Questions: Using the quadratic formula

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Summary

A selection of questions on using the quadratic formula.

Before attempting these questions, it is recommended that you read Guide: Using the quadratic formula.

Q1

Using the quadratic formula or otherwise, solve the following quadratic equations.

1.1.
$$x^2 - 7x + 6 = 0$$
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1.2.
$$x^2 + 14x + 45 = 0$$
.

1.3.
$$x^2 - 4x + 13 = 0$$
.

1.4.
$$x^2 - x - 56 = 0$$
.

1.5.
$$s^2 + 4s + 4 = 0$$
.

1.6.
$$t^2 + 4t - 4 = 0$$
.

1.7.
$$m^2 - 144 = 0$$
.

1.8.
$$5c^2 - 25 + 30 = 0$$
.

1.9.
$$2n^2 + n + 1 = 0$$
.

1.10.
$$-3c^2 + 9c - 1 = 0$$
.

1.11.
$$\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{7x}{2} + 3 = 0.$$

1.12.
$$e^{2x} - 4e^x + 4 = 0$$

1.13.
$$-9s^2 + 3s - 1 = 0$$

1.14.
$$2e^{6x} + e^{3x} + 1 = 0$$
.

1.15.
$$\cos^2(x) + 4\cos(x) - 4 = 0$$
.

1.16.
$$8m^2 - 4m - 1 = 0$$
.

Q2

In Questions: Introduction to quadratic equations, you saw that the following expressions are all quadratic equations in disguise. Solve these for the variable indicated.

- 2.1. x = 1/x 1; solve for x.
- 2.2. (y-1)(y-4) = -(y+2)(y+3); solve for y.
- 2.3. 4m(m+1) + 6 = 5; solve for m.
- 2.4. (t-1)(t+1) = -2; solve for t.
- 2.5. $\frac{x-1}{x-2} = 5x$; solve for x.
- 2.6. $\frac{e^x-e^{-x}}{2}=1$; solve for x (you may need Guide: Introduction to logarithms to express your answers.)

Please click this link to find the answers.