

$$x-3 = \pm 6$$

$$x = 3 \pm 6$$

$$x = -3, 9$$

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1.5 Quadratic Equations

Solve:

$b \neq 0$, but left member
is almost a perfect square

$$3(x + 4)^2 = 21$$

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Solve:

$$3(x + 4)^2 = 21$$

$$(x + 4)^2 = 7$$

$$x + 4 = \pm\sqrt{7}$$

$$x = -4 \pm\sqrt{7}$$

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1.5 Quadratic Equations

Solve:

 $b \neq 0$, but left member
is a perfect square

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

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1.5 Quadratic Equations

Solve:

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

$$x + 2 = \pm \sqrt{-7}$$

$$x = -2 \pm i\sqrt{7}$$

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$$b=0$$

$$x^2 - 9 = 8$$

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$$x^2 - 9 = 8 \quad b=0$$

$$\longrightarrow x^2 = 17$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{17}$$

$$x^2 - 17 = 0$$

$$(x + \sqrt{17})(x - \sqrt{17}) = 0$$

$$x + \sqrt{17} = 0 \quad | \quad x - \sqrt{17} = 0$$

$$x = -\sqrt{17} \quad | \quad x = \sqrt{17}$$

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Solve: $x^2 + 5x + 6 = 0$ $b \neq 0$

Not a perfect square trinomial.

$$\begin{matrix} ? & (&) & (&) & = & 6 & ? \\ & (&) & + & (&) & = & 5 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} (2)(3) = 6 \\ (2) + (3) = 5 \end{matrix}$$

Can factor and use Zero Product Principal (ZPP)

$$(x + 2)(x + 3) = 0$$

$$\begin{matrix} x + 2 = 0 & | & x + 3 = 0 \\ x = -2 & & x = -3 \end{matrix}$$

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$$(x + b/2)^2 = x^2 + bx + (b/2)^2$$

Solve:

$$b \neq 0$$

$$x^2 + 6x + 9 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ x^2 & & 3^2 \end{array}$$

$$6x = 2(3)x$$

∴ Perfect square trinomial. Use square root property.

$$(x + 3)^2 = 0$$

$$x + 3 = \pm 0 = 0$$

$$x = -3$$

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Solve:

$$b \neq 0$$

$$x^2 + 8x + 16 = 0$$

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$$(x + b/2)^2 = x^2 + bx + (b/2)^2$$

Solve:

$$x^2 + 8x + 16 = 0$$

$$b \neq 0$$

$$(x + 4)^2 = 0$$

$$x + 4 = 0$$

$$x = -4$$

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1.5 Quadratic Equations

$$(x + b/2)^2 = x^2 + bx + (b/2)^2$$

Solve:

$$x^2 + 6x = -9$$

$$b \neq 0$$

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1.5 Quadratic Equations $(x + b/2)^2 = x^2 + bx + (b/2)^2$

Solve: $x^2 + 6x = -9$ $b \neq 0$

Write in standard form.

$$x^2 + 6x + 9 = 0$$

Same as previous.

$$(x + 3)^2 = 0$$

$$x + 3 = 0$$

$$x = -3$$

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Solve: $x^2 + 6x + 7 = 0$ $b \neq 0$

Not a Perfect square trinomial. Not factorable w. integers.

Can rewrite as a perfect square trinomial?

$$x^2 + 6x = -7$$
 APE

$$x^2 + 6x + \underline{\quad} = -7 + \underline{\quad}$$

What can we add to make the left member a perfect square trinomial?

$$x^2 + 6x + \underline{9} = -7 + \underline{9} = 2$$
 APE

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1.5 Quadratic Equations

$$(x + b/2)^2 = x^2 + bx + (b/2)^2$$

Solve: $x^2 + 6x + 7 = 0$ $b \neq 0$

$$x^2 + 6x + \underline{9} = -7 + \underline{9} = 2$$

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

$$x + 3 = \pm \sqrt{2}$$

$$x = -3 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

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1.5 Quadratic Equations

Solve: $x^2 + 6x + 5 = 0$

Can we solve using the square root property?

Need a perfect square. > Create one by APE.

$$x^2 + 6x = -5 \quad \text{APE}$$

$$x^2 + 6x + \underline{\quad} = -5 + \underline{\quad}$$

What can we add to make the left member a perfect square trinomial?

