

★ The two methods studied today will solve ALL quadratic equations.

Today is Type 3 - Quadratic Formula  
Type 4 - Calculator

The Quadratic Formula solves  $ax^2+bx+c=0$ .

$b^2-4ac$  is called the discriminant.

Use only the coefficients in the formula.

Solve for  $x$  over the complex numbers using the Quadratic Formula.

A.  $x^2 + 5x - 2 = 0$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 5^2 - 4(1)(-2)$$

$$= 25 + 8$$

$$= 33$$

(★ this implies our solutions will be irrational because this is NOT a perfect square)

$$x = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{33}}{2}$$

B.  $-3x^2 + x - 4 = 0$

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

$$= 1 - 48$$

$$= -47$$

(★ this implies our solutions will be NONREAL)

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-47}}{2(-3)}$$

$$= \frac{-1 \pm i\sqrt{47}}{-6}$$

Questions to consider: when will you have 1 rational solution and when will you have 2 rational solutions?

Type 4: solve for  $x$  over the reals using your calculator.

A.  $x^2 + 3x = 5$

Put in  $y_1 = x^2 + 3x$

Put in  $y_2 = 5$

Now calculate the intersection twice to find both solutions.

$x = 1.19, -4.19$  (just round to nearest hundredth)

B.  $3x^2 + 4x - 17 = 0$

Put in  $y_1 = -3x^2 + 4x - 17$

Put in  $y_2 = 0$

When you graph, you won't "see"  $y=0$  because it is hidden by the  $x$ -axis. It is there and calculate the intersections.

$x = 1.81, -3.14$

C.  $12x^2 - 48x + 124 = 256$

Put in  $y_1 = 12x^2 - 48x + 124$

Put in  $y_2 = 256$

Change window so you can see a  $y$  value of 256.

$x = -1.87, 5.87$

Now do the Google Form on my website!