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2.1 Solving Quadratic Equations: Two More Methods

1. Solve using **inverse operations** to isolate the variable when it appears only once, $x \in C$.

a) $x^2 + 36 = 0$

$$x^2 = -36$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{-36}$$

$$x = \pm 6i$$

b) $-2x^2 + 24 = 0$

$$-2x^2 = -24$$

$$x^2 = 12$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{12}$$

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

c) $36(x+2)^2 - 4 = 0$

$$36(x+2)^2 = 4$$

$$(x+2)^2 = \frac{1}{9}$$

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

$$x+2 = -\frac{1}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad x+2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$x = -2\frac{1}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{1}{3} - 2$$

$$x = -\frac{5}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad x = -\frac{5}{3}$$

2. Solve using the **quadratic formula** $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$, where $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ and $x \in C$.

a) $\frac{x-1}{1} \cdot \frac{2x+3}{x-1}, x \neq 1$ *cross multiply*

$$(x-1)(x-1) = 1(2x+3)$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 = 2x + 3$$

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

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

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

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{24}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{6}}{2}$$

$$x = 2 \pm \sqrt{6}$$

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

$$3x^2 + 2x = -6$$

$$3x^2 + 2x + 6 = 0$$

$$a=3, b=2, c=6$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{2^2 - 4(3)(6)}}{2(3)}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-68}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm 2i\sqrt{17}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{2(-1 \pm i\sqrt{17})}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm i\sqrt{17}}{3}$$

3. Write a **quadratic equation** in expanded form with integer coefficients having the given roots. *x-intercepts or solutions*

a) $-3, \frac{3}{4}$

$$x = -3 \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$x+3=0 \quad \text{or} \quad 4x-3=0$$

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

$$\therefore 4x^2 + 9x - 9 = 0 \text{ is the quadratic equation with the given roots.}$$

b) $-1-2\sqrt{3}i, -1+2\sqrt{3}i$

$$x = -1 - 2\sqrt{3}i \quad \text{or} \quad x = -1 + 2\sqrt{3}i$$

$$x+1 + 2\sqrt{3}i = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x+1 - 2\sqrt{3}i = 0$$

$$\frac{(x+1 + 2\sqrt{3}i)(x+1 - 2\sqrt{3}i)}{(a+b)(a-b)} = 0$$

$$(x+1)^2 - (2\sqrt{3}i)^2 = 0$$

$$(x+1)(x+1) - (2)^2(\sqrt{3})^2(i)^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 1 - 4(3)(-1) = 0$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 1 + 12 = 0$$

$$\therefore x^2 + 2x + 13 = 0 \text{ is the required equation.}$$

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2.2 Solving Cubic and Quartic Equations**Note:** A polynomial of the n^{th} degree has n roots.**Ex.** Solve for x in each of the following, $x \in \mathbb{C}$.

a) $-4x^3 - 18x^2 + 10x = 0$

$$-2x(2x^2 + 9x - 5) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0 \text{ or } 2x^2 + 9x - 5 = 0$$

$$(2x - 1)(x + 5) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } x = -5$$

\therefore the solutions are
 $x = -5$ or $x = 0$ or $x = \frac{1}{2}$

c) $3x^3 + x^2 + 24x + 8 = 0$

$$x^2(3x + 1) + 8(3x + 1) = 0$$

$$(3x + 1)(x^2 + 8) = 0$$

$$3x + 1 = 0 \text{ or } x^2 + 8 = 0$$

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

$$x^2 = -8$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{-8}$$

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

\therefore the solutions are
 $x = -\frac{1}{3}$ or $x = -2i\sqrt{2}$ or $x = 2i\sqrt{2}$

e) $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 - 7\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) + 12 = 0$

Let $a = x + \frac{1}{x}$

$$a^2 - 7a + 12 = 0$$

$$(a - 4)(a - 3) = 0$$

$$a - 4 = 0 \text{ or } a - 3 = 0$$

$$x + \frac{1}{x} - 4 = 0$$

$$x + \frac{1}{x} - 3 = 0$$

$$\cdot x) \quad x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0$$

$$\cdot x) \quad x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0$$

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

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

$$a = 1, b = -3, c = 1$$

$$x = \frac{-(-3) \pm \sqrt{(-3)^2 - 4(1)(1)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{2}}{2}$$

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

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

$$\therefore x = \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ or } x = \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