Add $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$ to get: $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{6}{2}\right)^2 = 3^2 = 9$

$$(x + b/2)^2 = x^2 + bx + (b/2)^2$$

Note: coefficient on x^2 term = 1

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1.5 Quadratic Equations $(x + b/2)^2 = x^2 + bx + (b/2)^2$

Solve: $x^2 + 6x + 5 = 0$ $b = 2c \neq 0$

$$x^2 + 6x + \underline{9} = -5 + \underline{9} = 4$$

$$(x + \mathbf{3})^2 = 4$$

$$\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{6}{2}\right)^2 = 3^2 = 9$$

$$x + 3 = \pm 2$$

$$x = -3 \pm 2$$

$$x = -5, -1$$

Was factorable, but this might be easier for problems that are more difficult to factor.

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1.5 Quadratic Equations

Solve: $x^2 + 10x - 11 = 0$

Can we solve using completing the square?

Need a perfect square. > Create one by APE.

$$x^2 + 10x = 11$$

$$x^2 + 10x + \underline{\quad} = 11 + \underline{\quad}$$

What can we add to make the left member a perfect square trinomial?

Add $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$ to get: $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{10}{2}\right)^2 = 5^2 = 25$

$$(x + b/2)^2 = x^2 + bx + (b/2)^2 = 5^2 = 25$$

Note: coefficient on x^2 term = 1

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1.5 Quadratic Equations $(x + b/2)^2 = x^2 + bx + (b/2)^2$

Solve: $x^2 + 10x - 11 = 0$ $b \neq 0$

$$x^2 + 10x + \underline{25} = 11 + \underline{25}$$

$$(x + 5)^2 = 36$$

$$x + 5 = \pm 6$$

$$x = -5 \pm 6$$

$$x = -11, 1$$

$$\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{10}{2}\right)^2$$

$$= 5^2 = 25$$

Was factorable, but this might be easier.

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1.5 Quadratic Equations

Solve: $2x^2 + 20x - 12 = 0$ $\frac{2(x^2 + 10x - 6)}{2} = \frac{0}{2}$

Can we solve using completing the square?
1st need $a=1$.

$$x^2 + 10x - 6 = 0$$

Need a perfect square. > Create one by APE.

$$x^2 + 10x = 6$$

$$x^2 + 10x + \underline{\quad} = 6 + \underline{\quad}$$

What can we add to make the left member a perfect square trinomial?

Add $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$ to get: $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{10}{2}\right)^2$

$$(x + b/2)^2 = x^2 + bx + (b/2)^2$$

$$= 5^2 = 25$$

Note: coefficient on x^2 term = 1

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1.5 Quadratic Equations $(x + b/2)^2 = x^2 + bx + (b/2)^2$

Solve: $2x^2 + 20x - 12 = 0$ $b \neq 0$

$$x^2 + 10x + \underline{25} = 6 + \underline{25}$$

$$(x + 5)^2 = 31$$

$$x + 5 = \pm \sqrt{31}$$

$$x = -5 \pm \sqrt{31}$$

$$\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{10}{2}\right)^2$$

$$= 5^2 = 25$$

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1.5 Quadratic Equations $(x + b/2)^2 = x^2 + bx + (b/2)^2$

$$2x^2 + 5x - 3 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$$

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1.5 Quadratic Equations $(x + b/2)^2 = x^2 + bx + (b/2)^2$

$$2x^2 + 5x - 3 = 0$$

$$\frac{2x^2}{2} + \frac{5x}{2} - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{0}{2} \quad \text{MPE: to get } (1)x^2$$

$$x^2 + \frac{5}{2}x - \frac{3}{2} = 0$$

$$x^2 + \frac{5}{2}x = \frac{3}{2}$$

$b = 5/2$
 $b/2 = 5/4$
 $(b/2)^2 = (5/4)^2 = 25/16$

$$x^2 + \frac{5}{2}x + \frac{25}{16} = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{25}{16}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{5}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{24}{16} + \frac{25}{16} = \frac{49}{16}$$

$$x + \frac{5}{4} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{49}{16}} = \pm \frac{7}{4}$$

$$x = -\frac{5}{4} \pm \frac{7}{4} = \frac{2}{4}, -\frac{12}{4} = \frac{1}{2}, -3$$

or:

$$x = \begin{cases} (-5+7)/4 = 2/4 = 1/2 \\ (-5-7)/4 = -12/4 = -3 \end{cases}$$

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1.5 Quadratic Equations $(x + b/2)^2 = x^2 + bx + (b/2)^2$

$$2x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$$

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$$2x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 2x - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

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

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

$$x - 1 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$x = 1 \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$(x + b/2)^2 = x^2 + bx + (b/2)^2$

