

# Derivation of the Quadratic Equation

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*Proof.*

$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  where  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{C}$ , and  $x \in \mathbb{C}$

- $x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} = 0$  divide by  $a$
- $x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x = -\frac{c}{a}$  subtract
- $(x + \frac{b}{2a})^2 - \frac{b^2}{4a^2} = -\frac{c}{a}$  substitute in  $(x + \frac{b}{2a})^2 - \frac{b^2}{4a^2}$
- $(x + \frac{b}{2a})^2 = \frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{c}{a}$  add
- $x + \frac{b}{2a} = (\frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{c}{a})^{\frac{1}{2}}$  square root
- $x + \frac{b}{2a} = (\frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{c}{a})^{\frac{1}{2}}$  square root

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## 2 Conclusion

Straightforward, but unfortunately unlikely for a student of the US educational system to have learned, much less memorized (and without insight into the substitution step, nontrivial to a nonmathematician).

The general solution of the cubic was one of the central mysteries of mathematics up until the late 1500s. Subsequently, the discovery of the unsolvability of the

code available at <https://github.com/NotBrianZach/proofs>