**9-5 Study Guide and Intervention**

***Solving Quadratic Equations by Using the Quadratic Formula***

**Quadratic Formula** To solve the standard form of the quadratic equation, *a* + *bx* + *c* = 0, use the **Quadratic Formula**.

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| **Quadratic Formula** | The solutions of *a* + *bx* + *c* = 0, where *a ≠* 0, are given by *x* = . |

**Example 1: Solve + 2*x* = 3 by using the   
Quadratic Formula.**

Rewrite the equation in standard form.

+ 2*x* = 3 Original equation

+ 2*x* – 3 = 3 – 3 Subtract 3 from each side.

+ 2*x* – 3 = 0 Simplify.

Now let *a* = 1, *b* = 2, and *c* = –3 in the   
Quadratic Formula.

*x* =

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*x* = or *x* =

= 1 = –3

The solution set is {–3, 1}.

**Example 2: Solve – 6*x* – 2 = 0 by using the Quadratic Formula. Round to the nearest tenth   
if necessary.**

For this equation *a* = 1, *b* = –6, and *c* = –2.

*x* =

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*x* = or *x* =

x ≈ 6.3 ≈ –0.3

The solution set is {–0.3, 6.3}.

**Exercises**

**Solve each equation by using the Quadratic Formula. Round to the nearest tenth if necessary.**

**1.**  – 3*x* + 2 = 0 **2.**  – 8*x* = –16

**3.** 16 – 8*x* = –1 **4.**  + 5*x* = 6

**5.** 3 + 2*x* = 8 **6.** 8 – 8*x* – 5 = 0

**7.** –4 + 19*x* = 21 **8.** 2 + 6*x* = 5

**9.** 48 + 22*x* – 15 = 0 **10.** 8 – 4*x* = 24

**11.** 2 + 5*x* = 8 **12.** 8 + 9*x* – 4 = 0

**13.** 2 + 9*x* + 4 = 0 **14.** 8 + 17*x* + 2 = 0

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**The Discriminant** In the Quadratic Formula, *x* = , the expression under the radical sign, – 4*ac*, is called the **discriminant**. The discriminant can be used to determine the number of real solutions for a quadratic equation.

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| ***Case 1*:**  – 4*ac* < 0 | no real solutions |
| ***Case 2*:**  – 4*ac* = 0 | one real solution |
| ***Case 3*:**  – 4*ac* > 0 | two real solutions |

**Example: State the value of the discriminant for each equation. Then determine the number of real solutions of the equation.**

**a. 12 + 5*x* = 4**

Write the equation in standard form.

12 + 5*x* = 4 Original equation

12 + 5*x* – 4 = 4 – 4 Subtract 4 from each side.

12 + 5*x* – 4 = 0 Simplify.

Now find the discriminant.

– 4*ac* = – 4(12)(–4)

= 217

Since the discriminant is positive, the equation has two real solutions.

**b. 2 + 3*x* = –4**

2 + 3*x* = –4 Original equation

2 + 3*x* + 4 = –4 + 4 Add 4 to each side.

2 + 3*x* + 4 = 0 Simplify.

Find the discriminant.

– 4*ac* = – 4(2)(4)

= –23

Since the discriminant is negative, the equation has no real solutions.

**Exercises**

**State the value of the discriminant for each equation. Then determine the number of real solutions of the equation.**

**1.** 3 + 2*x* – 3 = 0 **2.** 3 – 7*x* – 8 = 0 **3.** 2 – 10*x* – 9 = 0

**4.** 4 = *x* + 4 **5.** 3 – 13*x* = 10 **6.** 6 – 10*x* + 10 = 0

**7.** 2 – 20 = –*x* **8.** 6 = –11*x* – 40 **9.** 9 – 18*x* + 9 = 0

**10.** 12 + 9 = –6*x* **11.** 9 = 81 **12.** 16 + 16*x* + 4 = 0

**13.** 8 + 9*x* = 2 **14.** 4 – 4*x* + 4 = 3 **15.** 3 – 18*x* = – 14