$-\frac{2}{2} = -1$

$(-1)^2 = 1$

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1.5 Quadratic Equations

Solve:

$$x^2 + 11x - 20 = 0$$

Use APE with $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$

$$u^2 = n$$

$$u = \pm \sqrt{n}$$

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1.5 Quadratic Equations

Solve:

$$x^2 + 11x = 20$$

$$u^2 = n$$

$$u = \pm\sqrt{n}$$

$$x^2 + 11x + \left[\frac{11}{2}\right]^2 = 20 + \left[\frac{11}{2}\right]^2$$

$$\left(x + \frac{11}{2}\right)^2 = 20 + \left[\frac{11}{2}\right]^2$$

$$x + \frac{11}{2} = \pm\sqrt{20 + \left[\frac{11}{2}\right]^2}$$

$$x = -\frac{11}{2} \pm\sqrt{(80/4) + (121/4)}$$

$$x = -\frac{11}{2} \pm\sqrt{(201/4)} = \frac{-11 \pm \sqrt{201}}{2}$$

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1.5 Quadratic Equations

Solve:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

ALWAYS:

1. Write formula.
2. Write values for a, b, and c.
3. Be careful with substitution, esp. negatives.

Quadratic Formula

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

$$x^2 + 11x - 20 = 0$$

$$a = 1, b = 11, c = -20$$

$$x = \frac{-11 \pm \sqrt{11^2 - 4(1)(-20)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-11 \pm \sqrt{121 + 80}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-11 \pm \sqrt{201}}{2}$$

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1. $x^2 + 10x - 11 = 0$

2. $2x^2 + 5x - 3 = 0$

3. $2x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$

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$x^2 + 10x - 11 = 0$

Quadratic Formula

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

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1.5 Quadratic Equations

Solve: $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$x^2 + 10x - 11 = 0$

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

$a = 1$
 $b = 10$
 $c = -11$

$$x = \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{10^2 - 4(1)(-11)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{100 + 44}}{2} = \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{144}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-10 \pm 12}{2} = \frac{-10}{2} \pm \frac{12}{2} = -5 \pm 6 = \begin{cases} -5 + 6 = 1 \\ -5 - 6 = -11 \end{cases}$$

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

- ALWAYS: ✓
 1. Write formula. ✓
 2. Write values for a, b, and c. ✓
 3. Be careful with substitution, esp. negatives.

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$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

Solve:

2. $2x^2 + 5x - 3 = 0$

- ALWAYS: ✓
 1. Write formula. ✓
 2. Write values for a, b, and c. ✓
 3. Be careful with substitution, esp. negatives.

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

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1.5 Quadratic Equations $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

Solve: 2. $2x^2 + 5x - 3 = 0$

ALWAYS: ✓
 1. Write formula.
 2. Write values for a, b, and c. ✓
 3. Be careful with substitution, esp. negatives.

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

$$x = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{5^2 - 4(2)(-3)}}{2(2)}$$

$$= \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{25 + 24}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{49}}{4} = \frac{-5 \pm 7}{4} = \begin{cases} \frac{-5+7}{4} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{-5-7}{4} = \frac{-12}{4} = -3 \end{cases}$$

$a = 2$
 $b = 5$
 $c = -3$

Quadratic Formula

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

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1.5 Quadratic Equations $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

Solve: 3. $2x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$

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Quadratic Formula

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

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1.5 Quadratic Equations $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

Solve: 3. $2x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$

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

$a = 2$
 $b = -4$
 $c = -1$

$$x = \frac{-(-4) \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(2)(-1)}}{2(2)}$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 8}}{4} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{24}}{4} = \frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{6}}{4}$$

$$= 1 \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{6} \quad \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{6}}{2}$$

- ALWAYS:
1. Write formula.
 2. Write values for a, b, and c.
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Quadratic Formula

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

$$\sqrt{24} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 6}$$

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$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

Derivation of the Quadratic Formula: not required

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} = 0$$

$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{b^2}{4a^2} = -\frac{c}{a} + \frac{b^2}{4a^2}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = -\frac{c}{a} \cdot \frac{4a}{4a} + \frac{b^2}{4a^2}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}$$

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

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

$\frac{b}{2} = \frac{b}{2a}$
 $\left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \frac{b^2}{4a^2}$

Quadratic Formula

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1.5 Quadratic Equations

Practice

1. $5x^2 - 20x = 0$

2. $2x^2 - 7x + 3 = 0$

3. $2x^2 = 250$

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 College Algebra & Trig Home Page Homework1. $x = 0, 4$
2. $x = 1/2, 3$
3. $x = \pm 5\sqrt{5}$