

## QUADRATIC FORMULA

Form:  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

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

ex:  $\begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$

$$\frac{5 \pm \sqrt{2}}{10}$$

ex:  $\begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$

$$\frac{2 \pm 4\sqrt{3}}{8}$$
$$\frac{1 \pm 2\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

ex:  $\begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$

$$\frac{3 \pm i\sqrt{2}}{5}$$
$$\frac{3}{5} \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{5}i$$

ex:  $\begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$

$$\frac{3 \pm 2}{5}$$

$$\frac{3+2}{5} = \frac{5}{5} = 1$$

$$\frac{3-2}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$$

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

$a=1$   $b=-7$   $c=3$

$$x = \frac{-(-7) \pm \sqrt{(-7)^2 - 4(1)(3)}}{2(1)}$$
$$= \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{49-12}}{2}$$
$$= \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{37}}{2}$$

## DISCRIMINANT

GIVEN:  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

DISCRIMINANT =  $b^2 - 4ac$

- IT IS POSITIVE  
     $\Rightarrow$  REAL ANSWERS, DISTINCT
- IT IS NEGATIVE  
     $\Rightarrow$  IMAG ANSWERS
- IT IS EQUAL TO ZERO  
    1 REAL ANSWER, REPEATED

12.

$$3x^2 + 5x - 8 = 0$$

$a=3$   $b=5$   $c=-8$

$$b^2 - 4ac = (5)^2 - 4(3)(-8)$$
$$= 25 + 96$$
$$= 121$$

$\Rightarrow$  REAL ANS, DISTINCT