

5.5 Quadratic Formula

Obj: 1. Use quad. formula to find real zeros of quadratic equations.

Solutions, roots
x intercepts,

*2. Find vertex & axis of symmetry.

$$\underline{ax^2 + bx + c} = 0$$

Quadratic Formula:

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

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Solve using the quadratic formula:

$$x^2 + 5x - 14 = 0$$

$$a=1 \quad b=5 \quad c=-14$$

$$x = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 4(1)(-14)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{25 + 56}}{2} = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{81}}{2} = \frac{-5 \pm 9}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-5+9}{2} \quad \frac{-5-9}{2}$$

$$\boxed{x = 2, -7}$$

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$$x^2 - 7x + 6 = 0$$

$$a=1 \quad b=-7 \quad c=6$$

$$x = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{49 - 4(1)(6)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{25}}{2} = \frac{7 \pm 5}{2}$$

$$= \frac{7+5}{2}, \frac{7-5}{2}$$

$$= \boxed{6, 1}$$

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Solve. Give exact & approximate answers:

$$4x^2 = 8 - 3x$$

$$-8 + 3x \quad -8 + 3x$$

$$4x^2 + 3x - 8 = 0$$

$$a=4 \quad b=3 \quad c=-8$$

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4(4)(-8)}}{8}$$

$$\text{exact} = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{137}}{8}$$

$$\text{approx: } \left(\frac{-3 + \sqrt{137}}{8} \right), \frac{-3 - \sqrt{137}}{8}$$

$$\approx 1.1, -1.8$$

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

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

$$a=2 \quad b=-6 \quad c=3$$

$$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4(2)(3)}}{4} = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{12}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{6 \pm 2\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\approx 2.4, .6$$

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Axis of Symmetry:

If $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ then the axis of symmetry is: $x = \frac{-b}{2a}$
 that's the x coordinate of the vertex.

Find the axis of symm. & vertex:

$$f(x) = 19 + 8x + 2x^2$$

$$a=2 \quad b=8 \quad c=19$$

$$\text{axis: } x = \frac{-8}{4} \quad \text{vertex: } (-2, 11)$$

$$x = -2$$

$$f(-2) = 19 + 8(-2) + 2(-2)^2$$

$$= 19 - 16 + 8 = 11$$

$$\text{Vertex form: } y = a(x-h)^2 + k$$

$$y = 2(x+2)^2 + 11$$

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Find axis/vertex/vertex form:

$$g(x) = x^2 - 4x + 1$$

$$a=1 \quad b=-4 \quad c=1$$

$$\text{axis: } x = \frac{4}{2} \quad \text{vertex: } (2, \underline{-3})$$
$$x = 2$$

$$g(2) = 2^2 - 4(2) + 1$$
$$= -3$$

$$\text{vertex form: } y = 1(x - 2)^2 - 3$$

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