

■ The Quadratic and Cubic Equations

The solution to the general quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ is as follows:

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

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

The solution to the general cubic equation $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$ is as follows:

$$x = \frac{-2b + \frac{2 \cdot 2^{1/3} (b^2 - 3ac)}{(-2b^3 + 9abc - 27a^2d + \sqrt{-4(b^2 - 3ac)^3 + (2b^3 - 9abc + 27a^2d)^2})^{1/3}} + 2^{2/3} \left(-2b^3 + 9abc - 27a^2d + \sqrt{-4(b^2 - 3ac)^3 + (2b^3 - 9abc + 27a^2d)^2} \right)^{1/3}}{6a}$$

$$x = \frac{-4b - \frac{2i \cdot 2^{1/3} (-i + \sqrt{3})(b^2 - 3ac)}{(-2b^3 + 9abc - 27a^2d + \sqrt{-4(b^2 - 3ac)^3 + (2b^3 - 9abc + 27a^2d)^2})^{1/3}} + i \cdot 2^{2/3} (i + \sqrt{3}) \left(-2b^3 + 9abc - 27a^2d + \sqrt{-4(b^2 - 3ac)^3 + (2b^3 - 9abc + 27a^2d)^2} \right)^{1/3}}{12a}$$

$$x = - \frac{4b + \frac{2 \cdot 2^{1/3} (1 - i \sqrt{3})(b^2 - 3ac)}{(-2b^3 + 9abc - 27a^2d + \sqrt{-4(b^2 - 3ac)^3 + (2b^3 - 9abc + 27a^2d)^2})^{1/3}} + 2^{2/3} (1 + i \sqrt{3}) \left(-2b^3 + 9abc - 27a^2d + \sqrt{-4(b^2 - 3ac)^3 + (2b^3 - 9abc + 27a^2d)^2} \right)^{1/3}}{12a}$$

Note: The symbol i stands for the imaginary i .