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

$$\therefore x = 2 - \sqrt{3} \text{ or } x = 2 + \sqrt{3}$$

b) $x^4 - 24x^2 - 25 = 0$

$$(x^2 - 25)(x^2 + 1) = 0$$

$$x^2 - 25 = 0 \text{ or } x^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 25$$

$$x^2 = -1$$

$$x = \pm 5$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{-1}$$

$$x = \pm i$$

\therefore the solutions are
 $x = -5$ or $x = 5$ or $x = -i$ or $x = i$

d) $(x^2 - 5x)^2 - 2(x^2 - 5x) - 24 = 0$

Let $y = x^2 - 5x$

$$y^2 - 2y - 24 = 0$$

$$(y - 6)(y + 4) = 0$$

$$\therefore y - 6 = 0 \text{ or } y + 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 5x - 6 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 4 = 0$$

$$(x - 6)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$(x - 4)(x - 1) = 0$$

$\therefore x = -1$ or $x = 1$ or $x = 4$ or $x = 6$

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2.3 Solving Linear and Quadratic InequalitiesComplete the table for the *inequality* $9 > 6$:

Operation:	Add 3	Subtract 3	Multiply by 3	Divide by 3	Multiply by -3	Divide by -3
Resulting Inequality:	$12 > 9$	$6 < 3$	$27 > 18$	$3 > 2$	$-27 < -18$	$-3 < -2$

Rule:When **multiplying** or **dividing** an inequality by a **negative**, **change the direction** of the inequality sign.1. Solve each of the following *linear inequalities* and *graph* the solution on a number line.

a) $4x - 1 < 11$

$$4x < 12$$

$$\therefore x < 3$$



b) $3(2 - x) + 1 \leq 13$

$$6 - 3x + 1 \leq 13$$

$$-3x + 7 \leq 13$$

$$-3x \leq 6$$

$$\therefore x \geq -2$$

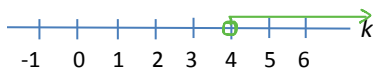


c) $\frac{3}{4}k + \frac{1}{2}k > 5$

$$\cdot 4) \quad 3k + 2k > 20$$

$$5k > 20$$

$$\therefore k > 4$$



d) $\frac{z-1}{5} \geq \frac{z+2}{4} - 1$

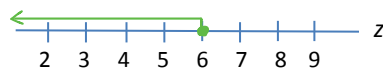
$$\cdot 20) \quad 4(z-1) \geq 5(z+2) - 20$$

$$4z - 4 \geq 5z + 10 - 20$$

$$4z - 4 \geq 5z - 10$$

$$-z \geq -6$$

$$z \leq 6$$

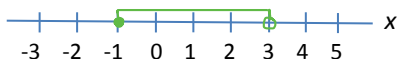


e) $-3 \leq 2x - 1 < 5$

$$-3 + 1 \leq 2x - 1 + 1 < 5 + 1$$

$$-2 \leq 2x < 6$$

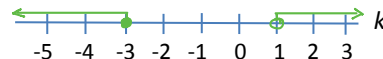
$$-1 \leq x < 3$$



f) $2 - k \geq 5$ or $2 - 3k < -1$

$$-k \geq 3 \quad \text{or} \quad -3k < -3$$

$$\therefore k \leq -3 \quad \text{or} \quad k > 1$$



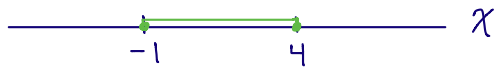
2. Solve each of the following **quadratic inequalities** by following the steps below and **graph** the solution on a number line.

- Rearrange to compare $ax^2 + bx + c$ to 0, with $a > 0$.
- Find the zeros of the corresponding quadratic equation and graph accordingly.
- If $ax^2 + bx + c < 0$, the solution is between the zeros.
- If $ax^2 + bx + c > 0$, the solution is outside the zeros.

