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The Discriminant and Quadratic Formula

Use the discriminant to determine if the equation has one real solution, two real solutions, or no real solutions.

 1.
  $x^2 + 5x + 8 = 0$  2.
  $x^2 - 8x + 16 = 0$  

 3.
  $3x^2 - 4x - 7 = 0$  4.
  $2x^2 - 4x + 5 = 0$  

 5.
  $-9x^2 + 6x - 1 = 0$  6.
  $4x^2 - 7x - 3 = 0$ 

Use the quadratic formula to solve each equation.

7. $2x^2 + 15x - 8 = 0$ 8. $x^2 - 6x + 7 = 0$ 9. $x^2 + 4x + 5 = 0$ 10. $9x^2 + 12x + 4 = 0$ 11. $5x^2 - 7x - 6 = 0$ 12. $x^2 - 4x + 13 = 0$ 13. $-x^2 + 8x - 11 = 0$ 14. $-2x^2 + 4x - 10 = 0$ 15. $4x^2 - 20x + 25 = 0$ 16. $3x^2 + 6x - 3 = 0$ 

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## SOLUTIONS

1. 
$$D = (5)^2 - 4(1)(8) = -7$$
  
(No real solutions)
 2.  $D = (-8)^2 - 4(1)(16) = 0$   
(One real solution)

 3.  $D = (-4)^2 - 4(3)(-7) = 100$   
(Two real solutions)
 4.  $D = (-4)^2 - 4(2)(5) = -24$   
(No real solutions)

 5.  $D = (6)^2 - 4(-9)(-1) = 0$   
(One real solution)
 6.  $D = (-7)^2 - 4(4)(-3) = 97$   
(Two real solutions)

 7.  $x = -8, x = \frac{1}{2}$ 
 8.  $x = 3 \pm \sqrt{2}$ 

 9.  $x = -2 \pm i$ 
 10.  $x = -\frac{2}{3}$ 

 11.  $x = 2, x = -\frac{3}{5}$ 
 12.  $x = 2 \pm 3i$ 

 13.  $x = 4 \pm \sqrt{5}$ 
 14.  $x = 1 \pm 2i$ 

 15.  $x = \frac{5}{2}$ 
 16.  $x = -1 \pm \sqrt{2}$