

Solving by the Quadratic Formula

Quadratic Formula

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

Everything must be on the same side of the equals sign before solving

Question #1

Use the quadratic formula to find the zeros.

$$f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 3$$

$$x = 3 \pm \sqrt{6}$$

$$\textcircled{1} ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} a = \quad b = \quad c =$$

$\textcircled{3}$ Replace a, b, c in formula using parenthesis

$\textcircled{4}$ Simplify (start with radical)

$$a = 1 \quad b = -6 \quad c = 3$$

$$x = \frac{-(-6) \pm \sqrt{(-6)^2 - 4(1)(3)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{24}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{6 \pm 2\sqrt{6}}{2} = \frac{6}{2} \pm \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{2} = \boxed{3 \pm \sqrt{6}}$$

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

Question #2

Use the quadratic formula to find the zeros.

$$f(x) = x^2 + 9x + 10$$

$$x = \frac{-9 \pm \sqrt{41}}{2}$$

$$a = 1 \quad b = 9 \quad c = 10$$

$$x = \frac{-9 \pm \sqrt{(9)^2 - 4(1)(10)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-9 \pm \sqrt{41}}{2} = \frac{-9 \pm \sqrt{41}}{2}$$

Question #3

Use the quadratic formula to find the zeros.

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

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{57}}{4}$$

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

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

$$a = 2 \quad b = -5 \quad c = -4$$

$$x = \frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4(2)(-4)}}{2(2)}$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{57}}{4} = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{57}}{4}$$

Question #4

Use the quadratic formula to find the zeros.

$$2x^2 - 4x = 1$$

$$x = 1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$$

$$2x^2 - 4x = 1$$

$$2x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$$

$$a = 2 \quad b = -4 \quad c = -1$$

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

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{24}}{4} = \frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{6}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{4}{4} \pm \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{4} = \boxed{1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}}$$

What is the Quadratic Formula?

It gives the solutions of the equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$.

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

$$3x^2 - 16 = 0$$

$$a = 3 \quad b = 0 \quad c = -16$$

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

$$a = 2 \quad b = 6 \quad c = -5$$

$$x = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{(6)^2 - 4(2)(-5)}}{2(2)}$$

$$x = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{76}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{-6 \pm 2\sqrt{19}}{4} = \frac{-6}{4} \pm \frac{2\sqrt{19}}{4}$$

$$x = -\frac{3}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{19}}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{19}}{2}$$

$$6x^2 - x - 15 = 0$$

$$a = 6 \quad b = -1 \quad c = -15$$

$$x = \frac{-(-1) \pm \sqrt{(-1)^2 - 4(6)(-15)}}{2(6)}$$

$$x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{361}}{12}$$

$$x = \frac{1 \pm 19}{12} \rightarrow \frac{1+19}{12} = \frac{20}{12} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\frac{1-19}{12} = \frac{-18}{12} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$3x^2 - 16x = 0$$

$$a = 3 \quad b = -16 \quad c = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-(-16) \pm \sqrt{(-16)^2 - 4(3)(0)}}{2(3)}$$

$$x = \frac{16 \pm \sqrt{256}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{16 \pm 16}{6} \rightarrow \frac{16+16}{6} = \frac{32}{6} = \frac{16}{3}$$

$$\frac{16-16}{6} = 0$$



Using the Quadratic Formula - Guided Lesson

Solve using the quadratic formula.

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

1) $k^2 + 30k + 125 = 0$

$a = 1$ $b = 30$ $c = 125$

$$x = \frac{-30 \pm \sqrt{(30)^2 - 4(1)(125)}}{2(1)}$$

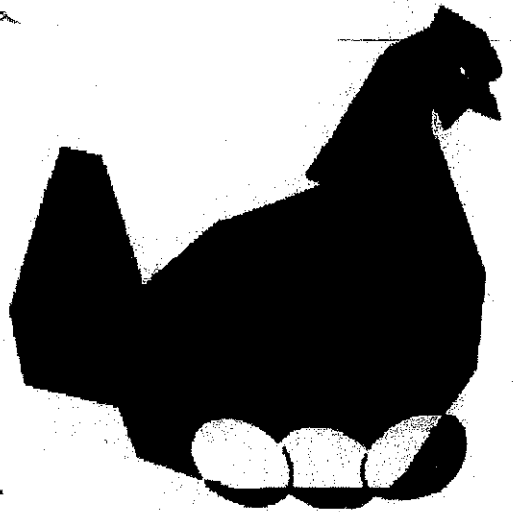
$$x = \frac{-30 \pm \sqrt{400}}{2} = \frac{-30 \pm 20}{2}$$

$$\frac{-30 + 20}{2}$$

$$\frac{-10}{2} = \boxed{-5}$$

$$\frac{-30 - 20}{2}$$

$$\frac{-50}{2} = \boxed{-25}$$



2) $3x^2 - 6x - 72 = 0$

$a = 3$ $b = -6$ $c = -72$

$$x = \frac{-(-6) \pm \sqrt{(-6)^2 - 4(3)(-72)}}{2(3)} = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{900}}{6} = \frac{6 \pm 30}{6}$$

$$\frac{6 + 30}{6} = \boxed{6}$$

$$\frac{6 - 30}{6} = \frac{-24}{6} = \boxed{-4}$$

3) $x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0$

$a = 1$ $b = -6$ $c = 9$

$$x = \frac{-(-6) \pm \sqrt{(-6)^2 - 4(1)(9)}}{2(1)} = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{0}}{2} = \frac{6}{2} = \boxed{3}$$