a) $x^2 - 3x - 4 \leq 0$

$$(x-4)(x+1) \leq 0$$

zeros are $x = -1$ and $x = 4$



$$\therefore -1 \leq x \leq 4$$

b) $k^2 + 5k > 0$

$$k(k+5) > 0$$

zeros are $k = -5$ and $k = 0$



$$\therefore k < -5 \text{ or } k > 0$$

c) $-2k^2 + 18 > 0$

$$k^2 - 9 < 0$$

$$(k-3)(k+3) < 0$$

zeros are $k = -3$ and $k = 3$



$$\therefore -3 < k < 3$$

d) $-4x^2 - 8x \leq -5$

$$-4x^2 - 8x + 5 \leq 0$$

$$4x^2 + 8x - 5 \geq 0$$

$$(2x+5)(2x-1) \geq 0$$

zeros are $x = -\frac{5}{2}$ and $x = \frac{1}{2}$



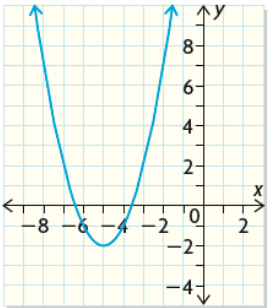
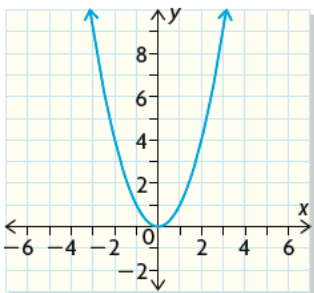
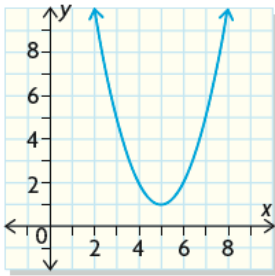
$$\therefore x < -\frac{5}{2} \text{ or } x \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

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2.4 The Discriminant

Recall: If $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, and $a \neq 0$, then $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ ← **Quadratic Formula**

Definition: In the quadratic formula, the **discriminant** is the quantity $b^2 - 4ac$ under the radical sign. The **discriminant**, $b^2 - 4ac$ can determine the nature of the roots to the corresponding quadratic equation and the number of x -intercepts to the corresponding quadratic relation. The **nature** of the two roots can be one of three types based on the value of the **discriminant**, $b^2 - 4ac$.

two distinct (different) real roots	two equal (same) real roots	two non-real (imaginary) roots
$b^2 - 4ac > 0$	$b^2 - 4ac = 0$	$b^2 - 4ac < 0$
two x -intercepts	one x -intercept	no x -intercepts
		

Note: If the **discriminant**, $b^2 - 4ac$, is a positive perfect square, the quadratic equation can be solved by factoring.

1. Use the **discriminant** to determine the nature of the roots for each of the following.

a) $16x^2 - 16x + 4 = 0$

$\div 4$) $4x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0$

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

$$b^2 - 4ac = (-4)^2 - 4(4)(1)$$

$$= 16 - 16$$

$$= 0$$

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

\therefore there are two equal real roots.

b) $1 - 2x - 3x^2 = 0$

$-3x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$

$a = -3, b = -2, c = 1$

$$b^2 - 4ac = (-2)^2 - 4(-3)(1)$$

$$= 4 + 12$$

$$= 16$$

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

\therefore there are two distinct real roots.

c) $3 = 2\sqrt{2}x - x^2$

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

$a = 1, b = -2\sqrt{2}, c = 3$

$$b^2 - 4ac = (-2\sqrt{2})^2 - 4(1)(3)$$

$$= 8 - 12$$

$$= -4$$

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

\therefore there are two non-real roots.

2. Determine the value(s) of k that will give the indicated types of roots.

a) $kx^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$; *distinct real roots*

$$b^2 - 4ac > 0 \quad a=k, b=-2, c=1$$

$$(-2)^2 - 4(k)(1) > 0$$

$$4 - 4k > 0$$

$$-4k > -4$$

$$k < 1$$

b) $(1-3k)x^2 + 4x - 4 = 0$; *equal real roots*

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0 \quad a=1-3k, b=4, c=-4$$

$$(4)^2 - 4(1-3k)(-4) = 0$$

$$16 + 16(1-3k) = 0$$

$$16 + 16 - 48k = 0$$

$$32 - 48k = 0$$

$$-48k = -32$$

$$k = -\frac{32}{-48}$$

$$k = \frac{2}{3}$$

c) $2x^2 - kx + 8 = 0$; *non-real roots*

$$b^2 - 4ac < 0 \quad a=2, b=-k, c=8$$

$$(-k)^2 - 4(2)(8) < 0$$

$$k^2 - 64 < 0$$

$$(k-8)(k+8) < 0$$

zeros are $k=-8$ and $k=8$



$$\therefore -8 < k < 8$$

d) $(2k-1)x^2 + (3k+2)x + (k-1) = 0$; *real roots*

$$b^2 - 4ac \geq 0 \quad a=2k-1, b=3k+2, c=k-1$$

$$(3k+2)^2 - 4(2k-1)(k-1) \geq 0$$

$$9k^2 + 12k + 4 - 4(2k^2 - 3k + 1) \geq 0$$

$$9k^2 + 12k + 4 - 8k^2 + 12k - 4 \geq 0$$

$$k^2 + 24k \geq 0$$

$$k(k+24) \geq 0$$

zeros are $k=-24$ and $k=0$



$$\therefore k < -24 \text{ or } k > 0$$