

## Algebra 2      4.6

Solve quadratic equations by using the quadratic formula

Use the discriminant to determine the number and type  
of roots for a quadratic equation

standard form (of a quadratic)

$$\frac{24 \pm \sqrt{240}}{8}$$

discriminant

quadratic formula

complex number

conjugate pair

irrational number

exact answer

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$$\frac{24 \pm 4\sqrt{15}}{8} \quad 2 \pm \sqrt{15}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 240 \\ 24 \quad 10 \\ 6 \quad 4 \\ 2 \quad 2 \end{array}$$

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## Guided Practice

Solve each equation by using the Quadratic Formula.

4A.  $3x^2 + 5x + 4 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}}{6} \\ &= \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 48}}{\sqrt{2 \cdot 12}} \\ &= \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{23}i}{6} \\ &= \frac{-5}{6} \pm \frac{\sqrt{23}i}{6} \end{aligned}$$

4B.  $x^2 - 4x = -13$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - 4x + 4 &= -13 + 4 \\ \sqrt{(x-2)^2} &= \sqrt{9} \\ x-2 &= \pm 3i \\ x &= 2 \pm 3i \end{aligned}$$

**2 Roots and the Discriminant** In the previous examples, observe the relationship between the value of the expression under the radical and the roots of the quadratic equation. The expression  $b^2 - 4ac$  is called the **discriminant**.

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

$d = \text{pos}$    real + rational  
P.S.

no pos real irrat

$d = 0$    (real (DR) rational)

$d = \text{neg}$  2 imag

Just the part in RED!

### Guided Practice

$$5A. -5x^2 + 8x - 1 = 0$$

$$5B. -7x + 15x^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$15x^2 - 7x - 4 = 0$$

Discriminant: number and type of roots

$$(b^2 - 4ac)$$

$$64 - 4 \cdot -5 \cdot -1$$

$$= 64 - 20 = 44$$

Solve by CTS

$$\frac{9}{2} \cdot \frac{9}{2} \quad \frac{2x^2 + 18x + 12}{2} = 0$$

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

Quiz 4.5-4.6  $\frac{x^2 + 9x + 81}{4} = -6 + \frac{81}{4} = 14\frac{1}{4}$

$$\begin{aligned} S7 \\ 1 \cancel{9} \sqrt{3} & \quad \sqrt{\left(x + \frac{9}{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{57}{4}} \\ x + \frac{9}{2} &= \frac{\pm \sqrt{57}}{2} \\ x &= -\frac{9}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{57}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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