

FORMULAS: Sum and difference of perfect cubes.

$$a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$$

These Quadratics are NEVER factorable.

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Factor each of these:

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2. $64x^3 - 125$

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$$\begin{array}{c} (2x)^3 + (3)^3 \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ a=2x \quad b=3 \end{array}$$

$$(2x+3)(4x^2-6x+9)$$

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2. $64x^3 - 125$

$$\begin{array}{c} (4x)^3 - (5)^3 \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ a=4x \quad b=5 \end{array}$$

$$(4x-5)(16x^2+20x+25)$$

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$$a = x$$

$$b = 5$$

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

$$(x - 5)(x^2 + 5x + 25) = 0$$

$$x = 5, \frac{-5 \pm 5i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$b^2 - 4ac = -75$

$$\frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{-75}}{2} = \frac{-5 \pm 5i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

2. $27x^3 + 64 = 0$

$$a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$$

$$(3x)^3 + (4)^3 = 0$$

$$a = 3x$$

$$b = 4$$

$$(3x + 4)(9x^2 - 12x + 16) = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{4}{3}, \frac{2 \pm 2i\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

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

$$b^2 - 4ac = -432$$

$$\frac{12 \pm \sqrt{-432}}{18}$$

$$\frac{12 \pm 12i\sqrt{3}}{18}$$