

Solving Quadratic Equations:

1. Factoring. Works only if quadratic is factorable.
2. Square Roots. Works only if $b=0$
3. Graphing. Works only if solutions are real #'s
4. Quadratic Formula. **ALWAYS WORKS!**

Find all solutions to each quadratic equation using the Quadratic Formula. Round real solutions to the nearest hundredth when necessary.

1. $4x^2 + 9x = 2$

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

2. $9x^2 - 42x + 49 = 0$

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

1. $4x^2 + 9x = 2$

$$4x^2 + 9x - 2 = 0$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 113$$

$$x = \frac{-9 \pm \sqrt{113}}{8}$$

2 real sol's

$$x = -2.45, 0.20$$

2. $9x^2 - 42x + 49 = 0$

1 real sol

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0 \rightarrow \frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{42}{18} = 2.33$$

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

2 imaginary sol's

$$b^2 - 4ac = -16$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-16}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm 4i}{2}$$

$$x = -1 \pm 2i$$

Discriminant: $b^2 - 4ac$

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

How many and what type of solutions are possible?

2 complex sol's

$$b^2 - 4ac < 0$$

No x-int of graph

1 real sol

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

One x-int of graph

2 real sol's

$$b^2 - 4ac > 0$$

Two x-int of graph

Use the discriminant to tell how many and what type of solutions each quadratic equation has.

1. $4x^2 - 12x + 9 = 0$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0 \quad 1 \text{ Real Sol}$$

2. $-2x^2 + 8x + 3 = 0$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 88 \quad 2 \text{ Real Sol's}$$

3. $-x^2 + 4x - 10 = 0$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 16 - 4(-1)(-10) = -24$$

2 complex sol's