

# NOTES: SOLVE QUADRATICS USING the Quadratic Formula

## DAY 1 – THE QUADRATIC FORMULA SKELETON

The Quadratic Formula

**When a quadratic equation cannot be solved by factoring, we can find the quadratic roots using the \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Write each equation in standard form, then substitute the values for a, b and c.

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

**1.**  $x^2 - 2x + 4 = 0$

a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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

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

a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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

**3.**  $x^2 + 3x - 7 = 0$

a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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

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

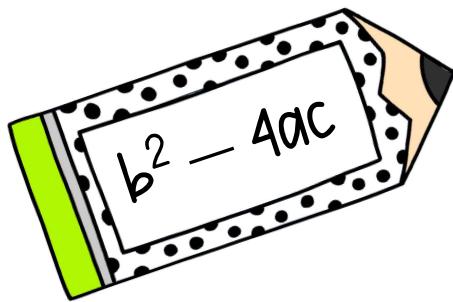
a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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

## The Discriminant

In a quadratic equation, the discriminant tells you what types of roots the quadratic has.

$b^2 - 4ac$  comes from the \_\_\_\_\_.



If your discriminant is ...

$$d > 0$$

Then your quadratic will have...

\_\_\_\_\_ real roots

$$d = 0$$

\_\_\_\_\_ real root

$$d < 0$$

\_\_\_\_\_ real roots

Write each equation in standard form, then substitute the values for a, b and c. Determine the value of the discriminant and write the number of solutions in the box provided.

5.  $x^2 - 8x = 15$

a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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

6.  $x^2 - 5x + 20 = 0$

a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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

7.  $3x^2 = -5x - 2$

a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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

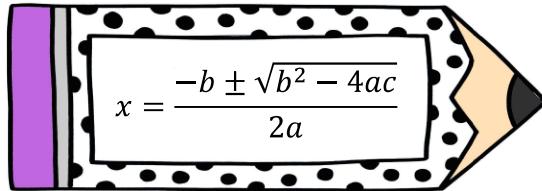
8.  $x^2 - 8x + 16 = 0$

a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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

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**1.**  $3x^2 + 6x - 1 = 0$

a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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

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

a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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

**3.**  $x^2 + 6x + 10 = 0$

a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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

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

a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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

**5.**  $x^2 - 4x = 1$

a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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

**6.**  $x^2 = -2x - 1$

a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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

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

**7.**  $3x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$

a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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

**8.**  $x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0$

a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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

**9.**  $-2x^2 + x - 1 = 0$

a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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

**10.**  $x^2 + x = -1$

a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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

**11.**  $-x^2 + 7x - 5 = 0$

a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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

**12.**  $x^2 + 16 = 0$

a=\_\_\_\_ b=\_\_\_\_ c=\_\_\_\_

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