

# Algebra 1B Live Lesson

U4L6: The Quadratic Formula and The Discriminant  
(Chapter 9-6 in textbook)



# Agenda



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1. Review selected problems and topics from U4L6 – The Quadratic Formula and The Discriminant.

2. Use the 2-column note system to take better notes in math class. Bring your math notebook and pen or pencil to each math LiveLesson class.

# 2-Column Notes Template



1. Announcements/To Do's
2. School-Wide Learner Outcomes
3. LL Objectives
4. Vocabulary words
5. Problems
6. Summary (End of class)

1. Write down important details.
2. What are you going to work on this week?
3. Write down your own questions.
4. Definitions (fill in as we go)
5. Steps to solving problems
6. 1 or 2 sentences about the LL class.

# Reminders and To – Do's



## Information

1. Complete 1 math lesson per day.
2. Check your WebMail every day
3. Be prepared to spend 4 - 6 hours per day on schoolwork.
4. Remind your Learning Coach to take daily attendance

## What to do

1. Go to your Planner in Connexus to find the math lesson for the day
2. Go to Connexus to find WebMail
3. Complete lessons for the day from your Planner. Do not get behind on lessons.
4. Have your Learning Coach log into Connexus daily.

# Reminders and To – Do's



## Information

5. Go to the Message Board first for information about our math class.

6. Contact Mr. Elizondo for math questions.

Remember: You need at least 2 phone calls with Mr. Elizondo per semester.

## What to do

6. Call (559) 549 - 3244 and leave a voicemail if call is not answered.

Make an appointment at:  
<https://elizondo.youcanbook.me>

Send a WebMail

## U4L6 – California Common Core State Standards

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- HSA-REI.B.4: Solve quadratic equations in one variable.

# U4L6 - Objectives



- Solve quadratic equations using the quadratic formula
- Find the number of solutions of a quadratic equation

# U4L6 - Vocabulary



- quadratic formula
- discriminant



# U4L6 - Introduction



- Recall that quadratic equations can have two, one or no real-number solutions. A quadratic equation can never have more than two solutions.
- You can find the solution(s) of any quadratic equation using the **quadratic formula**.

take note

## Key Concept Quadratic Formula

### Algebra

If  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ , and  $a \neq 0$ , then

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

### Example

Suppose  $2x^2 + 3x - 5 = 0$ . Then  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 3$ , and  $c = -5$ . Therefore

$$x = \frac{-(3) \pm \sqrt{(3)^2 - 4(2)(-5)}}{2(2)}$$

# U4L6 - Using the Quadratic Formula



What are the solutions of  $x^2 - 8 = 2x$ ?  
Use the quadratic formula.

$$x^2 - 2x - 8 = 0$$

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

$$x = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(-8)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 32}}{2}$$

Write the equation in standard form.  
 $a = 1$ ,  $b = -2$ ,  $c = -8$

Use the Quadratic Formula

Substitute 1 for a, -2 for b and -8 for c

Simplify

# U4L6 - Using the Quadratic Formula



What are the solutions of  $x^2 - 8 = 2x$ ?  
Use the quadratic formula.

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 32}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{36}}{2}$$

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

$$x = \frac{2 + 6}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{2 - 6}{2}$$

$$\mathbf{x = 4} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{x = -2}$$

Simplify

Write as two equations

# U4L6 - Using the Quadratic Formula



What are the solutions of  $x^2 - 4x = 21$  ?  
Use the quadratic formula.

$$x^2 - 4x - 21 = 0$$

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

$$x = \frac{-(-4) \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(1)(-21)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 84}}{2}$$

Write the equation in standard form.  
 $a = 1, b = -4, c = -21$

Use the Quadratic Formula

Substitute 1 for a, -4 for b and -21 for c

Simplify

# U4L6 - Using the Quadratic Formula



What are the solutions of  $x^2 - 8 = 2x$ ?  
Use the quadratic formula.

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 84}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{100}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm 10}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{4 + 10}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{4 - 10}{2}$$

$$x = 7 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -3$$

Simplify

Write as two equations

## U4L6 - There are many methods for solving a quadratic equation.



Method	When to Use
Graphing	Use if you have a graphing calculator handy.
Square roots	Use if the equation has no x-term.
Factoring	Use if you can factor the equation easily.
Completing the square	Use if the coefficient of $x^2$ is 1, but you cannot easily factor the equation.
Quadratic Formula	Use if the equation cannot be factored easily or at all.

# U4L6 - Choosing an Appropriate Method

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$$3x^2 - 9 = 0$$

Square roots; there is no x-term.

$$x^2 - x - 30 = 0$$

Factoring; the equation is easily factorable.

$$6x^2 + 13x - 17 = 0$$

Quadratic formula, graphing; the equation cannot be factored.

$$x^2 - 5x + 3 = 0$$

Quadratic formula, completing the square, or graphing; the coefficient of the  $x^2$  -term is 1, but the equation cannot be factored.

$$-16x^2 - 50x + 21 = 0$$

Quadratic formula, graphing; the equation cannot be Factored easily since the numbers are large.

# U4L6 - The Discriminant

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- Quadratic equations can have two, one, or no real-number solutions. Before you solve a quadratic equation, you can determine how many real-number solutions it has by using the discriminant. The **discriminant** is the expression under the radical sign in the quadratic formula.

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

the discriminant

- The discriminant of a quadratic equation can be positive, zero or negative.



# U4L6 - The Discriminant



Take note

## Key Concept Using the Discriminant

**Discriminant**

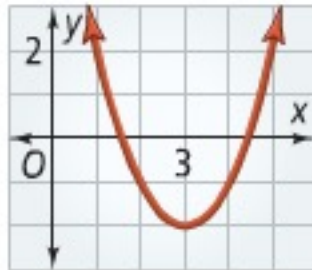
$$b^2 - 4ac > 0$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

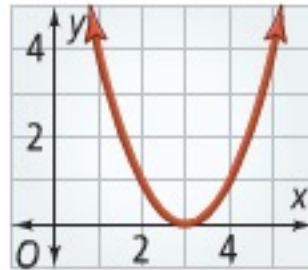
$$b^2 - 4ac < 0$$

**Example**

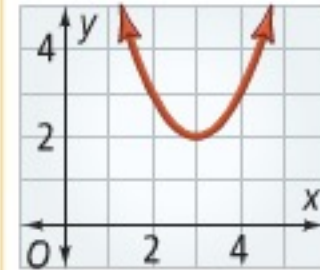
$x^2 - 6x + 7 = 0$   
The discriminant is  $(-6)^2 - 4(1)(7) = 8$ , which is positive.



$x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0$   
The discriminant is  $(-6)^2 - 4(1)(9) = 0$ .



$x^2 - 6x + 11 = 0$   
The discriminant is  $(-6)^2 - 4(1)(11) = -8$ , which is negative.



**Number of Solutions**

There are two real-number solutions.

There is one real-number solution.

There are no real-number solutions.

# U4L6 - Using the Discriminant



How many real number solutions does  $2x^2 - 3x - 5$  have?

$$2x^2 - 3x + 5 = 0$$

$$b^2 - 4ac$$

$$(-3)^2 - 4(2)(5)$$

$$9 - 40 = -31$$

Because the discriminant is negative, the equation has no real-number solutions.

Write the equation in standard form.

Use the discriminant.

$$a = 2, b = -3, c = 5$$

Draw a conclusion.

# Questions?

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- You can also call me at (559) 549-3244. If I'm not available to answer your call, please leave a voicemail with your full name and phone number.